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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Open letter on Jackson State Forest

To the Editor:

Dear Governor Newsom: I am writing once again to ask you to compel Cal Fire to honor the vision statement by Jessica Morse, the deputy secretary for Forest and Wildland Resilience and her agreement to work with local tribes on how to manage Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Government-to-government consultations between Coyote Valley Band of Pomo and the State of California were initiated in early 2021 and continued for 18 months with specific promises. At a public meeting on August 19, 2022, Deputy Secretary Morse unveiled the state's new vision for forest management.

She said "all of your activism and engagement is not going unheard....We have been engaging at the highest levels of the state to really think through how do we value the

community needs, the tribal needs...., Communication and public engagement will remain a top priority....This includes important Tribal partnerships." Really?

Four days later Cal Fire unilaterally announced it was restarting logging on four disputed timber harvest plans: Chamberlain Confluence, Sosa Gulch, Red Tail, and Parlin 17, all sacred sites to local tribes. They will be desecrated by industrial-scale logging operations.

This appears to be another instance of broken promises between government and the tribes. Now is the time to halt logging operations in JDSF and commit to trust building by holding ongoing, good faith negotiations about what best practices mean in this time of rapid climate change and how to honor tribal wisdom in managing our forests.

Let's make JDSF a true demonstration of how to use redwood forests to curb climate change – not more of the same betrayal of Native peoples.

Robin Goldner, Willits

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

Library Pop-Up Sale through December 17

The Friends of the Willits Library will have Pop-Up Sale Tables inside the Willits Library from now through December 17. Come and find some great deals, support your library, and check out all the great things the Willits Branch Library offers!

Library hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm. Friday: 10 am to 6 pm. Saturday: 11 am to 5 pm. The Willits Library is located at 390 East Commercial Street.

Winter Hours for Shanachie Pub

Posted by Shanachie Pub

Hi friends! The times are changing, and so are ours! As of December 1, 2022, we will be operating under our Winter Hours, which is as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 4 pm to 10ish

Wednesday: 4 pm to 11ish

Friday and Saturday: 3 pm to 11ish

We want to be as consistent and communicative as possible about our hours change, so that you know when you can count on us to be there.

In short, we won't be officially open until 4 pm Monday through Thursday and 3 pm Friday and Saturday, and we will be serving our last call at the "ish" time stated above, unless an event or crowd are there to keep us open later.

For those of you "Three-o'clockers," the front gate will be open after 3 pm, and we still welcome you to come in and be served on the patio, while our bartender prepares our favorite living room to hang out in.

We look forward to having more afternoon music events, craft beer tastings, and potlucks this winter, and will hopefully return to our normal hours in the spring. What types of gatherings and events would you like to see at the pub? Let us know at <https://www.facebook.com/ShanachieWillits>.

Oh, and did I mention that we will be accepting credit cards soon?

The Rules: LETTERS

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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Christmas Chorale set for December 11

Submitted by Christmas Chorale

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 year.

The Chorale will be hosted on Sunday, December 11, 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.

Community Foundation awards \$208,000 to support animal welfare

Submitted by Community Foundation

In November, the Community Foundation of Mendocino County awarded \$208,000 in local grants to support animal welfare through its non-competitive Animal Welfare Grant Program.

The Animal Welfare Grant Program provides financial support for organizations that care for pets and wildlife in our community. We are pleased to announce that \$208,000 was awarded to organizations throughout the county, ranging from \$2,500 to \$80,000 based on the scope of the organization and its operational capacity.

County shelters, private veterinary clinics, nonprofit organizations, and state wildlife offices comprise the animal welfare sector in Mendocino County. Each of these organizations plays a vital role in the health, safety, and protection of domestic animals and wildlife.

However, the largely volunteer-run nonprofit organizations face unique financial and programmatic ripple effects from the pandemic. In addition to the supply chain shortages, staffing challenges, and lost revenue from canceled fundraisers that many other organizations have experienced, animal welfare organizations are also experiencing a dramatic increase in animals overall due to delayed spaying and neutering during the pandemic.

These grants will help mitigate some of the difficulties faced by local organizations and allow them to increase capacity to help meet need.

The Animal Welfare Grant Program is made possible thanks to the Fund for Animal Welfare and the Jacob-Woods Animal Care Fund. In its 29-year history, the Community Foundation has granted \$28.4 million in grants. We appreciate the continued generosity of the donors who help make a difference throughout Mendocino County.

For additional information about the Animal Welfare Fund and to learn more about how you can make a gift, visit www.communityfound.org.

KZYX Radio marks major milestone in its move to Ukiah

Submitted by KZYX Radio

With the recent approval of a building permit by the City of Ukiah, KZYX Radio / Mendocino County Public Broadcasting can now start to build its future headquarters at 390 Clay Street in Ukiah.

"This is a first-ever effort to establish our public radio station in a facility whose quality will match its excellent programming and service to Mendocino County," said KZYX General Manager Marty Durlin.

Durlin explained that after 33 years of operating from its modest Philo studios, the station's signal is threatened by tree growth between the studios and the Cold Springs Mountain transmitter.

Mendocino County Public Broadcasting, the parent non-profit, purchased the Ukiah property in late 2021 to ensure a reliable KZYX signal for future generations and to provide an expanded headquarters and easier inland access.

The first stage of the project, interior demolition and grading, is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. This will make way for construction of production, news, and on-air studios as well as offices, an ADA-compliant bathroom, and a breakroom for production staff. Construction of a new transmission tower will require extensive underground electrical work as well as grading for drainage and landscaping. The KZYX board and staff aim for KZYX to be up and running in its new Ukiah headquarters by October 2023.

Read the rest of KZYX Over on page 6

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Willits Toy Run

Hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts enjoy a great event to help kids at Christmas

Motorcyclists from Willits and around Mendocino County, and from further away in Northern California, too, congregated at the Evergreen Shopping Center Sunday midday to start off the 2022 Toy Run. The weather couldn't have been nicer, and the turnout was great for the 30th annual event.

The sounds of sirens and beeping horns filled the air as firetrucks led the "parade" of bikers – some said 200 of the magnificent machines – heading toward their eventual destination of the Little Lake Grange for the afternoon party.

The Toy Run is to raise funds and donated toys for the Willits Kids Christmas Program, which delivers toys and Christmas presents via firetruck to children in the community on Christmas Eve. "We'll take care of 400 kids this year, with what we raised today," coordinator Rich "Pops" Venturi of the Willits Wild Bunch biker group told the crowd at the Grange.

According to DJ Mikey T (aka Mike Tobin), pumping out the tunes, there were bikers here in Willits from Redding, Fairfield, Vallejo, Sacramento, Humboldt County and other Northern California areas. "We have a good reputation," Mikey T smiled, acknowledging that the gorgeous weather helped, too. Also, the Wild Bunch has created a "Mendocino/ Lake County Biker Events" private group on Facebook, which helps spread the word to like-minded enthusiasts.

"This is all for the Willits Kids Christmas Program," Venturi said, acknowledging founders Sandy and Jerry Turner. "We're here because of her," he said. "Sandy ran the Christmas program from the time God created her.... Love you Sandy, and thank you."

Venturi also asked the crowd to take a minute to remember friends who were gone: Gary Lafferty, Al

Read the rest of Toy Run Over on page 15

At left, top left: Lydia Senter Colvig, Mike Colvig and Kyle Brandon tend the bar at the Toy Run Party. At left, top right: DJ Mikey T created the soundtrack for the 2022 Toy Run Party. Above: The line was long to get in to the Grange, but it went quickly. At left: The crowd pours in to the Little Lake Grange for the Toy Run Party. Below, left: Printss Cathie, one of many Toy Run volunteers, has many delicious sides to serve up. Below, right: Toy Run volunteer Jennifer Sookne offers up a piece of homemade shortbread. At bottom: Rich "Pops" Venturi and Ani McKay as the Toy Run parade of bikes arrives at the Grange.

At left: Bubblez, Magoo and Tigger of the Willits Wild Bunch enjoyed selling raffle tickets at the Toy Run. Below, left: Rich "Pops" "Santa" Venturi and Sequoia Jones in the hall of the Little Lake Grange. Below, right: Don "Grinch" Edwards pays a visit to Frosty the Snowman.

