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Supes OK consultant for water project plans

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At their November 1 meeting last week, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved moving forward on plans to hire a "water resource specialist" consultant, and to pursue action plans on five water projects – one in each district throughout the county.

After a 90 minute motion discussion, was passed to "approve proposed priority water resiliency projects by district," and to "approve a consultant to bring back clear objectives, milestones, outcomes, and outline of staff time required to support each project, and provide direction to staff."

First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty, who sponsored the item, said the consultant position would likely be hired and begin working by January 1, and may consist of multiple people working with the county from one firm.

McGourty emphasized that this was "just the very beginning" of the county's water resiliency efforts, that

Read the rest of Water





Above, from left: The first soup of the 2022 season: "End of Garden Veggie" served up last week was delightful alongside a slice of quinoa bread. The sign welcoming visitors to Emandal - a Farm on a River. The shelves inside the farm's store are lined with jars of their delicious jams and jellies. Below: Emandal's Tamara Adams shows off a freshly filled jar of this week's Chicken Noodle soup.



Flavors from the Farm

Jars of soup and loaves of bread available for weekly pick up through December from Emandal Farm

If the recent dip in temperatures haven't already started

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you thinking about simmering a pot of soup on the stove for dinner, the crew at Emandal have you covered, as they've

started their annual soup program again for 2022.

Of the many special things about Emandal, the food beautiful farm – located near Hearst about 30 minutes east in the hills past Willits - is one of the things people really enjoy. The beginning of the 10th annual soup program once again will allow folks to enjoy the food, without making the trek out to the farm.

Tam Adams sends out a delightful email on the Read the rest of weekend before (which also

Emandal

First SNOW of 2022

Reports of snow falling in the hills around Willits and pictures of fluffy white flakes - started showing up on social media early Monday morning.

There were reports of snow on Pine Mountain, in Brooktrails, up Sherwood Road, on the 101 grade coming up to Willits, and elsewhere.

"At 38 degrees overnight," one resident of the hills west of Willits wrote, "we woke up to 2 inches of fluffy whiteness. It's snowing heavily at 8:30 am."

There were reports that "it was trying" to snow in town, but mostly, it was failing.

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation posted "P LEASE SLOW DOWN," after getting "reports of snow falling in various locations throughout the county."

The heavy rain and snow did lead to power outages in various local areas, including in and around Willits. PG&E attributed the outages on its outage map to "equipment" and "the weather." Visit https:// pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/

Read the rest of Snow

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At top, from left: The second-week's Chicken Noodle soup is ready for jars. Onion Focaccia is ready for the oven. Pots of soup cook away on Emandal's antique wood-fired stove. (Photos courtesy Tan Adams) Above, left: Garden beds in front of the main house are in different states of growth - but the parsley is still going strong. Above, right: Tam Adams pours a final scoop of soup into a jar bound for the refrigerator. Below, from left: Four of the creative labels made for Emandal's jams including Apricot Ginger by Wendy Wilmes, Strawberry Mexican Chocolate by Sheri Howe, Apricot Pineapple by Samantha Leingang, and Raspberry by Lisa Bowles. At bottom, left: This reporter was happy to see not only the clipped recipe from Willits Weekly for Annabell's Snickerdoodles taped to Adams' fridge, but also a tupperware of the cookies, too. "It's a good recipe, indeed, but I did use butter!" Adams laughed. At bottom, right: Tam and daughter Kashaya smile together at the farm in front of the fiery foliage.











Measure O, **Measure P**

lead in initial results

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter

Initial results in the November 8, 2022 election in Mendocino County show both sales tax measures, Measure O to fund the libraries, and Measure P to fund firefighting and fire prevention, winning the majority vote they need to pass.

But, as Voter Registrar Bartolomie Katrina told Willits Weekly on Wednesday afternoon, there's a lot more ballots to count, "probably as many, if not more, than we've already counted."

Bartolomie's 1:59 pm November 9 report shows that 12,597 ballots have been processed so far, out of 52,366 registered voters in Mendocino County, or 24.06 percent.

In the Willits school board race, with 3 seats up for election, results so far show incumbent Jeanne King in first place, with 19.03% (896 votes); incumbent Paula Nunez in second place, with 17.29% (814 votes); and challenger Jennifer Sookne in third place with 15.23% (717 votes). In fourth place for the 3 seats is Robert Chavez, at 14.74% (694 votes).

Read the rest of Election

CA Creative **Corps**

comes to Willits

Margi Gomez Guhde Features Writer margie@willitsweekly.com

Last Thursday, November 3, the Upstate California Creative Corps Listening Tour traveled to the Willits Center for the Arts to invite a conversation about how they can support artists to help their communities tackle the critical issues affecting our region.

The 2021-22 California State Budget includes a \$60 million General Fund allocation for the California Arts Council, designed to implement the state-wide program, including media outreach and engagement.

The California Creative Corps pilot program will distribute \$3.5 million dollars in Workforce Development funding to individual artists and arts-related service organizations in northern California alone, in order to employ artists between early 2023 and late 2024 to address specific challenges facing our rural area.

The Listening Sessions currently taking place from now until mid-

Read the rest of Corps

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Toy Run set for November 27 To the Editor:

We are getting into the holiday season, and just want to remind everyone that the Willits Rotary Christmas Program is still happening. This year we are very lucky to have the use of the old Willits News building on West Commercial Street to set up Santa's workshop. A big thank you to Tom Lucier for letting us use the building.

We have sent the referral forms out to the schools: they are due November 15, then trees and tags will be around town. This year we will have trees with tags at J.D. Redhouse, Adventist/ Howard Hospital, and Willits Les Schwab. There will be drop off boxes there, as well as at Coast Hardware.

The Willits Toy Run will take place Sunday, November 27, meet and greet at the Evergreen Shopping Center, with the pack leaving at noon for a beautiful ride through the Little Lake Valley, to the Little Lake Grange.

Should anyone have any questions you can reach out to Marcy at 707-272-5395, Hailey 707-272-1088, or Alexis. Our group would like to thank our community in advance for always making this such a successful program. Happy

Santa's Helpers, via Marcy Barry, Willits

Charter school needs director To the Editor:

The Willits Charter School board would like to inform the community that our director, Mark Page, resigned effective Sunday for personal

Though we feel surprised and disappointed, we wish him well. We have confidence that our community of students, parents and staff will come together in this time of transition.

We are currently seeking a qualified director either in an interim capacity or as a permanent replacement for this school year. Interested individuals should contact Willits Charter School at 707-459-5506 or email: wcs@willitscharter.

Willits Charter School Board of Directors

Submit a letter to the editor by emailing us! willitsweekly@ gmail.com

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 10: Chicken Parm, Green Salad, Roll

Friday, November 11: Cheeseburger, Pickle, Chips

Monday, November 14: Shredded Chicken Tacos, Rice, Beans

Tuesday, November 15: Italian Sausage Sandwich, Green Salad

Wednesday, November 16: Stuffed Peppers, Veggie, Roll Thursday, November 17: Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Green Salad

Friday, November 18: Turkey, Stuffing w/Gravy, Cranberry, Veggie, Roll Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm; Pancake Breakfast on the

second Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 am (Saturday, November 12); and exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. **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

Christmas Chorale is back!

Hello Willits - we're back! After a two-year hiatus, we are excited to announce the return of the Willits Community Christmas Chorale. We appreciate all those that have made the chorale a success over many years and look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition for the 33rd

The Chorale will be hosted on December 11, 2022 at 6 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 265 Margie Drive.

We are expecting a program length of about an hour and a half and we will provide the traditional refreshments of cookies with hot and cold cider refreshments following the program.

We still have room for performers to fill out the program. If you are part of a choir or musical group and would like to participate in the chorale this year, we welcome you to contact Dale Abono at daleabono@ yahoo.com or Rosemary Landry at rlandry2424@yahoo.com.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and share the spirit of Christmas.

Willits Christmas Chorale

The Rules: LETTERS

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2022, AS VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when called to duty, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others;

WHEREAS, their contributions and sacrifices have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by Americans; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day was established in 1954 by Congress to honor all who had fought in various American wars and for citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so courageously to promote an enduring peace;

WHEREAS, there are approximately six thousand veterans in Mendocino County who have served in the Armed Forces: and

WHEREAS, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have, since the 1930s, contributed to our communities by supporting youth groups, providing honors at burials of veterans, and teaching our young people about our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims November 11, 2022, as:

"Veterans Appreciation Day in Mendocino County"

A time dedicated to the people of Mendocino County to show their appreciation, gratitude, and respect for veterans and their families.

Dated: November 8, 2022

Slow down!

CHP receives grant to address speed and aggressive driving

Sacramento - Speed and aggressive driving continue to be a major concern on California roadways, and the California Highway Patrol is receiving additional resources to combat these dangerous driving behaviors statewide.

"Speed Prevention. Education and Enforcement Deterrence - SPEED" grant, through the California Office of Traffic Safety, aims to reduce the number of fatal and injury crashes related to speed by funding additional CHP enforcement patrols and public awareness campaigns throughout California through September 30, 2023.