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- South American hummingbird
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- Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
- Spur
- Senile
- Tanzanian people
- Cruel
- Boxing's 'GOAT'
- Yokels
- London soccer team
- Chinese chess piece
- Supervises flying
- 007Os creator
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- A spider makes one
- Liquefied natural gas
- Opaque gem
- Brazilian palm
- Periodical (slang)
- You might step on one
- Marvin and Horsley are two
- Partner to cheese
- Unpleasant smell
- Field force unit (abbr.)
- Fashion accessory
- Cool!

- Time zone
- Songs to one's lover
- German river
- Go bad
- Sword
- Very eager
- Leaf bug
- Italian seaport
- Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
- Member of Jamaican religion
- Large wading bird
- Carries crab
- Eternal rest
- It holds up your headwords

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- Fiddler crabs
- Popular Hyundai sedan
- Deport
- Making over
- Midway between south and southeast
- Arabic masculine name
- Type of acid
- Popular 1980s Cher film
- Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
- Chinese city

- 'Star Wars' character Solo
- The bill in a restaurant
- Old, ugly witch
- Burn with a hot liquid
- To claim or demand
- 'A Doll's House' playwright
- Involuntary muscular contraction
- Pea stems (British)
- Double or multiple fold
- No longer is
- Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
- S. American plant cultivated in Peru
- Cloth or fabric
- Flanks
- Disfigure
- Angry
- Baltic coast peninsula
- Large, flightless birds
- Plants of the lily family
- Medieval Norwegian language
- Polio vaccine developer
- Not soft
- Exchange rate
- Voice (Italian)
- Baseball's Ruth
- Famed guitarist Clapton
- Take a chance
- Wife
- Elaborate handshake

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

November 7 to November 20

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **163 incidents** in this 14-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

November 7

10:31 pm: **SHANOFF, Timothy Robert** (29) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of East Oak Street and Central Street. He was arrested on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, and on misdemeanor charges of shoplifting with intent to commit larceny.



Timothy Shanoff of Willits.

10:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

November 8

4:15 am: **LUCAS, Michael** (49) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive following a disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges of recklessly causing a fire with great bodily injury and violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance without prescription.



Michael Lucas of Ukiah.

8:25 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

November 9

6:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Monroe Street.

November 10

8:32 am: **AMADOR, Trinity Danae** (22) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Blosser Lane. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

11:58 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

2:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

7:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 500 block of West Highway 20.

November 11

1:37 am: **BURKE, Tyler Joseph** (29) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and West Commercial Street following a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested on felony charges of resisting or threatening an officer, and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

9:03 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

November 12

6:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

6:37 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane.

November 13

5:21 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 22000 block of Eastside Road.

7:49 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of West Van

Lane.

9:47 pm: **DISHMAN, Lewis Andrew** (40) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and East Oak Street. He was arrested on felony weapons charges and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.

November 14

No incidents to report.

November 15

4:33 pm: **LAWSON, Steven Todd** (31) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 29800 PC (Felony in Possession of a Firearm), 11370.1 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed), on felony charges of possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.

10:26 pm: **CARLILE Jr., Bryce Randall** (39) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Hazel Street and Poplar Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 11360 (A) (2) H&S (Transportation of Marijuana for Sale) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

November 16

11:13 am: **ALLEN, Andrew James** (53) of Willits was contacted in the 1300 block of Poppy Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Battery).

5:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 600 block of Railroad Avenue.

10:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

November 17

11:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

November 18

9:38 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

November 19

5:44 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Haehl Creek Drive.

11:37 am: **WALLACEFLORES, Cory John** (33) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of North Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 (Violation of Probation).

6:36 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

10:39 pm: **ESTES, Ashleigh Anne** (37) of Seattle, Washington was contacted in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue. She was arrested pursuant to 602 PC (Trespassing), 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and on misdemeanor charges of refuse disposal near state waters, possession of a controlled substance, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and violation of probation.

November 20

7:54 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of Sandy Avenue and Bonnie Lane.

9:04 am: **PHILLIPS III, Rickey Wayne** (30) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Margie Drive following a foot pursuit. He was arrested pursuant to 496 PC (Receiving Stolen Property), 148 (A) (1) PC (Resisting Arrest), and on felony charges of violation of parole.

9:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of a subject brandishing a weapon in the 200 block of South Main Street.



Thankful for Togetherness

Volunteers and diners enjoy the return of in-person Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by Senior Center and Food Bank

"We've done this only by deliveries for the last two years," said Richard Baker, executive director of the Willits Harrah Senior Center. "We're finally back to indoor dining, collaborating with the Willits Community Services Food Bank.

"It takes so many people to make something like this successful, a lot of volunteers," explained Baker about the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. "Yvonne, who is one of the supervisors for the morning shift, said that she wouldn't be able to do this event without the inmates [and staff] from Parlin Fork. They do so much. They cook a lot at their facility and then they come in here and they know the kitchen. They just jump in and they fit in and make things happen."

With great anticipation, the hundreds of hungry individuals and families began to filter into the dining room at the Senior Center to enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving meal, surrounded by faces they might not have seen for two years due to the COVID-19 restrictions and cautions.

The Parlin Fork inmates are back at work as well, three of whom, along with the same number of camp staff, could be seen behind the kitchen glass, working at carving turkeys and filling plates. The inmates have been instrumental in helping to provide these individual and family meals, even when the meals were just on a drive-through basis.

"The inmates can get 'time cuts,' time off their sentences for volunteering at Parlin," explained Captain Wesley Stein. "They can also qualify for alternative-custody programs." According to Stein, these programs include going home with ankle monitors and earning their general-equivalency diploma. The inmates can also enter a Male Community Reentry Program, which is a live-in facility where they can do educational programs.

"They're not in a prison setting but they're still in alternative custody," said Stein. "The Male Community Reentry Program is a voluntary program for eligible males who have two years or less of their prison sentence left to serve.

"This allows eligible people committed to state prison to serve

Read the rest of Dinner

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Above, left: A portrait of Jim Marill, the beloved former director of the Willits Community Services Food Bank, can be seen next to a donation box. Above, right: Pies from Kemmy's and Costco are sliced and ready to be enjoyed. At left: Food Bank Executive Director Ruthanne Volz accepts a check for \$27,000 from Greg and Tanya Musgrave of Family Tree Service, at left, while board members Dr. John Glycer and Melinda Clarke look on.

SANTA & GRINCH PHOTOS
BY MAUREEN JENNISON!

SEE SANTA Saturday 12/3 at JD REDHOUSE 10am - 4pm

SEE the GRINCH Sunday 12/4 at TOY DEPOT 10am - 4pm

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At top, left: The diverse kitchen crew takes a moment to pose for a group photo. At top, right: Families and friends enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving meal together.

Above, left: Jim Devine and his wife, Michelle Hutchins, volunteer to help with the serving and statistics. Above, right: Kapila Phoenix, owner of La Siciliana Restaurant, helps out wherever needed.

Below, left: The dining room at the Willits Harrah Senior Center fills up with grateful Thanksgiving eaters. Below, right: Melinda Clarke helps to bring dishes to the tables.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Mr. Skunk's GIANT CHRISTMAS Tree

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email address: BHTrainingCenter@mendocinocounty.org. Community members are encouraged to contact BHTrainingCenter@mendocinocounty.org for booking availability and general inquiries; or visit www.mendocinocounty.org/residents/health/mental-health/mental-health-oversight-committee/bhrtc for more information.

The total project budget for the training center is \$937,498, with \$652,153 spent through fiscal year 2021/22, and \$285,345 in unspent budgeted funds.

Community Education, Awareness, and Support: Every week during the months of September and October, the National Alliance on Mental Illness collaborated with community partners to bring suicide and substance abuse prevention events to different communities each week. As part of NAMI's participation in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, a brief point in time survey was created with the goal of understanding of what the community currently feels the county's most pressing mental health and substance use facility needs are. The survey can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/facilityneedsassessment>

As we move into the holiday season, NAMI leaders look forward to exploring new ways to actively engage and educate the public in the coming year, as well as expand on existing classes and support groups.

Crisis Assessment and Psychiatric Hospitalization Aftercare: Measure B funding continues to provide a pathway for individuals who historically have not had access to crisis after care services reaching parity for non-Medi-Cal recipients.

So far, through October 2022, a total of 146 different clients have been served. Types of services provided include Crisis Management, Crisis Intake Project Note, Crisis Intervention, Individual Rehab, Individual Therapy, and Risk Assessment.

Sources of payment for these services include Medi-Care (18 incidents of services), private insurance (55), VA (1), Indigent (50), and Incarcerated (20).

Crisis Residential Treatment Facility: Phoenix House, the short-term crisis residential treatment center in Ukiah, is open and operational. Clients must be referred through Redwood Community Crisis Services. Current client census: 6. Total clients since opening 42.

The total project budget for Phoenix House is \$4,449,150, with \$4,184,413 spent through fiscal year 2021/22, and \$264,737 in unspent budgeted funds.

Fort Bragg Crisis Respite: Redwood Community Services and Redwood Quality Management Company are planning to move into the Cypress Offices on November 29, 2022. The RCS Crisis Program, Adult Outpatient Services and the Crisis Respite Program will be located in Suite A. The RQMC Medication Support Services address will be located in Suite B. RCS has not established a start date for the Crisis Respite program. Hiring and training activities are underway. Services in the Crisis Respite program will begin as soon as the Crisis Respite program is adequately staffed.

Mobile Crisis Response Team Pilot: We have two full-time staff responding seven days a week. Hours vary throughout the week: 8 am to 6:30 pm, Monday to Wednesday, 8 am to 7 pm, Thursday, 9 am to 7 pm, Friday to Sunday. We continue to recruit to fill vacant positions.

The team has logged 258 call responses to date in Fiscal Year 2022/23, and a total of 592 call responses since the program began.

Mental Health Treatment Act Audit: The audits for periods 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020, 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021, and 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022 were completed. A committee was provided to the Measure B Committee and was also included in the Measure B June 22 agenda materials. A Measure B ad hoc committee has been established to review and make recommendations in regards to the audit.

Psychiatric Health Facility: Nacht & Lewis, AECOM, and county staff have been meeting regularly on the demolition, design, construction, and programming requirements for the Psychiatric Health Facility at Whitmore Lane.

Measure B funds collected since Fiscal Year 2017/18 total \$42,426,304, with interest earnings at \$702,154. Expenses since Fiscal Year 2017/18 total \$6,285,395, with \$3,090,6616 in a prudent reserve and a current Measure B fund balance of \$36,843,063.

To learn more about the Measure B Committee visit www.mendocinocounty.org/community/mental-health-oversight-committee

Community Harvest Potluck Dinner and Music Jam

Submitted by Nurturing Seed

A free Community Harvest Potluck Dinner and Music Jam will be held on Sunday, December 18 from 4 to 7pm at the Little Lake Grange. Dinner starts at 5 pm.

Please bring a dish, share some time, make a friend, and sing a song. All are welcome.

Feel free to bring an instrument if you wish to play music.

Looking forward to gathering together with community at the Willits Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Donations accepted for the Grange.

be for \$371,856 in 2019-21 funding.

City Development Director Dusty Duley told councilmembers the application for due this week – the last chance for about \$90,000 in 2019 funds – so timely action was needed, as allocated funds that aren't accessed within a certain timeframe go back to the state.

Duley also pointed out that costs of the city staff time and consultant time to develop and administer the loan plan were fundable through the grant, thereby minimizing the impact on the general fund.

Any repaid loans, or funds awarded that aren't accessed, go back into the city's funding pool, to be used for future projects.

"Generally," the staff report for the housing item noted, "applicants will be eligible for rehabilitation home loans for activities including but not limited to bringing properties up to current code standards, implementing energy efficiency upgrades, accessibility upgrades, repair or replacement of major systems such as HVAC or plumbing, abatement of asbestos or lead paint, or other activities which will prevent deterioration, extend the lifespan of the dwelling, and support homeowner affordability."

Consultant Jordan Blough of LACO and Associates explained that this funding became available after an act of the state Legislature in 2017, which added a \$75 recording fee on real estate documents to help with affordable housing in the state.

"This funding is durable," Blough said. "They will continue to collect these fees into to the future unless the Legislature changes the law. This is for the first five years, and there'll be subsequent five-year allocations."

The PLHA funding is "intended to be flexible and support housing, rehab housing development, homeless services," Blough said. "I worked with staff to help develop this concept, but if the city determines there's a need, and you'd like to use the funding for something different, that can happen as well."

Councilmember Larry Stranske thanked consultant Blough "for helping our staff to be able to do this, because I think it's a great idea – \$90,000 a year spread over however many houses we can possibly get in."

The Willits program will have an estimated target of 10 loans a year, which will be variable depending on how many loan applications come in, and how much they ask for.

According to the County of Mendocino's Housing Element document, the median income in 2017 for residents of the City of Willits was reported as \$31,433, the lowest of the incorporated cities in the county.

providers can assess and care for the many sick people currently in the community.

Public Health continues to encourage getting flu and COVID vaccines as the best way to fight the winter viruses and avoid overwhelming emergency room staff. Vaccines and treatments are available at local pharmacies, through your health provider, and at Public Health offices and clinics throughout the county. Please see the Vaccines webpage for more information, www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations

In Willits, Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic offers a clinic this weekend, on Saturday, December 3, as well as its usual vaccine appointments. Call 707-459-6861 to get your slot. There will also be Public Health flu and COVID clinics on Saturdays, December 3, 10 and 17 at the Ukiah Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Building, 1055 North State Street, 10 am to 3 pm.

Questions? Contact the Mendocino County Call Center: 707-472-2759.

insufficient to support the many deferred capital improvement projects.

The Library Advisory Board and county librarian will be working on a plan to allocate the Measure O funding equitably throughout the county, and the Mendocino County Library will continue to enrich our communities with a wide variety of services and resources for all ages.

Editor's Note: Willits Weekly expects the Mendocino County Election Office to release the final, certified election results this week, and will report on official results in next week's edition.

Los votantes del Condado de Mendocino aprueban la Medida O

El 8 de noviembre, aproximadamente el 60 % de los votantes del condado de Mendocino aprobaron la Medida O, que adopta un impuesto sobre las ventas permanente de ¼ de centavo para el sistema de bibliotecas del condado. La medida se puso en la boleta electoral a través de una exitosa campaña de petición de iniciativa ciudadana. Los fondos se utilizarán para mantener y mejorar los servicios y colecciones en las sucursales de la biblioteca y el cuarenta por ciento de los fondos se asignará para mejorar y ampliar las instalaciones de las sucursales.

"Estamos encantados de que los residentes del condado de Mendocino valoren la biblioteca lo suficiente como para aprobar la Medida O," dice la bibliotecaria del condado Deb Fader Samson. "La financiación garantizará servicios continuos, colecciones actualizadas y una programación excelente continua, así como la capacidad de implementar proyectos de mejora de capital, como el reemplazo de techos, alfombras, pintura, y expansiones."

En 2011, los votantes aprobaron la Medida A que proporcionaba un impuesto sobre las ventas de 1/8 de centavo que permitía aumentar las horas, las colecciones y los programas, pero era insuficiente para respaldar los muchos proyectos de mejora de capital diferidos. La junta asesora de la biblioteca y la bibliotecaria del Condado trabajarán en un plan para asignar los fondos de la Medida O de manera equitativa en todo el condado y la biblioteca continuará enriqueciendo a las comunidades con una amplia variedad de servicios y recursos para todas las edades.

West Center launches online Mendocino Marketplace for local businesses

Submitted by West Business Development Center

West Business Development Center is excited to announce the launch of its annual online Holiday Gift Guide at www.mendomarketplace.com. In an effort to assist local businesses that have a robust e-commerce presence, West Center has developed a dedicated website featuring uniquely Mendocino products, experiences, gifts, and arts and crafts. Each listing has a short description of the business offerings, product images, and a direct link to the business' online store.

During the height of the pandemic, West Center recognized an opportunity to assist the small businesses in Mendocino County during the holiday season.

"This online marketplace," noted West Center's CEO, Mary Anne Petrillo, "enables our local small-business community to bring in some extra revenue during the holiday season and it showcases how these businesses have successfully implemented e-commerce on their websites and social-media channels."

West Center has launched a robust digital-marketing campaign, promoting the site to the Bay Area, Sacramento, and Central Valley markets during the holiday season.

"We want to reach people who love to visit Mendocino," said Petrillo, "and encourage them to make a purchase and bring a Mendocino memory home!"

The marketing goal is to drive traffic and send potential buyers to Mendocino County businesses during the "shopping season" between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. According to Forbes, consumers this year are "not purely

looking to buy a product – but to have an experience around the product.... Online sales are expected to reign supreme in 2022, with Adobe predicting 2.5 percent growth in online sales November 1 to December 31."