Speed is a factor in approximately 40 percent of all fatal and injury crashes in California. Between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020, there were 26,256 speedrelated crashes that killed 290 people and injured 38,157 others.

"Reducing dangerous driving behaviors continues to be a

Read the rest of CHP

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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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'History Makers' Recipe Challenge at Museum

Join us as we explore the Mendocino Museum's exhibits and collections through our hands-on program: "History Makers!"

Kick off the holiday baking season by participating in the Museum's Recipe Challenge. Adventurous bakers Brenda Moss from Kemmy's Pies, Mariposa Market's Kathy Albright, and community member Nancy Walker have accepted the challenge to bake pie recipes found within the Museum Collection.

Guest judges WCA curator Gary Martin and chef Adam Celaya will determine the top-choice recipe for

On Wednesdays in November, visit the museum from 1 to 2 pm to discover the winning recipe, browse a selection of other recipes from our collection, and create your own recipe booklet. Take the recipes home to test and share with your family and friends.

"History Makers!" is an ongoing program which is held from 1-3 pm the first Saturday of every month and repeated weekly on Wednesdays. Be sure to check back as themes and activities change monthly.

For more information, please visit mendocinocounty.org/museum or contact the museum at museum@mendocinocounty.org or 707-459-2736.







Above, left: John Glyer stands in front of his photos of a full moon rising and a little girl in Costa Rica. Volkhard Sturzbecher, who spends many days travelling to dynamic spaces and waiting for just the right light, poses in front of his photos. At right: Willits Center for the Arts Board President Sandy Strong finds beauty and form in her home garden.





Broad Lens

Willits Photography Club members show off their varied skills at 21st annual exhibit, showing through November 20 at WCA

"We have some very talented people here in Willits, doing photography," declared Willits Center for the Arts Curator Gary Martin. "This is an exceptional exhibit of what Willits is capable of. The Photo Club, with their mutual critiques, helps the members to become better photographers, both newbies and those who are Mathew Caine

The latest exhibit at WCA is the 21st annual compilation of striking and creative images by the members of the Willits Photography Club, a group of visual artists who get together each second Saturday of each month to share their visions, instruct others as to their techniques, and receive beneficial critiques

In addition to their semi-permanent collection of photographs in the upstairs Great Room, the club offers an annual foray into their images, shot anywhere, from in their own backyards and gardens to exotic locations around the world.

In the current exhibit, which runs until November 20, several of the club's members are showing a great variety of subjects and techniques. All have something that distinguishes their work. Sandy Strong has brought soothing images of the flowers from her garden, which she

also paints. "Flowers draw viewers because they're magic," said Strong, "They make you feel happy. They make you laugh. June Ruckman offered a variety of images done in varying methods of crafting. "That is an attempt at a Pep Ventosa," explained Ruckman, referring to a picture of flowers which, at first glance, appeared blurry, but a closer look reveals the multiple images combined

into a lovely composition of color and form. "He'll take a subject." said Ruckman, "and do multiple shots all around the object and then blend them together in different

blend modes. The subject is some Read the rest of \top Over on page 11 Photos

Above, from left: Figurative photographer Craig Gardener created this composite titled "Control" as a statement of the restrictions that society puts upon women. Bruce Haanstra uses symmetry in his photography. June Ruckman loves to create in various techniques and subjects







Above, left: Maria Steffen's "Brooktrails Stream" evokes a scene that is recognizable to most area residents Above, right: June

Ruckman's "Wildflowers" was created as an evocation of the work of Pep Ventosa. who combines several images of the same subject. At left: John Glyer and Jerry Albright discuss Albright's photo of the Donner Tunnel. Photos by Mathew Caine



wildflowers from my garden that I took



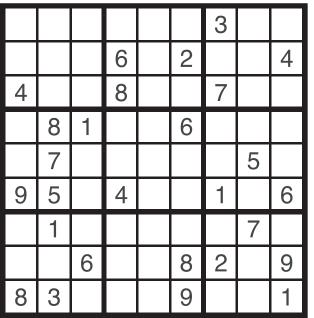






Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

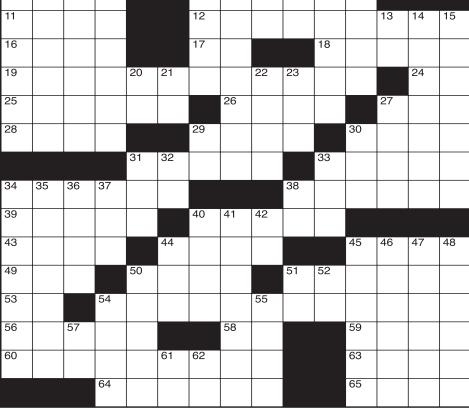
Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Clip a small piece
- 5. Enter forcibly 11. Southwestern Native American tribe
- 12. Helps you smell better
- 16. Sun or solar disk
- 17. Low frequency 18. Former Houston
- football player 19. Federal crime
- 24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
- 25. Approval 26. Those who fight an
- establishment (abbr.) 27. __ student, learns healing
- 28. Indian groomer of horses 29. Line where two pieces
- 30. One might be brief
- 31. Type of sword
- 33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
- 34. Stinkhorns
- 38. Stroke
- 39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
- 40. Sir __ Newton 43. Wild goat
- 44. Muslim ruler

50. Horse mackerel

45. Scottish ancestor 49. Hat

- 51. Alcoholic accompaniment 53. Tech department 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Upper bract of grass 58. Of I
- 59. Large wading bird 60. Military prisons
- 63. Famed American cartoonist
- 64. Rise 65. Greek God of war and courage
- CLUES DOWN 1. Sewing needles
- Functionary 3. Induces vomiting
- 4. The finger farthest from the thumb Not moving

10. High schoolers' math

13. Yankovic is a weird one

20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)

course

14. Adversaries

21. Atomic #52

22. The back

15. Merchandisers

- countermeasures 45. The appearance 6. Sports official of something 7. Water purification
- 46. Connecting line on a map process (abbr.) 47. Deep red color 8. University of Dayton 48. Secret affairs 9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
 - 50. Drenches 51. Contains music 52. Expression of surprise

61. Cools your home

62. The First State

54. Intestinal pouches 55. Where birds are born 57. __ and behold

23. One-time computer giant

27. Female of a horse

29. Football's big game

31. Single Lens Reflex

32. It's becoming more

33. Political action committee

35. Natural home of an animal

prevalent

34. Makes lightbulbs

37. Superman villain

38. The Golden State

in a mosque

42. Atomic #18

44. Electronic

40. One who leads prayers

41. They accompany a leader

(abbr.)

30. Vehicle

36. In bed

high priority for the CHP," said CHP

Commissioner Amanda Ray. "The SPEED grant provides the necessary funding to bolster resources and combat this growing trend of reckless and inexcusable driving behavior.

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From January 1, 2020, through September 20, 2021, the CHP used federal funding in a similar grant program to implement educational and enforcement efforts to combat dangerous driving

behaviors by conducting enhanced speed enforcement operations on state routes. During this time, the CHP issued nearly 50,000 citations to motorists exceeding 100 miles per hour, collaborated with allied law enforcement agencies, and posted antispeeding and aggressive driving behavior messages on social media.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security.

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• 0 returned to owner animal(s)

• 0 owner / surrender animal(s)

• 28 trap, neuter and return to field cats

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medical care throughout the country.

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· Increase in euthanasia of shelter

Increase in cost for animal sheltering

· Reduction in animal shelter services

· Reduction in animal control services

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Shelters throughout the country due to

Animal Care Services October report

euthanized

Mendocino County Animal Care Services has released its income and outcome animal statistics for October 1 through October 23, 2022.

Income Statistics

- 1 animal(s) impounded for guarantine at the Animal Shelter
- 2 dead animal(s) disposal request received
- 3 feral cats received
- 1 animal(s) received or rabies specimen
- 0 foster animal returned
- 2 owned animal(s) received by Animal Control or Police due to owner in custody
- 42 owned animal(s) impounded in the field to Animal Control or Police 5 owned animal(s) surrendered /
- received at Animal Shelter or in the field by Animal Control or Police
- 0 shelter animal(s) returned by adopter • 68 stray animal(s) impounded in the field by Animal Control, Police or came in over the counter from citizens

Total of 124 animals received at the **Animal Shelter**

Outcome Statistics

- 14 cats adopted
- 24 dogs adopted
- 1 other animal(s) adopted
- 0 other animal(s) auctioned off
- 0 ill / failure to thrive animal(s) died
- 1 dead animal(s) disposals
- 10 total animal(s) euthanized

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outagecenter for outage information.

without power in Willits and surrounding areas.

Power was out north of town at Willits High School, which announced it would send students home at the end of the third period at 11:08 am. "Our buses will be up and running and will be able to transport our students to their regular destinations," the post said. "We are hosting a cold lunch for students, and the office will remain open for any student who wishes to stay until their parents pick them up."

The Willits Library on East Commercial Street also closed, due to no power, but opened again later in the day.

The UC Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab, which does the snow pack measurements several times each year,

posted a beautiful video on Twitter of big fat snowflakes falling onto snowy trees and At one point there were 2.043 customers ground Tuesday morning. "It is DUMPING #snow out here!," the post read.