For the third year, West Center has opened this seasonal online opportunity to all Mendocino County businesses with an online store that accept cashless transactions via credit or debit card, or other payment methods such as Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, Google Wallet, etc.

Business owners who would like to be listed are encouraged to sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2022-holiday-marketplace> or contact Alison de Grassi, director of marketing, at alison@westcenter.org, who will assist with getting the business listed. West Center is not able to accept listings advertising cannabis. If businesses don't yet have an online store but would like to get one set up, they can contact West Center at 707-964-7571 for assistance.

West Business Development Center is a U.S. Small Business Administration funded non-profit business-development center that provides reliable, no-cost, confidential counseling and relevant training programs to entrepreneurs throughout Mendocino and Lake counties.

West Center hosts the Mendocino Small Business Development Center and the Mendocino Women's Business Center. For more information, visit www.westcenter.org or call 707-964-7571.

West Center has two locations, one at 345 North Franklin Street in Fort Bragg, the second at 185 East Church Street in Ukiah.



KZYX Board President Dina Polkinghorne and General Manager Marty Durlin accept "the big check" from members of 100+ Women Strong. From left: Carolyn Welch, Polkinghorne, Durlin, Karen Christopherson, Sarah Marshall, Holly Madrigal, and Megan Barber Allende.

Fundraising efforts for this ambitious project got a sizable boost, and the station a rousing vote of confidence, in late October when 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino participants chose the KZYX Building Project to receive their combined \$12,100 in donations.

In her appeal, General Manager Durlin reminded the attendees of the public affairs, cultural, and emergency services they would be supporting: "KZYX reaches into every corner of our county from its four studios—Fort Bragg, Willits, Talmage and Philo—using three transmitters covering nearly 4,000 square miles. It also streams live on the internet at KZYX.org and offers podcasts and an on-demand archive. All these services are free, supported by more than 2,000 members and 100 local underwriters."

Donations to the Building Fund now total \$404,000, toward a \$2 million budget that includes retiring the \$345,000 mortgage.

Community members can follow the progress of the KZYX Building Project and learn how to donate to it at <https://www.kzyx.org/a-new-building-for-kzyx>



Above, from left: Laura Wiecek combines her love of paper and books with the art of weaving. Retired Waldorf kindergarten teacher Debi McCarthy creates driftwood houses with gnomes included. Elias Laughton works in several different types of media and techniques. Below, from left: Donna Schindel spent many hours crafting these French beaded flowers. Bobbie Yokum holds a magnifying glass, used to get a closer look at her miniature paintings. Well-known Mendocino mosaic artist Elizabeth Raybee brought three of her works to show.



‘Small Works’

Creative handmade gifts of the perfect size and price available at Willits Center for the Arts

The works of art at the Willits Center for the Arts "Small Works" show may be small in size but, nonetheless, they are of enormous quality and creativity. Many of the items, from 25 of the WCA's members, are designed to be perfect Christmas gifts, modest in size, very reasonably priced, and a welcome addition to any home.

Mathew Caine
Features Writer
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"This gives the members a chance to show their work," explained Gary Martin, curator at the art center. "We can't do individual shows for each of them, all 500 members. It gives the members who are artists an opportunity to show their work, which is kind of wonderful."

"This year, we have 25 member-artists showing. We have some very, very nice stuff. We have work by Linda McDonald, Bobbie Yokum, Teresa Robertson, amazing drawings, beautiful glasswork, handmade ornaments. There are just tons and tons of works."

"The works were supposed to be 16-inch-by-20-inch," said Martin. "A few came in over and some under. Most of them are small and they're inexpensive, which is very nice. We have photographs from \$30, and paintings which are \$50, \$60, \$100 or so. They make great gifts. The show will last until Christmas."

Several of the artists were in attendance at the Saturday,



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Twining Time at Brickhouse Coffee: "Folk/Country/ Americana/Roots and a few cool Christmas tunes! Polished two-part vocal harmonies, by John Wagenet and Anita Blu, acoustic guitar and keyboard." First Thursday of every month. December 1, from noon to 2 pm. Visit twiningtime.weebly.com. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market moves indoors to the Little Lake Grange. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Thursday, December 1, 3 to 5:30 pm. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales," story time from the Willits Branch Library and the Farmers Market Association, from 3:30 to 4 pm. Tobin will be offering readings of children's books for the community at large. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Friday, December 2

Willits Center for the Arts presents "Loren Madsen, M.A., and The Case for Conceptual Art": Free Event. December 2, 6:30 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Big Sticky Mess. "Original funk music that you feel in yo booty." Friday, December 2, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, December 3

Willits High School Wrestling: Coastal Mountain Conference Novice Tournament. The annual tournament for new wrestlers or those with limited varsity experience takes place at the Willits High School gym. Saturday, December 3, 9 am. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

Photos with Santa at J.D. Redhouse: "Come have your photo taken in person with Santa Claus on Saturday, December 3 at J.D. Redhouse. No appointments necessary, just drop in between 10 am and 4 pm to smile with the big man and share your Christmas list!" Photos are \$5 per group and will be available to download at photographress.zenfolio.com/pixwithsanta. Questions: Maureen Jennison 707-972-7047. J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street.

Roots of Motive Power Holiday Express: "Come join us for our annual Holiday Express. We will have trains, treats, toys and a visit from Santa." Free. Saturday, December 3, 11 am to 4 pm. Roots of Motive Power, 420 East Commercial Street.

Holiday Express

Saturday, December 3, Museum and Roots Yard

"Come join us for our annual Holiday Express. We will have free train rides, plus treats, toys and a visit from Santa. We only do this one day, always the first Saturday in December. Don't miss out on the opportunity to kick off the holiday season with us." Roots of Motive Power Yard, 420 East Commercial Street.

Mendocino County Museum Holiday Program

"In collaboration with the Roots of Motive Power Holiday Express event, the Mendocino County Museum will have extended hours, offer free admission, and invite the public to enjoy our exhibits and festive activities. Our correspondence exhibit, featuring letters, postcards, and holiday recipes exchanged throughout the county will be on display. A special take-and-make craft will be available while supplies last." Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street.

What's Happening Around Town

Mendocino County Museum Holiday Program: "In collaboration with the Roots of Motive Power Holiday Express event, the Mendocino County Museum will have extended hours, offer free admission, and invite the public to enjoy our exhibits and festive activities." Featuring old-fashioned letter writing and take-and-make crafts. Saturday, December 3, 11 am to 4 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street.

"Fundraising event for our Laytonville Black Oak Ranch Family!:" Fry bread tacos will be sold at the Willits Senior Center, and the funds raised will go toward the rebuilding of the kitchen/ meeting space at Black Oak Ranch that was completely demolished by a late-night fire. Frybread tacos: \$8, frybread: \$3, bowl of beans with frybread: \$6. Drive-thru pickup or outdoor dining in the back patio. Donations and volunteers graciously accepted. Saturday, December 3, 11 am to 4 pm. Call 707-332-8265 to place orders. Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

BACE DJ Show: "From the Bay to Mendo! We have a talented lineup for Saturday, December 3." Head\$ta\$h, Sintendo64, Prodkit, Lifire, Aethernaut. Ages 18 and over allowed. \$20 cover, doors open at 9 pm. BACE, 109 North Main Street.

Sunday, December 4

Commercial Street Holiday Block Party and Grinch photos: "We will have food, vendors, sales, Grinch photos, and more! Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot 15 percent off store wide! Ace Copy & Shipping grand opening!" Event includes Photos with the Grinch: "Feeling a little Grinchy this holiday? Come have your photo taken with the green man himself at Imagination Station Toy Depot. No appointments necessary, just drop in and get your picture taken." Photos are \$5 per group and will be available to download at photographress.zenfolio.com/pixwithsanta. Questions: Maureen Jennison 707-972-7047. Sunday, December 4, 10 am to 4 pm. 262 East Commercial Street and the nearby area.

Thursday, December 8

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market at the Little Lake Grange. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Thursday, December 1, 3 to 5:30 pm. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales," story time from the Willits Branch Library and the Farmers Market Association, from 3:30 to 4 pm. Tobin will be offering readings of children's books for the community at large. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Friday, December 9

Holiday Craft Fair, Willits Community Center: "The 35th annual Holiday Craft Fair, presented by the Willits Center for the Arts, will be held December 9 and 10 at the Willits Community Center. In addition to art and crafts and beautiful

holiday gifts by local and visiting artists, the fair features live music, plus food and beverages by the Willits Charter School." Friday, December 9, noon to 7 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: willitscenterforthearts.org.

"All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914." Willits Community Theatre, opens December 9. WCT's December show is the musical "All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914." It opens Friday, December 9 and runs two weekends through December 18. "In 1914, World War I soldiers left their trenches on Christmas Eve to meet their enemies and sang together in a famous moment of peace. This musical, directed by Mike A'Dair, with musical director Janice Hawthorn Timm, will warm your heart." Friday, December 9 show is at 7:30 pm. Tickets, \$20. Visit wctperformingartscenter.org. WCT, 37 West Van Lane.

Saturday, December 10

Holiday Craft Fair, Willits Community Center: The 35th annual Holiday Craft Fair, presented by the Willits Center for the Arts, will be held December 9 and 10 at the Willits Community Center. Saturday, December 10, 10 am to 4 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: willitscenterforthearts.org.

1st annual Willits Truckers Light Parade on Main Street: The public is invited to enjoy the 1st annual Willits Truckers Light Parade. The parade starts at 5:30 pm, and the route goes from the Evergreen Shopping Center on the south end of town, north to Commercial Street, then east to the Mendocino County Museum. The best viewing will be from the east side of Main Street. Sign up for the parade by emailing 101trailerandrvt@gmail.com. Entry \$25 per truck. Saturday, December 10, 5:30 pm.

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BACE show featuring Morillo, Aethernaut, Kapha and Alyra Rose: "This one is not to miss!" Tickets are \$20 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Saturday, December 10, 9 pm. BACE, 109 North Main Street.

Sunday, December 11

33rd Annual Willits Community Christmas Choral: At the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. December 11, 6 pm. 265 Margie Drive.

"All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914." Willits Community Theatre: WCT's December show runs through December 18. Sunday, December 11 show is at 2 pm. Tickets, \$20. Visit wctperformingartscenter.org. WCT, 37 West Van Lane. See December 9 and 10 listing for details.

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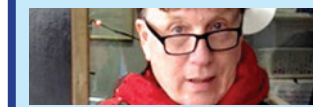
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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Strange World'

The Story: A Disney Company animated feature, a saga of the Clade family on a wild adventure into unimaginable danger in an underground world. It is a colorful terrain of bizarre creatures with not-so-friendly attitudes toward human beings.



Dan Essman
Columnist

Reagor Clade is a famous explorer who has been lost for 20 years. His son, Searcher Clade, is a farmer who grows bulbous

green vegetables that store electricity like batteries. His teenage son Ethan has never met his famous grandfather and rebels against his dad, Searcher, because farming is boring.

But now, something is killing the electricity bulbs. So, Searcher and his stowaway son, Ethan, set off on a journey to the "Strange World" where they are reunited with Reagor. Conflicts are resolved, and the mystery of the dying electricity bulbs is more or less solved.

My Thoughts: In biology: a clade is a group of organisms composed of a common ancestor and all its lineal descendants. I think, but am not sure, that this flick is being preachy about our current lifestyle as being dependent on a disappearing energy source.

Also, there is the suggestion that the world (our world) is a gigantic single organism, and that all creatures including us are living inside this (unnamed) gigantic organism. But whatever. The animation is beautiful and weird. The movie is fun to watch, and the one kid I interviewed loved the flick.

Parents: I'm really not sure what this movie is ultimately about beyond hooray for family and we all love one another. And really, that's OK.

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

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Movie Times for December 2 thru December 8

Good Farm Fund's "Winter Feast"

Barra Winery, Tuesday, December 6

"As the farming season draws to a close, it is time to gather and celebrate. Join us for the Good Farm Fund's Winter Feast Farm to Table Dinner at Barra Winery in Redwood Valley! Tuesday, December 6 from 5 to 9 pm. A team of local chefs, food businesses, and farmers will work collaboratively to create a Mediterranean-style meal. Among the contributors to the event will be Ruthie King and Headwaters Grazing

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Gift Bazaar
 Methodist Church raises funds for Christmas charity efforts
 An early event celebrating the Christmas season this
 year, the Willits United Methodist Church Gift Bazaar on
 November 19 offered the chance to buy Christmas baked
 goodies, candies. Homemade fruit spreads, and stocking
 stuffers.
 "We did really well with our bazaar, we're really pleased,"
 said Lorri Barker. "We made over \$1,000."
 The proceeds from the bazaar will go to help a
 family with Christmas this year, through the Willits Kids
 Christmas Program. "We're also going to give a donation
 to Community Crossroads," Barker said. "They provide a
 Christmas dinner on Christmas Day, with small gifts for the
 homeless."
 The Methodist Church is decorated for Christmas, and
 started its "Four Sundays of Advent" services on November
 27. Services, including on Christmas Sunday, are at 10:30
 am. "We welcome everybody to come celebrate Christmas
 with us," Barker said.
 – Jennifer Poole
 Above: Emily, Mary and Betty Lemmer sit with Pastor Rosemary Landry in front of plant plates, Christmas ornaments, and jewelry on
 offer at the Methodist Church Gift Bazaar. Below, left: Homemade scrubbies do a great job with dishes. Below, right: One of these big
 bottles of homemade vanilla extract could flavor a lot of treats.

Photos by Jennifer Poole

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Above, left: Willits Chamber celebrates Small Business Saturday with a table downtown at the old Rexall Parking lot. From left: Volunteer Susan Mahoney, Willits Chamber Board President Lisa Kvasnicka, and volunteer Davina Sentak. Above, right: Laura Rowland holds a plate of muffins outside her catering truck, The Ice Box. At left: A plate of the Ice Box's Morning Glory and Blueberry Oatmeal muffins. Below: The J.D. Redhouse crew on Small Business Saturday. Below, right: The glistening Christmas tree at J.D. Redhouse has ornaments and green tags listing a child's Christmas wishes to fulfill through the Willits Kids Christmas program.



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Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & Vinyl: "Sign-ups start at 4 pm. Game starts at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams of two, winner takes the pot! We'll have the games on all day. Beer, wine, pizza, we got everything you need!" Flying Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main Street.

Mendocino County Museum "History Makers: Correspondence": Wednesdays through December 21, 1 to 3 pm, and at the Holiday Express event on Saturday, December 4. "Join us as we explore the museum's exhibits and collections through our hands-on program: 'History Makers!' Inspired by our festive pop-up exhibit, 'Correspondence: A Gift for All Seasons,' December's History Makers will explore the tradition of letter writing. Staff will read stories and share letters and postcards from the museum's collection followed by a take-and-make greeting card activity. Participants are also invited to use our old-fashioned typewriter or try their hand at using a quill and ink." Visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street.

Willits Garden Club: meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am. The next meeting is on December 13. Potluck lunch, garden-related speakers and programs, at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 10755 Mobile Village Way. Info: willitsgardenclub.org.

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twice-monthly drive-thru food distribution in Willits, second and fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income seniors 60 or older), and diapers.

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!" The next show will be December 9. Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Moving Meditation Sunday Mornings at the WCA: Qigong & Taiji by Deviyana Livenh at the Willits Center for the Arts. "A practice designed to release tension, improve posture, and recharge energy." \$15 per class. For info call 310-990-8747, or email deviyanalivenh@gmail.com. Sundays 11 am to noon. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Traditional Tantra Yoga at the WCA, beginning December 3: Saturdays from 10 to 11 am with Laura Martinez Calderon at the Willits Center for the Arts. "Through the movement of your body, you'll bring yourself back into complete balance. In its essence, this way of yoga brings you back to a deep contact with your most intimate self." \$15. Bring, mat, comfortable clothes, and scarf. No experience needed, all levels welcome. For info, call 707-513-8265, or email brujazula@gmail.com. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

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

Saturday Scramble: "Every second and fourth Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, Tyler B hosts a Saturday Scramble. You're invited to bring any instrument you can play and sign up for a 'band' to perform a 15-minute set with other local musicians. Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!" The next show will be Saturday, December 10, 3 to 6 pm.

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 and more!" The next show will be Thursday, December 1, 7 pm.