> The lab reported Wednesday morning they'd received 17.9 inches of snow in the last 24 hours which "puts us above average (115%) for our precipitation so far this [water] year!" This current water year runs from October 1, 2022 to September

As the clouds cleared around Willits late Wednesday afternoon, Signal Peak appeared to the east covered with beautiful white snow.

The National Weather Service forecast for Willits predicts cold nights over the next week - down to 30 degrees on Saturday night - with lots of frost, and a chance of showers, but no more snow likely in the offing, for now.

Operation Green Light for Veterans

Submitted by Mendocino County Department of Social Services

Each year we come together as a nation on Veterans Day to honor and celebrate the hundreds of thousands of brave Americans who have served our country in uniform. Now more than ever, our veterans need our support. In a time when our country is divided on many issues, we can all agree that those individuals who risked everything to protect our country and our way of life deserve support and gratitude.

That is why this year, Mendocino County is joining our colleagues across the nation in launching Operation Green Light for Veterans, an initiative designed to shine a light on the service of our veterans and their families. As part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, Mendocino County is illuminating the Veterans Memorial buildings green, from November 7 through November 13, and we encourage individuals and businesses to join us by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your house or business to a green bulb.

By shining a green light, we let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused on the week of Veterans Day (November 7-13), we encourage individuals to continue to shine the light year-round.

Operation Green Light is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the resources available to veterans and their families. Here in Mendocino County, we are proud to serve approximately 7,000 veterans through the Mendocino County Veterans Services Office. Throughout the year, our county staff are busy connecting our veterans to earned benefits, helping them manage employment needs as well as helping them find veteran peers who can assist with the transition back to civilian life.

This Veterans Day, join us in shining a light of hope and support. Join Operation Green Light and let's turn Mendocino County green for our veterans

"I am proud to have the opportunity to work with our veterans by assisting them with accessing earned benefits and services. This Veterans Day, we honor their sacrifices, patriotism, and bravery by participating in Operation Green Light," said Stephen White, master sergeant (retired), USAF and deputy director, Mendocino County Social Services Adult & Aging Services.

Veterans and family members can learn more about available services and support at the Mendocino County Veterans Services Office, 707-463- 4226, or by visiting https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/social-services/veterans-services.

Below: The number of parking spaces have been reduced but access for wheelchairs and walkers has been increased.



Parking Lot Upgrade

Willits Harrah Senior Center is now more accessible and safer for seniors and shoppers of the Thrift Store

Richard Baker, executive director of the Willits Harrah Senior Center, proudly pointed out the improvements to the parking lot and the driveways and walkways, improvements he said were instigated by a series of Americans with Disabilities Act lawsuits of a few years back. The idea of which was to create greater accessibility and safety for the seniors who would be visiting the center for a variety of programs and events.

"A few years back, we had a lady going around here suing everyone because of ADA access barriers," Baker explained. "That's how this whole project started. Gary Waters came out and did an assessment of our facility, identified all the barriers. The result of this was a series of construction projects.

The improvements include widening the north entrance from 20 to 34 feet.

"It was almost a bottleneck before," stated Baker, "We added an ADA sidewalk so people could go safely from the city sidewalk to the front doors," using wheelchairs and walkers and even on foot. "We widened the pavement between the north and south parking lots and repaved to allow better access, especially when the buses are parked in front of the building."

There is a new sidewalk from the main building to the Thrift Store, more ADA-accessible parking spots near the main building and in front of the Thrift Store, paving between the north and south driveway entrances, and a dike for proper water drainage.

In addition, the area in front of the main building is going to be landscaped with rocks and low-waterconsuming plants. New signage will be implemented. The sets of yellow metal bumps that are found in many public-parking access spots are planned to be installed to warn blind patrons that they are entering a driveway

"The original construction bid was \$147,590.03. We expect to go \$48,000 over budget, with the total cost Read the rest of being \$195,000," said Baker.

Improvements |

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At top: Kevin Bouthillier suggested this additional access to the Redwood Meadows senior housing. Above, left: The area in front of the Senior Center will be landscaped with stones and drought-resistant plants. Above, right: A worker from Bouthillier Construction prepares the surface for the concrete entranceway. Below: An ADA-compliant walkway has been added to provide a safe path to the front door from the sidewalk. At bottom, left: Willits Harrah Senior Center Executive Director Richard Baker distributes lunches in front of the Senior Center. At bottom, right: The main entrance has been widened from 20 to 34 feet to create access wide enough for two cars.









"These projects were a vision that previous directors and board of directors wanted to do," stated Baker. "To see this finally happen is something that everybody associated with the Senior Center can feel happy about. The spark for getting this project going was multiple factors. We got some money through the [Payment Protection Program] during COVID and the CARES act. The Community Foundation of Mendocino County gave us some grants to subsidize our food costs for a number of

"It put us in a position." he continued. "to be able to help more people as well as put some money aside. The financial disbursements through the endowment - between \$45,000 to \$55,000 each year - enabled us to put more money aside. It's helped by our long-term prudent management of our funds.

Baker would like to invite the public to contribute to the Endowment for Willits Seniors who contributed greatly to the project and most likely has depleted its funds in the process. "Please make checks payable to: The Endowment for Willits Seniors, Inc. and mail to: 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits, CA, 95490," requested Baker.

"I want to thank Kevin Bouthillier of Bouthillier Construction for his cooperation and understanding," continued Baker. "Kevin and I worked out a three-stage construction plan that allowed all the Senior Center programs, services and activities to continue without interruption."

The plan also allowed the continuous operation of the Thrift Store, which accounts for approximately 33 percent of the center's operating revenue. "Kevin made multiple

construction modifications that may have cost a little more but were in the best interests of the Senior Center and for the safety and well-being of our seniors," such as additional concrete work to allow the neighboring seniors at Redwood Meadows to walk safely to the center.

Baker said that the Senior Center is steadily but slowly coming back to its pre-pandemic levels of participation and programs. Current Senior Center happenings include: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm; pancake breakfasts on the second Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 am; exercise classes every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

The center also participates in the food giveaway at Laughlin (soccer) Fields every month from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Upcoming plans include free firewood to members beginning November 1 (five pieces of firewood every two weeks), senior and adult portraits November 12 (by appointment), Community Thanksgiving Dinner (Thanksgiving Day indoors at the center), the Christmas Store (December 5 through December 10), and a New Year's Eve Bingo Bash (December 31).

For details on these and other activities, visit: www.willitsseniorcenter.com or the "Willits Harrah Senior Center Thrift Store" Facebook page, or call 459-6826. The Willits Harrah Senior Center is located at 1501 Baechtel Road.

"That we were able to come up with the financing to do these projects, as a nonprofit, shows that we are on solid financial footing, we're committed to the Senior Center being here for many, many years,"







At top, left: Saddle winner Pamela Ivicevich. At top, right: Saddle winner Mikayla Black.

WFD Junior Winners

Willits Frontier Days Juniors holds first series for barrel and pole events

Submitted by Willits Frontier Days Juniors

Willits Frontier Days Juniors is proud to announce the winners of their 10-event 2022 Barrel and Pole Series which started in June and concluded on September 9.

Riders who competed in at least 8 of the 10 events were eligible to win the top prizes including a saddle and silver buckles.

"The Willits Frontier Days Juniors had prizes for each of the events for places down to 5th place," explained Juniors leader Hailey Riley. "No one went home without a little something! The Juniors wanted everyone to know how much they appreciated the cowboys and cowgirls attending the events and making their series a success."

Contestants ranging in age from 7 to 60 and coming from Humboldt, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties all competed for the fastest time in a standard barrel pattern, as well as a standard pole bending pattern broken down into 1D through 5D time categories.

Barrels:

Saddle winner: Summer Smith

1D Buckle winner: Summer Smith 2nd place: Alexandra Hundley **3rd place:** Trinity Crenshaw 4th place: Pamela lvicevich

2D Buckle winner: Pamela Ivicevich 2nd place: Trinity Crenshaw **3rd place:** Trinity Crenshaw 4th place: Alexandra Hundley

3D Buckle winner: Trinity Crenshaw 2nd place: Pamela Ivicevich 3rd place: Briar Grieve 4th place: Trinity Crenshaw

4D Buckle winner: Briar Grieve 2nd place: Zoey Schreiner

5D Buckle winner: Zoey Schreiner 2nd place: Briar Grieve 3rd place: Rylie Schreiner

Saddle winner: Pamela Ivicevich 1D Buckle winner: Stella Allaman

2nd place: Pamela Ivicevich **3rd place:** Briar Grieve

4th place: Trinity Crenshaw/summer Smith

2D Buckle winner: Pamela Ivicevich/ Stella Allaman (tied for buckle so they each received one) 3rd place: Trinity Crenshaw

3D Buckle winner: Zoey Schreiner

!st place: Trinity Crenshaw 2nd place: Briar Grieve 3rd place: Riley Schreiner/Summer Smith

8 and under:

Overall saddle winner and recipient of buckles for barrels and poles: Mikayla

"We would like to thank all of our sponsors." said Rilev. "We look forward to next year doing a barrel and pole series and possibly adding some break-away events, too."

Sponsors:

Saddle sponsors: 101 Trailer & RV Supply & More; Willits Redwood Company; and Bonnie & Paul Riley

Buckle/Barrels and Pole sponsors: Tabatha Hulsey; R & L Show Pigs; Bonnie & Paul Riley; Roots of Motive Power; Paul Riley Drywall; the Keffeler family; Freudenberg Fence; the Kelley family; Outlaw Saddlery & Silver, and the Rutledge

Barrel sponsors: Les Schwab of Willits; Dr. Paul Steigerwald; the Willits Wild Bunch; Willits Slam Dunk; T & T Towing; Christina Deck; Willits Frontier Days, and

A special thank you to these ladies that worked the booth: Patsy Pachie, Tina Rockwell. Kelley Brackett, Leslie Cooke, and Amanda Hiatt.



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Guinness, at 1 ½ years old, is not fully aware of his size and strength, so he needs a little training to learn not to jump up or pull on his leash, but at heart is a gentle giant. Turn in an application today and come get one of Guinness' hugs.

To learn more about Guinness or view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation. org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please complete a petadoption application before requesting an appointment. You can

reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-

Handsome Jimmy Dean

Meet Jimmy Dean! This guy is a transfer in from our wonderful friends from Bones Pet Rescue. Jimmy didn't have a good life before getting rescued so we are glad to be showing how great it can be! Even though he doesn't have a home (yet) Jimmy enjoys all the comforts that our shelter program

This young guy loves his kennel-mate, Jenny. He thinks toys are awesome and two meals a day with all the

fixings is the highlight of his day, and he is learning how wonderful our volunteers and staff are. Jimmy also LOVES the water and finding a place to call his own would be a dream come true!

The Humane Society

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

Midnite the Explorer Midnite came in with

and on www.

her brother, Smokev. and both are very active and sweet cats. Midnite is quite independent and loves to explore. She

also likes to snuggle and sleep with her brother, and so we think she would do well in a home with other cats.

page,

petfinder.com.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Midnite or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to prefill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com.



Kyle Madrigal at Brickhouse, November 11

Submitted by Brickhouse Coffee

Local musician Kyle Madrigal, who's been playing at Brickhouse Coffee on Friday afternoons, is doing his last show this week before a trip to Thailand and beyond to study Asian music and instruments

"Let's support a local mega talent," said Sara Mann. "Someone many of us know and enjoy his music, creativity, and awesome outlook on life. He regularly shares his best and has done exactly that the past seven weeks at the Brickhouse, no charge...

"Kyle's musical talents and diversity is supported by a huge collection of instruments from around the world and strange electrical homemade gadgets.

"In my opinion," Sara continued, "Kyle is producing exciting, one-of-a-kind music - most of which are on the spot creations - accompanied by stories and fables, in a lyrical, unique presentation. Brilliant, meaningful entertainment. We can look forward to his return with new skills and a bunch of new toys that he will surely share."

Join us at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street at the corner of Commercial, this Friday, November 11, from noon to 3 pm, for a little kick-off, and let's fill up the tip jar and invest in Kyle and his passionate musical pursuits.

Beverly Johnson

We are saddened by the passing of our beautiful mother, friend, grandmother and family matron, Beverly Diane Johnson. She was born in San Francisco April 15, 1928 and died in her home in Willits, October 19, 2022.

Known to those who loved her for her effervescent personality, Beverly was such an upbeat and positive person her whole life. She was a great companion to her late husband, Roy as they spent their retirement

traveling the U.S. in their friends and having the time of their

Beverly in Santa Rosa and worked in the defense industry on Mare Island during WWII. She married her first husband. (Daniel) Chance, after he returned

a Marine. They bought a home in Santa Rosa and raised their two daughters, Judy and Sharyn. She had several jobs in retail sales, modeled for local dress shops, worked as a bookkeeper, and led a Bluebirds group.

With her second husband, Roy Johnson, and their son Mark, they moved to Willits in 1978. She was a wonderful mother and homemaker as well as helping run Roy's real estate business. She loved to play bridge and made many good friends over the years in Willits. Early mornings would find her and a group of friends walking the Par Course in Brooktrails.

One of her favorite annual events was her Fourth of July party. She loved to create big family dinners, and offered food and libations to all who came to her door. Generosity and good humor radiated from her beautiful face. Everyone remembers her charming dimpled smile and her warm inclusive nature. We will all miss her.

Judy Chance Hope, seven grandchildren, Tammy Lynn Sloan, Tracy Hatkoff, Joe and Mikey Gauder, Rose Morris, Diza Hope, Dakota Johnson, and Erica Costa, and several great- and great-greatgrandchildren. She didn't want a funeral, rather she wanted to

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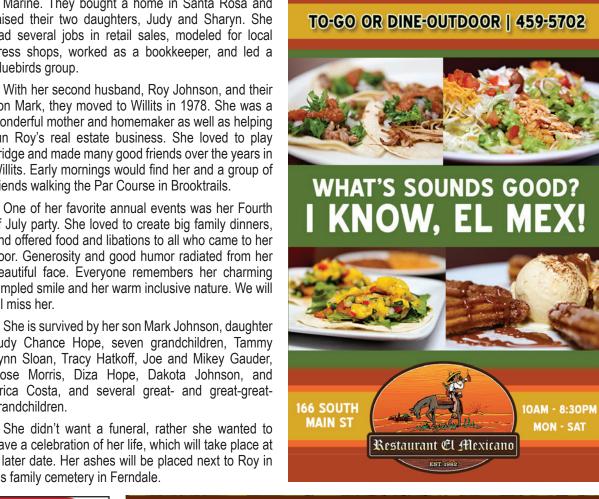
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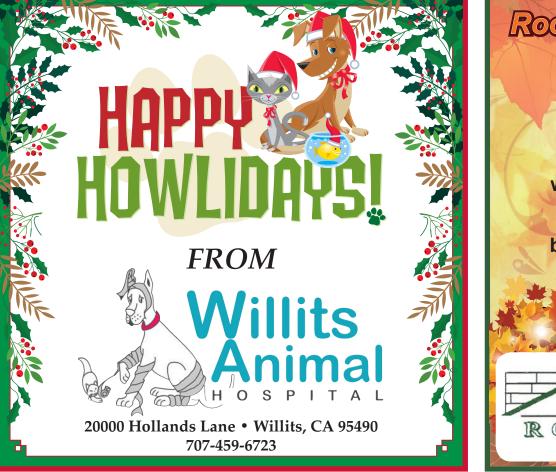
66 SOUTH have a celebration of her life, which will take place at a later date. Her ashes will be placed next to Roy in his family cemetery in Ferndale











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Thursday, November 10

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown through November, then moving to the Little Lake Grange. 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. Thursday, November 10, 3 to 5:30 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

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•Sound of Soul events

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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."

Kyle Madrigal at SPIRITUAL Brickhouse Coffee, noon to 3 pm: "Kyle's PATHWAYS musical talents and diversity are supported by a huge collection of instruments from around the world Agape

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Willits Center for the Arts WCA curator Gary Martin is an introduction to the foundation of Rome. "This presentation will introduce

the Etruscans who were the forerunners of the Roman Empire. We will also discuss the beginning of the Roman Empire." Free event. Friday, November 11, 6:30 pm. WCA, 71 East

Commercial Street. WHS Varsity Football Playoffs in McKinleyville: The 8-2 Willits High School Wolverines football team takes on the 6-4 McKinleyville Panthers in

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ten years touring the world as Julian Marley's lead guitarist, and working as a producer out of Tuff Gong studios in Miami... Blue Luke brings the blues guitar into the modern world in a way that satisfies our ears, eyes, and

soul." Friday, November 11, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, November 12

Fall Vendors Market: Mendo Crafts presents food, craft vendors, kid club vendors, and more. Saturday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm. Imagination

Station, 11 Marin Street School Photo Retake Opportunity, Senior Center: "Students from any and all schools are welcome to drop in from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Willits Senior Center to have the opportunity for a new school photo. All students will be photographed on a traditional grey backdrop by local photographer Maureen Jennison. Photo packets will be available at the event, or ahead of time at www.facebook.com/ mphotographress/ and need to have exact change attached. Questions: 707-972-7047." Saturday, November 12, 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Willits Senior

"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.

Center, 1501 Baechtel Road,

"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." The poets performing include: Zhana Ortiz, Shae

Football Championships Division 7 tournament. Pineda, Zobeyda Bojorquez, Ciara Gonzalez, as an avowed belief in the human spirit." Friday and Findlay Gray. Admission by donation, nobody turned away due to lack of funds. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Saturday November

What's Happening Around Town

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. Each passing season allows a burgeoning sound to mingle with wry lyrics, energetic rhythms and memorable melodies!". Visit www.srlawsmusic.com. Saturday, November 12, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Wednesday, November 16

"History Makers Recipe Challenge": Wednesdays in November at the Mendocino County Museum from 1 to 3 pm. Adventurous bakers Brenda Moss from Kemmy's Pies, Mariposa Market's Kathy Albright, and community member bake pie recipes found within

the Museum Collection, Guest judges WCA curator Gary Martin and chef Adam Celaya will determine the top choice recipe for this fall season. "Discover the winning recipe, browse a selection of other recipes from our collection, and create your own recipe booklet. Take the recipes home to test and share with your family and friends." Info: www. mendocinocounty.org/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.org or 707-459-2736.