Weekly Events at the Willits Library

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

Writer's Block Group: The Willits Library's first creative writing group, Wednesdays, from 5 to 6:30 pm. For beginning writers or those suffering from writer's block. "Open to young-adult and adult writers to share their ideas and writings in an environment of supportive and creative suggestions and feedback." Coordinated and hosted by Librarian Benjamin MacBean. Willits Library meeting room.

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

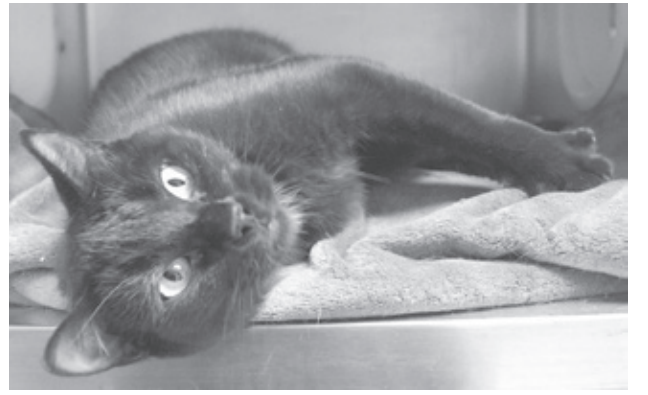
Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and Engineering Club:

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

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

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

Fury Friends Hoping for a Home



Affectionate Elsie

Elsie here is waiting for you to walk through the door and give her all the love possible. She is a lovely, sweet 1-year-old who has lots of energy but also knows how to be a mellow companion. She LOVES to be petted, and really enjoys some head scratches. She's gotten along well with other cats in the past.

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

Well-mannered Pretzel

Our spotlight senior this week is Pretzel. Pretzel was found wandering around Ridge Road in Willits. He was taken to animal control in Ukiah where sadly no owner was found. Animal Control, like many shelters during these times, sadly was at capacity, leaving Pretzel at risk of being euthanized. We were fortunate enough to be able to help

our friends over at Animal Control and take in five dogs. Pretzel is 7 years old but still has a lot of bounce in his step. He would love nothing more than to be a forever member of your family!

Have you heard about our Senior Sundays? Every Sunday, all dogs and cats over the age of 7

(and any long-term residents), including Pretzel, are FREE to loving homes!

We've had a lot of puppies this year! But did you know we also have some of the sweetest seniors, and they need homes too? Some of the benefits of adopting a senior dog include:

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- Senior dogs are often used to living in a home or family and appreciate being "home" again
- Senior dogs are often more calm and less demanding with exercise

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.mendohumane.org, our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

Snuggly Buddy

Buddy is a sweet, older, gentle boy. He burrows under the covers in bed (yes, he wants to be with his people) and is a prime couch potato! All he really needs is some quiet to come into his own. He is patient and prefers to sit on laps and hug. He is low-energy and low-maintenance! Although he is shy at first, he will make a permanent residence on your lap once he knows you're cool. He is looking for a dog-savvy home to rest his head.

Buddy is learning how to be on a leash, so a patient adopter with a yard would be best-suited for this guy. Buddy would benefit from having another confident dog in the home to show him how much fun he can have being leashed and going for walks and hikes!

To learn more about Buddy or view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.




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Above, left: Painter Salvador Andrade stands in front of a portrait of his friend, Julieta. Above, right: Salvador Andrade's paintings are on exhibit at Northspur Brewing Co. Below: This painting interprets "My Life with the Wave," by noted Mexican poet Octavio Paz.




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Art and Ale

Painter Salvador Andrade's modern portraits on display at Northspur Brewing Co. through December

Twenty-eight-year-old Willits artist Salvador Andrade has been honing his craft for more than 10 years, since his high school days in his native Guadalajara, Mexico. His early inspirations came from legendary Mexican painters like José Clemente Orozco, a Mexican caricaturist and painter who specialized in political murals, and the well-known Diego Rivera, who together established the Mexican Muralism Movement in the early 20th century.

Andrade named another influential Mexican muralist and architect, Juan O'Gorman, who was commissioned to build a house for Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, later devoting himself to murals, including 4,000 square meters of mosaic murals covering the Central Library at the National Autonomous University in Mexico City.

Andrade first came across the work of these pioneering artists in books that he sought out as a teenager. He credits them and others with his interest in making large-scale

paintings, many of which can be seen now at Northspur Brewing Co.

His unique swirling brushwork extends from his principal subjects, which are usually focused on the female figure, into the paintings' backgrounds, giving his large images a somewhat surrealistic feel. He has used his friends as subjects thus far, incorporating background elements from photographs and from his imagination.

Another of his inspirations is poetry. His favorite poems often find their way into his work, including in one of the paintings showing currently at the brewery, the background of which features a prose poem by Octavio Paz entitled "My Life with the Wave."

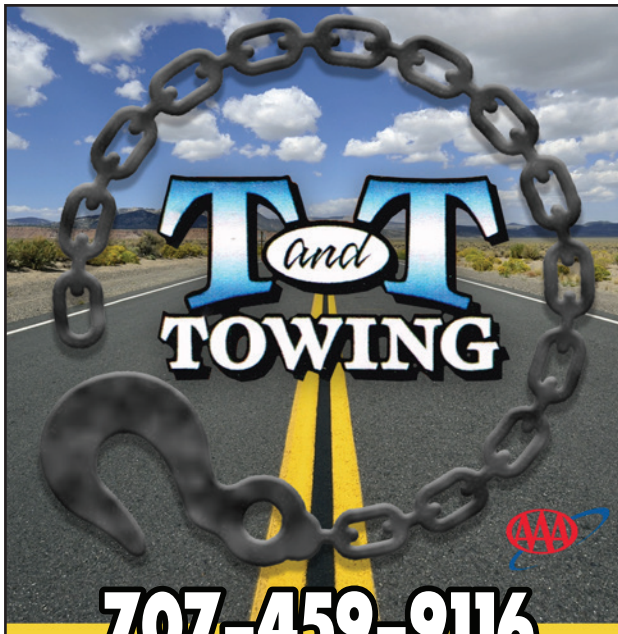
The young artist, who came to Willits 10 years ago, has been studying painting (while holding down a full-time job) with Lisa Rosenstreich at Mendocino College, who he

Read the rest of **Art** Over on page 15

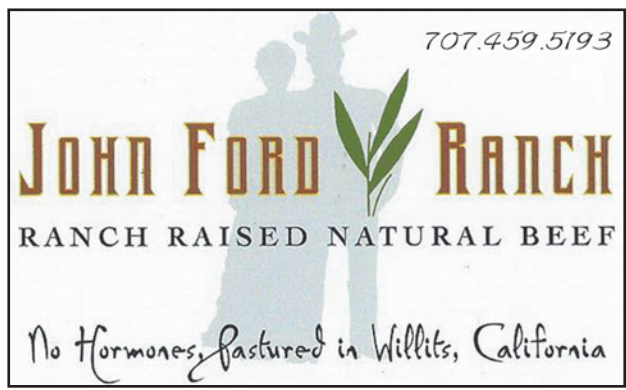
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The rest of **Art** From page 14

commends for her knowledge and encouragement. He also credits Willits leading light Holly Madrigal for her support, along with Gary Martin and the Willits Center for the Arts.

Andrade tells the story of a painting that he donated to the WCA, which the organization was able to sell for \$600. Martin then contacted him offering him gallery space for his first one-man exhibit, an experience that inspired him to continue his painting and his art education.

Andrade has worked hard to get where he is in his artistic journey, but he is just getting started.

"I would love to do some serious mural painting," he said. "That is my dream."

The Andrade collection of paintings can be seen at Northspur Brewing Co., located at 101 North Main Street, through the month of December. Brewery hours are Sundays from noon to 8 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 9 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 10 pm. The brewery is presently closed on Mondays.

The rest of **Toy Run** From page 3

Robinson, Lynn Kennelly, Neil Orr, Shelley "Sugar Shaker" Revling, and most recently Glen Helton, who passed away in November.

The full house crowd, many dressed in their "colors," enjoyed a lunch of Big Earl's tasty BBQ chicken, and many plates of delicious donated sides, extras and desserts, dished out by a crew of friendly volunteers. "Pops" Venturi exhorted the crowd to bid on the silent and live auction items, and the pile of donated unwrapped toys in the hallway just kept getting bigger as more people arrived.