Thursday, November 17

Willits Farmers Market: At the old Rexall parking lot downtown through November, then moving to the Little Lake Grange. 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.

Shanachie Pub: Tyler Grass & The Sherwood Mountain Boys! "Come check out this new event every first and third Thursday evening of the month at 7 pm, with some of our favorite locals playing bluegrass & more!" Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street. Thursday, November 17,

Friday, November 18

"The End of Dystopia": Written and performed by Felicity Artemis. Performance poet Felicity Artemis is a spoken-word artist who blends radical truth-telling politics and spiritual reverence for the Earth into her art form. Her work expresses both outrage at the systems in place that Dycus, Salina Benitez, Citalli Lopez are devastating the planet, as well November 18, 6:30 door, 7:30 curtain. Tickets \$20 in advance and at the door. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Stevie Cornell Trio. "Stevie Cornell is a singer-songwriter and multi instrumentalist whose roots go back to the vibrant East Bay punk scene of the 1970s and a band called the Young Adults. His eclectic approach to music is a result of the many twists and turns his musical journey has taken. But through it all he's stayed true to the idea that you can say it all in a tight three minute song." Visit steviecornell.com. Friday, November 18, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, November 19

Get a dose of

November 19, 7:30

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DYSTOPIA

Gift Bazaar at the Willits United Methodist Church: Crafts, baked goods, white elephant table. There will also be a silent auction for a large hand stitched Amish quilt. All proceeds are used to help a family and our homeless population. Nancy Walker have accepted the challenge to Saturday, November 19, 10 am to 2 pm. Willits United Methodist Church, 286

> School Street. Funkacillin at WCT Playhouse: "Originals and old school funk, rock and soul part of the Willits Community Theatre's music series Funkacillin aims to put your roubles on the back burner with a mix of originals and old school funk, rock and soul by heavy hitters including The Isley Brothers, Curtis Mayfield Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin

and Cold Blood, that will have

you flashin' back to the days of paisley prints and platform shoes, and get your booty shakin'!" Tickets are \$20 and available in advance and at the door. wctperformingartscent.org. Saturday, November 19, 7:30 pm. Willits Community Theater, 37 West

Shanachie Pub: Clay Hawkins Trio! "Blending rapid-fire fingerstyle slide guitar and honest, heartfelt songwriting, Clay Hawkins creates his own unique brand of acoustic rock. With long time coconspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass, the duo play what some say is, 'Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart', or, as the band calls it, 'Mountain House." Visit clayhawkins. com. Saturday, November 19, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday November

Rita Hosking and Sean Federer at the Willits Center of the Arts: "Authentic American folkmusic that stirs the soul. 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." Visit www.ritahosking.com. Willits Center for the Arts Great Room, 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. Sunday, November 20, 2 to 4 pm.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

Tár

The Story: In her preparations to perform Mahler's 5th Symphony, a musical genius, driven by ego, self-importance.



Dan Essman

desire, falls from a high place, and fights not to destroyed. Lydia Tár (the

sexual

impeccable Cate Blanchett) is the popular, charismatic conductor of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra (played impeccably by the Dresden Symphony Orchestra).

Lydia can be kind. She can be cruel. She can be so self-involved that she doesn't seem to see herself at all. She's blinded by her selfconfidence. She's blinded by her well-earned public successes. She's deafened to others by her sensitivity to sound.

And thus blinded and deafened, she diminishes, even denigrates, the reality of the feelings of

BLANCHETT

those around her. It's quite an old story.

Thoughts: The movie is written/directed/

produced Todd Field. admire his taste storytelling, dramatic substance, and wide angle lenses.

The movie begins quite eccentrically with the technical credits and crew credits, instead of the usual "starring, directed by,

produced by" opening credits. It is an inversion that seems to say: this is a movie about humility. Cate Blanchett is in every scene. She's magnetic. And sympathetic without needing to be likable. "Tár" is a must-see movie for musicians, and friends of musicians, and people

who just like music and/or heavy drama. I saw the flick on Friday, I'm still thinking about it, and feeling it 24 hours later. "Tár" is screening in the adult theater at the Noyo, with reclining lounge chairs and beer and wine.

Parents: It's not for kids. They would be bored and bewildered. Don't bring them.

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

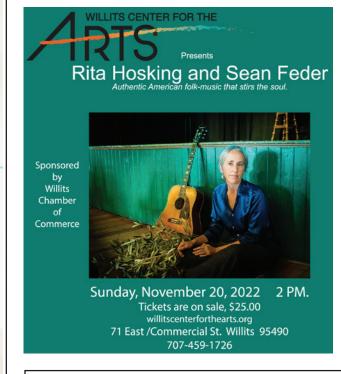






30th Annual Willits Toy Run Sunday November 27

The annual event to kick off the Willits Kids Christmas starts with a Meet and Greet at the Evergreen Shopping live auction, 50/50 raffle. Free lunch by Big Earl's BBQ. Mikey T. All bikes, riders and non-riders welcome to the Toy Street. Run After Party at the Grange, 291 School Street.



Weekly Events at the Willits Library Willits Library. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrarv.org or 707-459-5908.

Program is presented by the Willits Wild Bunch. The day 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 Center. The motorcycle pack leaves at noon for a beautiful from writer's block. "This group will be just what you need to take the ride through Little Lake Valley to Little Lake Grange. first step toward writing your story. Open to young adult and adult writers Admission: one unwrapped toy and/or \$10. Raffle prizes, to share their ideas and writings in an environment of supportive and creative suggestions and feedback." Coordinated and hosted by Librarian Beverages provided for additional donation. Music by DJ Benjamin MacBean. Willits Library meeting room, 390 East Commercial Bruce Haanstra's mesmerizing abstracts will take you to

> 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

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!"

3rd Annual Outdoor Fall Arts & Crafts Bazaar, November 13 or 20, Laytonville

The Fall Arts & Crafts Bazaar at Harwood Park in Laytonville is set for Sunday, November 13 from 10 am to 4 pm. If it rains, the Bazaar will be rescheduled for Sunday, November 20. "There will be See's Candy, local arts & crafts and much more! Call Healthy Start for more information (707) 984-8089. If it rains on both weekends, the event will unfortunately be mendocinocounty.org. Willits Mendocino County Museum, cancelled.'

Willits Photography Club Show through November 20, 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 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. 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 gallery is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm, at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707 459-1726.

County Bilingual Staff Pop-Up Display

through November 27, **Mendocino County Museum**

A new Pop-Up Exhibit featuring Mendocino County Bilingual Staff and Services will be on exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits through November 27. "This pop-up highlights and acknowledges the variety of county services available to the public in Spanish, and the dedicated staff that provide these services." The bilingual staff spotlight is in conjunction with the current bilingual exhibit, "Exploramos Juntos: Nuestra Alianza," showing through February 5, 2023. Info: 707-459-2736 or museum@ 400 East Commercial Street.

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Above and below: Volunteers at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County enjoy snuggling and helping the animals at the





Volunteer to be Loved

Humane Society shelter is a great place to make a difference

Just over the hill, coming down into Redwood Valley, there is a sanctuary for wayward Debbie Boone Harry

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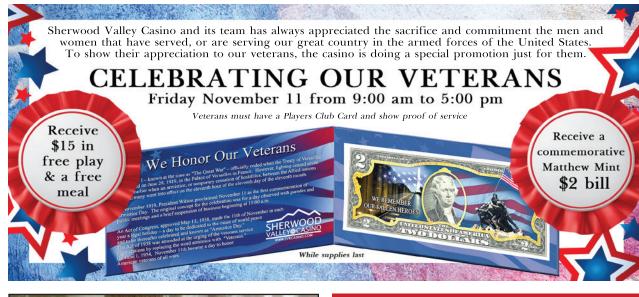
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10 shots of. I composited them in Photoshop, each image in a different blend mode. It was really fun to do." Another of her experiments involves the "Orton Effect" which utilizes two images, one in focus and the other blurry, combined in Photoshop.

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Jerry Albright showed several shots of the Donner Train Tunnel, through which he walked several miles with a tripod and camera, taking long exposures of the textures of the rock and graffiti.

"I call this technique a PhoSym, photo symmetry," stated Bruce Haanstra, about two of his entries which became patterns through his manipulations. "It's basically mirroring and flipping." Haanstra also showed some exquisite gray-scale landscapes of trees, roads and waterfalls, reminiscent of Ansel Adams.

Jeff Smith photographed lions and other wild animals on a truck safari in Botswana's Chobe National Park. "The animals don't bother us as long as we don't bother them," he mused. "They seem to ignore us in the open vehicles. The driver said they wouldn't bother us and my granddaughter, who is a wildlife biologist, said they wouldn't bother us. I just hoped the lions were keyed in on that philosophy."