Those interested in helping out with the Willits Kids Christmas Program can check out the "tag trees" – Christmas trees decorated with tags with the Christmas wishes of a child participating in the program – at J.D. Redhouse, Adventist Health Howard Memorial, and Les Schwab Tire Center.

Volunteers – can you help wrap presents? – can also check out Santa's Workshop, this year set up in the old Willits News office, 77 West Commercial Street.

Check out the "Willits Christmas Program" page on Facebook for more information about this now three-decades-old program that has helped make Christmas brighter for so many Willits kids and families over the years.

The rest of **Dinner** From page 5

the end of their sentences in the community, in lieu of confinement in state prison. These guys are the lowest-custody inmates in the State of California when they're at camp.

"In order to qualify," shared Stein, "they have to be non-violent felons. They have a criterion they have to meet. The counselors at the institutional level go through their files and determine that they're non-violent felons and they have to meet a certain time constraint as to how much time they have left to serve."

In any event, these particular inmates have been a welcome addition to the group of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide the Thanksgiving meals to anyone who comes through the door or to those who are homebound and have arranged for deliveries.

Among the volunteers are such locals as Kapila Phoenix, owner of La Siciliana Restaurant & Pizzeria, who was not cooking but just wished to be of help.

"I'm volunteering wherever they need me. I don't have a family and I heard about this from my friends. It's my first time doing this," Phoenix stated.

Mare Miller was in charge of the salads, preparing and delivering to the tables. Melinda Clarke, one of the board members for the Willits Community Services Food Bank, found herself very useful making gravy and filling in wherever needed, as did Dr. John Glycer, who helped to organize and ensure smooth operations in the dining room. Of course, Community Services Executive Director Ruthanne Volz was instrumental in organizing the event. Many more volunteers helped to make this as smooth an operation as possible.

Michelle Hutchins, superintendent of Mendocino County Schools, volunteered her time, along with her husband, Jim Devine, and her son, Logan.

"My job is to count how many meals leave that kitchen," Hutchins explained. "This is a great event. It's so good to see everybody actually get to sit down to a meal together after just doing the bag meals last year. There are lots of smiles. People are happy. It's an excellent community event. It's a Willits tradition. If you're anybody, you're here helping out."

All in all, the Senior Center and Food Bank prepared to serve a total of approximately 500 meals.

"We'll keep serving until the food runs out," said Baker. "We're planning on serving from 11 am to 3 pm but no one will be turned away as long as we have food left."

In addition to the in-house servings, according to Glycer, 20 meals were to go out to the homeless and another approximately 80 Meals-On-Wheels to the homebound.

Around noon, two special guests made their appearance with a very welcome gift for the Willits Community Services. Greg and Tanya Musgrave of Family Tree Service gifted Volz with a check for \$27,000.

"We were driving by the other day and saw the fundraising sign and we figured it was a good time of the year to do something like this," said Greg Musgrave.

A good time of year, indeed, for giving, sharing, and enjoying the company of those whom they haven't seen for far too long.



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become part of the Buddhist community in Talmage. About four years ago, I took an art workshop from Miss Rossi Jensen. The subject was acrylic pour painting and I absolutely took to it like a duck to water.

"After Rossi's workshop," shared Laughton, "I became passionate about art in a way that I never knew was possible. Before that, all of my attempts had been a dismal series of mistakes and failures that left me feeling more and more dissatisfied with the idea that I could ever be an artist. Once I found acrylic pouring, everything changed."

Donna Schindel brought her intricate French beaded flowers.

"It's a practice that started in the 1500s," told Schindel, "and has gone through a number of resurgences over the years. This is a very intricate process that takes quite a bit of time. There are a lot of pieces and a lot of assembly. I sometimes go from photographs and sometimes out of my head. This one is just fantastical. There's probably a flower that looks just like that," she said as she pointed to one of her creations.

"The wooden bases are from Greg, my husband. He's always been a woodworker. I needed something to mount them in. Some of these are made from manzanita and some are redwood. This is the first time we've been in any kind of major show," said Schindel.

One of the exhibits included a magnifying glass in



Above, left: These metal suns, from Morgan Rex, make excellent gifts for any home. Above, right: WCA Curator Gary Martin stands next to a beautifully decorated tree; he spent a week on the holiday exhibit decorations.

order to discern the detail on the minuscule paintings. Bobbie Yokum started working on these during the COVID lockdown, despite Gary Martin's admonitions to "make them bigger." These pieces, being so small, can fit almost anywhere.

Elizabeth Raybee, well-known Mendocino mosaic artist, brought three small, whimsical pieces from her collection. She, additionally, is working on several pieces for the upcoming Willits Center for the Arts Craft Fair which runs December 9 and 10 at the Willits Community Center.

Morgan Rex showed several small metal flowers and some wall art which he crafts at his gallery in the plaza behind Kelly's Diner.

"It's a great place to do some Christmas shopping," said WCA board member Lexi Halleck. "Yesterday, on Black Friday, we had the opening and not everything was even set up yet, and we had people coming in and buying Christmas presents already. This is one of the rare shows we have where you can purchase art and take it immediately, not having to wait until the show closes. During the Crafts Fair we are going to offer to wrap the purchases at no cost."

The Members' Small Works Show runs until Christmas at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. The hours are: Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more information, call 459-1726, email manager@willitscenterforhearts.org, or visit the Willits Center for the Arts Facebook page or www.willitscenterforhearts.org.



Above: Willits Community Theatre actors portray the famous Christmas truce of 1914, where Allied and German troops laid down their arms and joined in a celebration of Christmas.

Christmas truce of 1914 portrayed in the musical drama 'All is Calm' at Willits Community Theatre December 9 - 18

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

"All Is Calm," a musical portrayal of the famous Christmas truce of 1914, will play at Willits Community Theatre from December 9 through 18. The song-centered drama written by Peter Rothstein is directed by Michael A'Dair, with musical direction by Janice Hawthorne Timm and costumes by Kathy Vellis.

The play is based on an amazing occurrence during the first Christmas Eve of World War I, when the Allied and German troops in the trenches along the Western Front in Belgium laid down their arms, and sang themselves across no-man's-land into an unsanctioned truce. Drawn from journals, letters, radio broadcasts, songs of the era, and even gravestones, the story of the truce is told through the voices of the people who were there and experienced it.

"It was the power of singing and music," said musical director Timm, "that first brought these soldiers together and caused them to lay down their arms. They discovered what they had in common.


"People who make music together cannot be enemies," said Timm, referring to the saying that still holds true. "That is what happened there," she said. The show features 27 songs, including several traditional Christmas carols – all sung a cappella.

"We hope," said Timm, "that the performances of 'All is Calm' will help do the same for our own community: bring people together and give us a respite from the hectic pace of the holiday season and the demands of our world."

Starring in the production are Eddie Haehl, Bhavvy Ducharme, Andante Joseph Silveira, Jeff Shipp, Eric Ward, Lisa Wilcox, David Stroock, Kevin H.C. Moore and Pat Nunes.

The show opens Friday December 9, and will play for only two weeks. Shows on December 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 begin at 7:30 pm; with Sunday matinees on December 11 and 18 beginning at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 for all shows except the Thursday, December 15 show which are \$15. Tickets are available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door.

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At top, left: A charming carriage shed with windows remains on Commercial Street. At top, right: A weathered old barn can be seen along Exley Lane, on the west side of town. Above: A large redwood barn at the top of East Hill Road is still in decent shape. At right: This crusty little shed can be seen along East Side Road. Below, left: A small shake-shingled-roof shed remains on Exley Lane. Below, right: A very old farm building out in the valley stands tall along Hearst-Willits Road.

Photos by Debbie Boone Harry



Shabby Chic

Old barns and carriage sheds provide a peek into the past and captivate with their rustic charm

Many locals know the most well-known barn in the area is the Seabiscuit barn, at Ridgewood Ranch. But, while traveling around Willits and Little Lake Valley, there are many old, weather-beaten barns and sheds. Some are still serving their purpose as shelters for animals, equipment and feed, while others are showing the effects of time in a nostalgic way that catches the eye.

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As the light of changing seasons beams through loosened planks and missing doors, the venerable structures slowly transform into historic works of art. Sometimes, Mother Nature embraces them with old roses and berry vines, adopting them into the landscape. It seems the more dilapidated they are, the more we love them.

They are much sought after as subjects that inspire artists and photographers, yet they also become commonplace sights. Often, it's only when they abruptly collapse, that people realize how much they enjoyed seeing them.