Craig Gardener, known for his creative use of light and form in figurative photographs, showed a large print of a nude covered by hands gripping her body and face. He named his composition "Control," evocative of the patriarchal control that men have enforced on women for centuries and a concept rife with current political

John Glyer brought two different striking images to show. One was of a huge moon rising above a ridge of trees he called "Super Moon," a photo which took months of late nights and miles of travel to produce. Glyer's other photo was of a beautiful little native girl, in a village in Costa Rica, displaying an easy naturalness and an air of innocence.

Dorothy Asbury took most of her photos from her backyard and local locations. Her subjects of moons and natural atmospheric phenomena caught moments in time with balance and sensitivity.

Volkhard Sturzbecher is a master of creating mood and capturing form in landscapes. He spends hours, often overnight, at a location to discover the best moment for the light to delineate and enhance the natural forms which he processes with dynamic nighttime skies. Sturzbecher goes the distance by crafting his own frames from root-wood and vineyard stakes.

The other photographers also showed excellent, creative, and dynamic work.

Upcoming at the Willits Center for the Arts is the "Small Works Show" opening in December. Members are encouraged to submit their work on November 21. In December, the annual Holiday Craft Fair will be on December 9 and 10.

The Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Call 459-1726 or visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org for more information.

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The dogs are housed under large shade trees, with flowering plants lining the fences, bouncing with zooming hummingbirds. The kitties have their own "Cattery" with quiet spaces and a fresh air patio room, for naps in the warm sun.

This happy place invites visitors to join the fun. Who doesn't enjoy playing with kitties and pups? And, it's easy to be a volunteer at the shelter

To get started, they ask new volunteers to get acquainted by attending a free certification class. Attendees get a tour and learn about animal handling, dog walking, etc. The 1-hour class is offered, at 11 am, on the first Thursday and the last Sunday, every month. After the class, a certified volunteer can come any time when the shelter is open, Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; and 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday. The shelter is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Volunteers can do whatever suits their abilities and desires. Some enjoy a nice walk with a big dog, while others love to sit and play with kittens all day, said Teresa King, secretary on the HSIMC Board of Directors. She explained the other important ways people can volunteer and help. For those who can't adopt an animal, fostering a dog or cat is a way to enjoy their company, without a long-

The shelter is a non-profit organization that depends entirely on contributions to support the important services they provide to our communities. Donations of food, toys and supplies are always needed. Call (707) 485-0123 for

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The Humane Society shelter's "Wish List" - there are online versions, too, at https://mendohumanesociety.com/wish-list.

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At right: Cherie Sheraque, lead singer of Funkacillin, keeps the crowd dancing. Below: The Willits Community Theatre is hosting a live, local music and performance series at the Playhouse, featuring local groovesters Funkacillin on Saturday,

Photos by Mathew Caine



Live local music and dance at the WCT Playhouse

Submitted by WCT

The Willits Community Theatre is hosting a phenomenal series of music programs over the next year, building on the stunning success of their first sold-out show in September that featured Malakai Schindel, Forrest Glyer, Sarah Rose, Kyle Madrigal, and Lhasa Summers.

In the coming months they will offer such entertainment as Funkacillin (Saturday, November 19), Felicity Artemis (Friday, November 18), Eryn Brunner and selected choreographers in three creative dance performances (January 20, 21, 22); Dirty Cello (January 28), The Real Sarahs (April 30), Bug Guts (May 14), and more!

This is the perfect choice for those who want to have a place to experience quality music, dance, and performance art without having to go to a bar, although wine (Bonterra), beer (Northspur Brewery), and spirits (Mendocino Spirits) will be available in the lobby in special souvenir tumblers to enhance the experience.

On Saturday, November 19, 7:30 pm, Willits' favorite funk band

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more projects could get added to the list, and that plans could change after hearing input from the new consultant and stakeholders on the best way to move forward.

One of the most important tasks for the new consultant will be to help the county and local water districts get grant funding for the projects from the state in particular, which has a lot of water-related grants becoming available, according to McGourty and others.

"I'm concerned the state has a lot of money available for water now which might not always be the case," said BOS Chair Ted Williams. "And if we don't take any action, we're not going to get any of that money,... think it's imperative that right now we go after the available grant funding.

Department of Transportation Director Howard Dashiell said the consultant would also be tasked with "working with the various non-county-entity water departments out there" ... "setting up the future budget for the Water Resource Team," and helping to assemble a "Technical Advisory Committee" for water issues.

It also appears from public comments that the county will have plenty of help from many others in the community, as experts and advocates from different local water districts offered to volunteer their time and energy.

The University of California Cooperative Extension is also expected to be a major part of the county's water efforts, including acting as an office location and helping with research and grant applications.

The five priority projects were compiled by Supervisor McGourty - who served on the county's Drought Task Force - after meeting and talking with stakeholders over the last couple of years.

The list was basically the same as one presented at a September 21 Standing Committee meeting focused on water.

For the Third District, the recommended water project is "delineating and mapping the ground water basins of Little Lake, Round and Long Valleys."

As McGourty said in his report: "Creating a better understanding of the water dynamics of storage and extraction in these important groundwater basins will inform the sustainable water yield beneath the communities of Willits, Laytonville, and Covelo.... As water use has increased in the past decade for various purposes, drying of domestic wells is a huge concern of many residents."

McGourty said there was already a "preliminary study" done related to this project by Laurel Marcus of the California Land Stewardship Institute, and that it would be included in a Department of Water Resources grant application this year.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who was also on the drought task force, noted that \$500,000 in grant funding has already been obtained by Round Valley for a study focused on groundwater there.

For the coastal districts, the priority projects are to increase "surface water storage for the City of Fort Bragg," and to modernize or replace the town of Mendocino's wastewater treatment plant.

According to McGourty's report, the plan to modernize the wastewater plant would also help with the town of Mendocino's well-known water shortage issues, since "tertiary water treatment can be used for landscape irrigation and possibly groundwater replenishment during summer months when over 25% of the well supplying town water go dry."

Increasing Fort Bragg's water storage could also help the water situation of Mendocino, since Fort Bragg's water can be trucked to other nearby towns.

For the First District, the priority project is "the consolidation of the Upper Russian River Water Agency," which could allow Redwood Valley to connect to water service in Ukiah to help with their water shortage issues.

For the Second District, the priority project is to have "winter groundwater recharge in flood plain areas."

According to the report: "The concept is to divert Russian River water during high flow periods onto the flood plain adjacent to the river where no damage is likely to happen to permanent structures, allowing water to infiltrate into the water table over a wide area."

The supervisors considered officially appointing members to a Water Resource Team or a Technical Advisory Committee at the meeting to help lead the charge on the water projects, but delayed the idea for the time being after hearing some concerns about potential Brown Act violations from County Counsel Christian Curtis.

Instead they decided to first hire the water consultant and continue with the approach of helping to coordinate with local volunteers and the UCCE on the water issues.

Russian River Flood Control and Water

Conservation Improvement District Manager Elizabeth "Beth" Salomone and Laytonville Water District Manager Jim Shields have both been very involved in the county's water discussions, and both talked at the meeting about some of the ongoing efforts to improve

Shields said that Willits Environmental Center founder Ellen Drell would likely be involved in the water project process as well.

"I think it's important to have representation from the environmental community as we move forward," he said. "As far as the five projects outlined by Supervisor McGourty, believe that most of those that we're contemplating apparently will qualify for this home DWR grant.

Shields said that part of the overall plan is to submit a request to all of the roughly 40 public water utility and private water companies in the county, and "get their top three lists of operational and capital projects

"One representative from each supervisor's district would then review all of those proposals and then would submit to the board of supervisors a prioritized list of recommended projects," he added

Salomone urged the supervisors to use the consultant and others in the community to help them with the water issues, and to try and pick up the pace with the projects.

"Let the consultant come back to you with a plan," she said. "Your ideas are great, but the consultant, that's what you're paying for. You're going to pay for them to come back with your grant project ideas. They can provide technical support, grant writing. They're going to work with the stakeholders. They're going to work to see if there is any capacity within the Mendocino County staff, which quite frankly from what I've been hearing, there isn't," she said.

"So the consultants will put together a Technical Advisory Committee] of some sort, of folks like me who are willing to support the Mendocino County water agency because quite frankly we need this water agency to be solid for various reasons.

"I manage water in the Russian River watershed, which is very dependent on the Eel River diversion," she continued. "But I'm also an [Association of California Water Agencies] Region 1 representative.... So I'm looking at the entire region, the entire county, what needs to be done, so I can take that to our advocacy group that helps support policy and funding that comes back to our rural area. So let folks like me help you out on this."

Salomone, Shields and others in a local steering committee wrote a letter with some recommendations to the board, including to "develop a drought contingency plan for the entire county," and have more "public outreach and engagement" with residents of the county on water ideas.

"I would discourage a position for the water agency that is primarily a bureaucratic administrative position, going to meetings, talking to people all the time," added Salomone. "We need action. We need folks that can really do the work. I'm glad that Howard's moving forward on the contract, I'm dismayed that it's not coming back to you until December 15. I sure wish things moved faster. Because time is slipping through our

According to Dashiell the consultant will cost the county around \$227,000, which should pay for about seven months of work.

The agenda packet shows that another \$24,000 is slated to go to the UCCE, and \$250,000 is budgeted for the water plan out of the county's "PG&E Disaster Settlement

County CEO Darcie Antle warned that an additional amount of up to \$250,000 for county staff time could also be required annually for grant efforts if the county is the one managing

The board recently was considering the idea of creating a fully staffed county water agency, but McGourty has said that they lack the funding for it. So the county instead has chosen a "matrix" approach of utilizing those with experience in the community in addition to some county staff to form a Water Resource

McGourty said that there were no clear plans at this point for what would happen to the consultant position after the seven months of work are completed.

"That's a very good question, and it'll come down to the board and our priorities going into the next year when it comes to budget time as to what we think is important to do," he said. "And it'll come down to see if this [consultant] is performing.

"So I don't have an answer for you," he added, "but certainly it's a priority for me. can't imagine a county like ours with our needs for water for basic health and human safety not to have some sort of organized

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Carbon monoxide is especially dangerous due to the fact that it can't be seen, smelled or heard. According to the Center for Disease Control, every year in the U.S. at least 430 people die from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning, and approximately 50,000 people will be sent to the hospital.

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Contacting county Animal Care Services

Posted by Mendocino County Animal Care Services

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Starting on November 1, 2022, please call Animal Care Services at 707-463-4427 if you have an animal related call for service (animal for pick up, loose dogs, loose aggressive animal, barking dogs, humane complaints, or animal bites, etc.) for

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If you are calling Animal Care Services for animal-related calls for service on our closed days of Sundays, Mondays and holidays, please make sure to leave a good phone number for staff to call you when leaving your message. Animal Protection officers will be checking the voice messages routinely on these days and will call you back as soon as possible.

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At right: Tam Adams turns sprouted onions to peel, chop and prep them for cooking the following day.

about farm living and what may be blooming, planted or done for the season) with a list of the soups and breads available for the coming week. The email also includes instructions for Thursday's pick-up from 1 to 2:30 pm at 104 West Mendocino Avenue in Willits or at 280 North Oak Street in Ukiah (back porch off Smith), after 3 pm. And an ever-present reminder to please return jars!

Adams and the crew work to produce around 70 quarts of two meat and one veggie variety each week, usually broken into three days of cooking.

Many of the ingredients come from produce and animals on the farm including pork for sausage, eggs for (yes, handmade) noodles, and squash, tomatoes and kale.

The first week's soup, Adams' email noted was: "Halibut Chowder (thanks to my fishing nephew), Pork, Bean and Tomatillo (thanks to my cousin cooking an enormous pork loin when he visited from Chicago), and an end of the summer garden Tomato Vegetable:

"For bread, Kashaya [Adams' daughter and master of the dough] plans to make an Onion Focaccia and loaves of Apple Quinoa."

The second week's soups include Chicken Noodle: "Chunks of roasted chicken, thick homemade noodles, chicken broth made with all the bubbling drippings ... onions, celery, carrots. Perfect for a cold, rainy night"; and Pumpkin Sausage: "Pumpkin from our own pumpkin patch ... Italian Sausage mixed right here on the farm ...



a few mushrooms, a bit of kale ... warming spices and just a hint of sharp cheddar. Savory and

The vegetarian option is Chunky Pumpkin: "Seasoned roasted pumpkin, just in from the garden. Some spices, some other veggies ... and creamed up a bit with coconut milk. It probably won't be completely smooth, since I prefer a chunky soup. Tasty, and vegetarian."

Each soup is \$22/quart.

Second week breads included Rosemary Focaccia at \$10/loaf and Sunflower Honey Wheat.

Customers are welcome to get quarts of the soup, loaves of the bread, or choose to purchase

Ordering and payment for the soup, bread and their amazing selection of jams, jellies and chutneys - can be completed online at www. emandalgeneralstore.com or by calling Emandal at (707) 459-9252

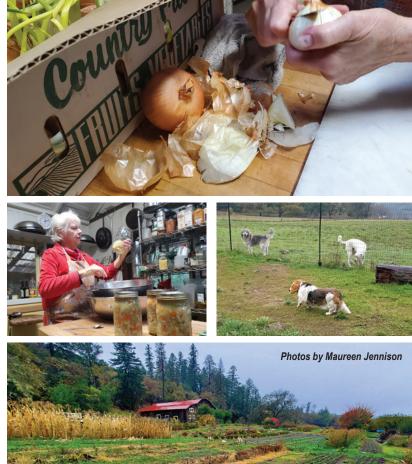
Speaking of jams, jellies and chutneys, their website offers around 90 varieties which all feature hand-drawn labels created by many local artists.

Jars are able to be shipped by the box or select flavors can be purchased locally at Mariposa Market and Cat's Meow.

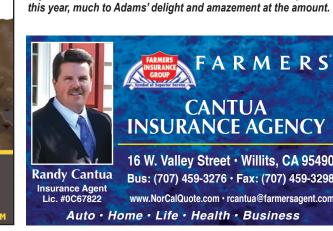
The soup program will run through the end of the year, and the team will assess at that time if they will continue into 2023 or if duties on the farm call

them back to the flower beds, fenceposts and fertile ground to start prepping for planting and the spring season.

Get on the mailing list and learn more by visiting their website: https://www. emandal.com/.



At top, left: Adams measures out just the right amount of noodles in the jars before adding the soup. At top, right: Chicken coop guard dogs Rosco and Ruby stay on the other side of the fence from fireplace guard dog Truckee, who went out for a quick rainyday stroll. Above: Three beds of Ranunculus corms were planted





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Sonoma Clean Power leads plan to develop new geothermal power

Submitted by SCP

Sonoma Clean Power's board of directors gave the goahead in October for the utility and its partners to take the next step in development of significant new geothermal power supply in its service territories of Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

The Geothermal Opportunity Zone, or GeoZone for short, is part of the public power provider's ongoing effort to develop enough local clean energy to free its customers of reliance on fossil fuels to meet demand for power when solar energy isn't available on the grid. Last year, both Mendocino and Sonoma Counties' boards of supervisors joined Sonoma Clean Power in establishing the GeoZone

"We are already at more than 90% carbon-free electricity," said Mendocino County Supervisor Dan Gjerde, who represents the county on the Sonoma Clean Power board of directors. "GeoZone will get Sonoma Clean Power customers over the finish line to 100% carbon-free electricity, day and night, every day of the year."

Now the agency will craft a memorandum of understanding with three companies for cooperative agreements to develop new geothermal power using technologies that conserve water. It's the next step in what Sonoma Clean Power CEO Geof Syphers expects will be a 10-year development process that leans heavily on stakeholder involvement and

Sonoma Clean Power will manage complementary roles and responsibilities of the partners, go after grant funding, consider potential development sites, and begin discussions with regulators. It hopes to attract state and federal funding

The Geysers geothermal power plant already generates about 700 megawatts of electricity. The GeoZone partnership aims to develop an additional 500 megawatts in the region. The California Public Utilities Commission has called for one gigawatt of added geothermal power by 2026.

New technologies considered by the GeoZone partners allow for facilities that reduce land use and operate in a wider area of geologic conditions far beyond the existing

"There is so much potential here and it is such a big undertaking that we will be talking about this a lot as we move forward," Syphers said.

Mendocino County Supervisor Glen McGourty said that his Potter Valley district, which is part of the GeoZone. includes some of the existing Geysers geologic formation and may be uniquely suited to provide geothermal power and expand the portfolio of locally grown renewable energy.

"We are always excited to see renewable resources utilized in power production, and it really fits Mendocino County well because of our attitudes in support of renewable energy," he said.

Along with other public power agencies in the state, Sonoma Clean Power expects to be a large buyer of the geothermal energy produced by the partnership.



Above: Funkacillin's Tyler Balthrop laid down some tasty riffs at the WCT gala. Below: Jim Dooley plays keyboard and trumpet for



Funkacillin

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Funkacillin will be rocking the house, after their recent Halloween gig at the Willits Center for the Arts' Halloween

From their page at Reverb Nation, where much of their music can be heard: "Funkacillin will be puttin' 'the stank on it' and bringing the remedy for your funk deficiency! Funkacillin is a six-piece group, with additional percussion for those essential and intricate Afro-Cuban rhythms mixed with their soulful and funky grooves.

"Funkacillin aims to put your troubles on the back burner with a mix of originals and old school funk, rock and soul by heavy hitters including The Isley Brothers, Curtis Mayfield, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin and Cold Blood, that will have you flashin' back to the days of paisley prints and platform shoes, and get your booty shakin'!" Visit https:// www.reverbnation.com/funkacillin for more.

Also next weekend, on Friday, November 18, is Felicity Artemis, well-known to Willits residents as a creative force. She is currently touring and will bring her brand of performance art and spoken word, "The End of Dystopia," to the WCT Playhouse, on Friday, November 18, at 7:30 pm. Visit https://regenesiscenter.weebly.com/ to learn

For those looking to enjoy an evening of entertainment in a relaxed theater setting, the WCT performance series is the place to be for music. Also look for the WWI musical, "All Is Calm," opening December 9.

CDFW Celebrates 50 Years Of Wild Trout Waters

Submitted by CDFW

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first designated "Wild Trout Waters" in the state, a pioneering wild trout conservation and management practice at the forefront of the nation's modern environmental movement of the 1960s and 1970s and a designation still benefitting California anglers today.

The California Fish and Game Commission created CDFW's Wild Trout Program in 1971 at the urging of California Trout, the nonprofit, San Francisco-based wild trout conservation organization formed the same year. CDFW's Wild Trout Program - today called the Heritage and Wild Trout Program - was created in recognition of the need to protect and enhance the state's wild trout fisheries while also maintaining wild trout fishing opportunities for

The program was born at a time when the national consciousness was becoming attuned to negative impacts on natural resources, including population declines among fish, wildlife and plant species.

In 1972, the commission designated 17 streams as "Wild Trout Waters" and has added to those waters every vear since. Under the California Fish and Game Code, the commission is required to add at least 25 miles of stream and at least one lake to the program annually.

Among those first 17 Wild Trout Waters were portions of the North Fork American River, Hat Creek, Fall River, the Eel River, the Owens River and Hot Creek. Many of the first designated wild trout fisheries are still recognized today by trout anglers throughout the country.

"The founders of the Heritage and Wild Trout Program were truly visionary a half century ago, and we certainly owe them a huge thanks for the conservation of these very special places and these very special fish," said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham.

"What I most appreciate about the program is its dynamism," Bonham continued. "It continues to grow and adapt, adding more waters and more special fishing opportunities every year while managing through our contemporary environmental challenges that the founders of this program never could have imagined - a changing climate, epic drought, devastating wildfires, and a human population approaching 40 million California residents."

"This anniversary is a huge milestone," said Curtis Knight, executive director of California Trout. "CalTrout has been proud to promote and partner with CDFW on the Heritage and Wild Trout Program since its inception. We believe this program was progressive and cutting-edge when it was established in the 1970s. Today it has evolved and continues to be one of the most effective fish water policies in the country.

Earlier this month, the commission added two new waters to the program: The North Fork Mokelumne River, which flows through portions of Alpine, Amador and Calaveras counties, and Silver Lake in Tulare County have both been designated as Wild Trout Waters.

More information is available by visiting the Heritage and Wild Trout Program page at https://wildlife.ca.gov/ Conservation/Inland-Fisheries/Wild-Trout



Above: Many local artists and community leaders from around the region attended the November 3 Upstate Creative California Corps Listening session at the Willits Center for the Arts.

December across the 19 upstate Recovery Task Force. The program counties, and in many more across is designed to address the many the rest of California

In attendance at the Willits meeting were community members from both inland and coastal areas, representing arts organizations including the Willits Center for the Arts, the Ukiah Corner Gallery, and the Mendocino Art Center. The Blue Zone Project, the West Business Development Center, and other arts-related service agencies also participated in the program, listening and sharing ideas about both problems and solutions.

A number of individual educators and artists also attended, curious to learn more about the program, and to share their perspectives.

Leading the presentation was Eliza Tudor, executive director at the Nevada County Arts Council. The Nevada City organization has been chosen by the California Arts Council to distribute the substantial funding planned for the upstate California region. Key to the presentation was Alyssum Wier, executive director at the Arts Council of Mendocino County, which is acting to assist Mendocino artists and organizations navigate the

Also in attendance as a presenter was Katrina Schneider, a hydrologist who was brought on board to orient communities and to help with the data analysis for each region during the listening sessions. The visiting group described our mostly rural upstate California region as the largest and most diverse geographic area in California, including more counties than any other Creative Corps region despite its scant population density.

The launch of this first-of-its-kind statewide Creative Corps pilot program is the result of a recommendation from the Governor's Economic and Jobs

challenges that our communities face in this unprecedented time following the chaotic COVID-19 pandemic, including poverty, drought and wildfire

Creative sector professionals are looking for ways to employ and deploy artists in programs similar to the Works Project Administration, which had such a profound impact during the Depression years between the two World Wars of the 20th century.

California Health Places Index

A new tool called the "California Healthy Places Index" was presented to the group, in a slide show that took a close look at our area in the context of the entire upstate California region. A number of census tracts from Mendocino County and surrounding areas were explored, including Willits, Ukiah, Round Valley, coastal communities, and more.

The California Creative Corps representatives emphasized grouping areas by region rather than by county, looking at the challenges and opportunities based on geography, economics, and other factors that bind communities together.

The issues and challenges reflected in the Healthy Places Index include public health, water resources, energy conservation, climate mitigation. emergency preparedness, and relief and recovery. The Healthy Places Index is intended to provide data to identify and guide policy decisions to meet the needs of local communities.

After a slideshow exploration of the Healthy Places Index tool, comments and questions were solicited from the local participants, and collected by the presenters to inform and shape their work of writing grant guidelines and

making allocation choices. Visit www. healthyplacesindex.org to learn more.

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Brainstorming issues

In the final segment of the recent Listening Session, broke out into brainstorming groups to address various issues and approaches individually, such as the economy, the environment green space access, and more. All of the feedback was captured by the traveling presenters for use in determining priorities, as they prepare the grant guidelines and begin the grant-making process for the 2023-2024 period.

The Upstate California Creative Corps Listening Sessions are framed as an opportunity for potential grantee organizations and individual artists to shape and learn about funding objectives, and to influence grant guidelines before they are released in their final form, which is slated to take place in early 2023. Supporting local outreach with local knowledge is deemed essential to creating successful projects which can serve as models for organizations and communities in future years.

This new workforce development opportunity challenges artists and community organizations to present local solutions, helping communities tackle the issues most critical to them. and to assist local leaders in affecting policy at the intersection of health and equity, with access to the most current data available. This process has just begun, and the Willits arts sector played a key role in initiating this unique opportunity for northern California communities.

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The rest of **Election**

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In the Brooktrails board race, with 3 seats up for election, results so far show challenger Joanne Cavallari in first place at 26.64% (316 votes); incumbent Ed Horrick in second place at 25.30% (300 votes); and incumbent Rick Williams in third place at 23.69% (281 votes). In fourth place for the 3 seats is incumbent Tony Orth, at 23.02% (273 votes).

Measure O, the Citizens Library Initiative, is leading with 60.60% saying "yes" (7,390 votes) and 39.40% saying "no" (4,805 votes).

Measure P, the County Essential Services Sales Tax, is leading with 55.58% saying "yes" (6,781 votes) and 44.42% saying "no" (5,419 votes).

We won't know specific numbers of ballots remaining to process until later this week, when Bartolomie puts out her "ballots remaining to count" press release.

The voter office was busy on Election Day, Bartolomie said. "We had contested races – Fort Bragg City Council, the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees – we even had a contested school board race in Covelo - and that brings out the voters."

Election Day went mostly smoothly in Mendocino County. There were plenty of poll volunteers in Willits, Bartolomie said, but in some areas, "it was slim pickings." In Hopland, one poll volunteer was there "by herself a big part of her day."

The county will put a press release encouraging citizens to participate as poll workers in future elections, she said. Bartolomie hopes to arrange for more student poll workers, too, in future. "They

have to have good grades," she said, "and permission from the principals. But whenever we've had them, it's been great. They're good greeters, and very helpful."

Bartolomie stressed that any voters who got a letter about a mismatched signature or a ballot that wasn't signed still has time to fix the problem, as per the instructions in the letter. "We have to have them fixed two days before we certify the election," she said. "We'll try to certify right around Thanksgiving – the week of or the week after."

Results for other candidates in the Willits school board race, so far: in fifth place, challenger David Lilker at 11.64% (548 votes); in sixth place, challenger Colby Friend at 8.62% (406 votes); in seventh place, challenger Jeffery Ritchley at 7.01% (330 votes); and in eighth place, write-in candidate April Lamprich at 6.44% (303 votes).

In state races, Mendocino County voters more or less matched state and district results. State Sen. Mike McGuire, a Democrat representing Senate District 2, was reelected with 72% of the vote in his district so far (122,463 votes), with GOP challenger Geen Yoon winning 28% so far (47,651 votes). In Mendocino County, results so far show Sen. McGuire received 69.06% (8,491 votes) to Yoon's 30.94% (3,804 votes).

Assemblymember Jim Wood, a Democrat representing Assembly District 2, won reelection with 68% of the vote in his district so far (58,498 votes), with GOP challenger Charlotte Svolos receiving 32% (27,511 votes). In Mendocino County, results so far show Assemblymember Wood gaining 68.9% of local voters (8,440 votes) to Svolos' 31.10% (3,809 votes).

Above: Poll workers and volunteers at the Willits Community Center Tuesday included, back row from left: Lenore, Ken, Tanya, Kathy, Dianne, Alice, Jan, Loraine, Tom, Carolyn and Chris. Sitting in front, from left: Dorothy, Sharon, Melissa, Sue and Nancy.

Below: Dorothy holds Maggie who came to help deliver her mama's 2022 ballot to the polling place.

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