Aside from the classic barns seen around Willits, there are many weathered old sheds of all sizes and uses, from little pump houses to carriage sheds.

Carriage sheds were down-sized versions of carriage houses, when large buildings were needed to keep horses and buggies. As cars became more common, carriage houses began getting smaller, eventually becoming one-room shelters that led to the modern-day garage. A few charming examples of carriage sheds can still be found in the neighborhoods around Willits.

In these times of prefabricated construction and high-tech materials, old barns and outbuildings offer a vanishing glimpse of days gone by.

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Get your photo taken with the Grinch on Sunday, December 4 at the Educational Toy Depot during the Commercial Street Block Party.

Commercial Street Block Party December 4

Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot and Ace Copy & Shipping owners Saprina and Martin Rodriguez are hosting a Commercial Street Holiday Block Party, Sunday, December 4 from 10 am to 4 pm. We have 37 vendors registered so far.

There will be booths on Commercial Street and in the Courtyard at the end of the block next to the train station.

Our Grinch will be available for photos in our Toy Depot's Winter Wonderland. Stop in the store, 62 East Commercial Street, and register for your photo shoot between 10 am and 4 pm. The \$5 donation per group goes to our professional photographer, Maureen Jennison. Digital photos will be available for download.

We have two food vendors attending. There is no cost to participate. Toy Depot has over 10,000 items for Christmas, and EVERYTHING is 15% off!

Ace Copy & Shipping, 280 East Commercial Street, is hosting a grand opening. Come check out the location for all your holiday shipping needs.

– Submitted by Commercial Street Holiday Block Party



Holiday Fun this Weekend in Willits



Santa Claus is coming to town

Come smile with Santa at J.D. Redhouse on Saturday, December 3

Santa will be back in town, but this year, it's just for one day only! He's a busy man, after all, but he'll be available from 10 am to 4 pm at J.D. Redhouse to smile and snap photos with as many as possible. As usual, digital images are \$5 each and will be available as digital downloads. This year there's no appointments, just come drop by and hop in line, and there's always ice cream and hot coffee from J.D. Redhouse's Sweet Shop to enjoy while you wait!

– Maureen Jennison



Roots Holiday Express

Roots of Motive Power will be kicking off the holiday season with trains, toys, treats and, Santa, too! Saturday, December 3 from 11 am to 4 pm we will be giving FREE train rides, and Santa with his elf will be there to visit with, too! There will be free goodies, while they last. The Sober Grad kids will be selling hot lunch and hot cocoa. Breaking news: We will have a singing group performing Christmas Carols in the engine house at 12:30 and 3:15 pm. Our neighbors at the Mendocino County Museum will have free admission during the event and are running their "History Makers: Correspondence" exhibit where kids can write and send a letter to Santa. Roots is also doing a raffle for a wagon full of toys. We only do this one day a year, rain or shine, so bundle up and come enjoy the fun!

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At top: Some of Organic Attire's beautiful hand-dyed organic cotton shirts. Below: Gary and Janae Stephens of Organic Attire.



Organic Attire

Hand-dyed, hand-printed organic cotton clothing with nature themes

Janae and Gary Stephens are young-at-heart visual artists who have been working together for almost 50 years. They live and work on a solar- and hydro-powered homestead in the coastal range SW of Willits where they built and designed a solar passive home and studio.

They work together as Organic Attire, having created a line of unique, hand-dyed and hand-printed organic cotton clothing with a nature theme of flora and fauna.

Each Organic Attire garment is their "canvas." They start with organic cotton fabric, design their clothing with a pattern maker, and then work with a company in San Francisco that cuts and sews their garments to their specifications. They then hand-dye each garment and apply their artwork with a combination of block-printing, screen printing, and hand-painting. They dye and print their garments in small batches.

Their special dying technique produces a beautiful,

35th annual Willits Crafts Fair

December 9 and 10 at the Willits Community Center

softly textured background for their artwork. They use random dye and low immersion dye methods, immersing their clothing in a low impact, fiber reactive dye bath, which they fix with soda ash, so that the color is permanent. Then they wash and dry the dyed clothing so that every piece is preshrunk.

They block-print, screen print and/or hand paint on the front and back of each garment with wonderfully vibrant non-toxic, water-based acrylic inks that produce a print that is soft to the touch and long-lasting.

They use organically grown cotton knit because it is easy to care for and does not need to be ironed. The organically grown cotton is milled in the USA and is a soft and durable material that looks and feels great.

Janae and Gary can be contacted through their website, www.organicattire.com or their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/organicattire>



Above: Wolfgang Ronnefeldt of Mendocino Medicinal will offer his salves and tinctures, and Karen Gridley will offer her quilted potholders, purses and tote bags at the Willits Craft Fair.

Karen Gridley & Wolfgang Ronnefeldt

Colorful quilted potholders, bags and healing salves

Karen Gridley and Wolfgang Ronnefeldt are thinking like Santa's elves again this fall, creating beautiful and functional gift items to purchase for yourself or loved ones for the holidays.

Wolfgang's healing salves and medicinal tinctures – Mendocino Medicinals – can be purchased locally, but the Willits Art Center craft show provides a wonderful opportunity to see his full range of products, including herbal salves that soothe arthritic aches and pains and ease skin conditions, and tinctures that strengthen memory and aid bone strength. The fair also offers an opportunity to discuss personally with Ronnefeldt about other healing tinctures using the medicinal properties of locally grown cannabinoids.

Ronnefeldt has been involved with medicinal plants and herbs most of his life. He grew up in Germany, a country that has a tradition of respecting and integrating herbal remedies into modern medical approaches to illness and disease. Mendocino County is fortunate to have a number of herbalists like Ronnefeldt to assist in selecting remedies that will work for you.

Visit <http://mendocinomedicinal.com/> to learn more.

Karen Gridley has been making tote bags, purses, and potholders out of beautiful fabrics that she has had quilted for over 28 years. She sells her potholders in stores throughout Mendocino County with assistance from Thea Cohen. Karen plans to have a large selection of her most popular potholders at the fair, and a stack of what might be the last chance at a Gridley tote bag, which promises to wear well for the next 25 years!

Ridgewood Ranch

Icelandic sheepskins, Lopi yarn, dried flowers and wreaths, and other agricultural goods

This year, Ridgewood Ranch is sending goods produced by the exciting group of farmers and ranchers all growing intentional, high-quality agricultural products.

Headwaters Grazing will be selling their beautiful Icelandic sheepskins in a stunning array of colors and textures. Lopi yarn and needle felting kits will be available as well!

Dried flower arrangements and wreaths from Golden Rule Gardens will be available, as well as other value-added products from the gardens: Local flour and beans from Mendocino Grain Project, jams and ferments from Black Dog Farm, and all sorts of other goods from the Golden Rule community!

Below: Icelandic sheepskins from Headwaters Grazing at Ridgewood Ranch will be available at the Willits Craft Fair in a wide array of colors and textures.



Thornkat Kids

Lovely dresses and accessories, tote bags and pillows, too

Helena Thornton of Thornkat Kids, Mendocino, will be one of the vendors at the 2022 Willits Community Craft Fair. "I have a children's clothing line I've been making for 30 years," Helena said. "The first dress was designed and made for my 2-year-old daughter when we moved to Maui from Alaska, and I've been making it ever since."

"I like to use unique fabric combinations to create my dresses – there will be hats, purses, and hair bows to match," she said.

Thornkat Kids will also be offering tote bags and pillows made using vintage fabrics at the Willits fair.

Visit <https://thornkatkids.com/> or www.facebook.com/handcraftedkidsweare to see more.

Above, far left: A cupboard full of beautiful handcrafted pillows in holiday colors. Above, left: Thornkat Kids' Sunflower Dress is a timeless favorite trimmed with large black and white dots perfect for any season. Wear in spring and summer or with a long-sleeve top or sweater for fall and winter. These dresses are made with loads of ruffled fabric for a twirly spinning dress. Accessories in the motif also available. Above: Tote bags created with bold vintage fabrics in holiday colors. Below: Christmas pillows crafted from vintage fabric add a touch of festivity to holiday season décor. At bottom: This Thornkat Kids dress features loads of ladybugs and white dots. Did you know that a bunch of ladybugs is called "a loveliness"? Ladybug hat, purse, hair bows and hair bands available separately.

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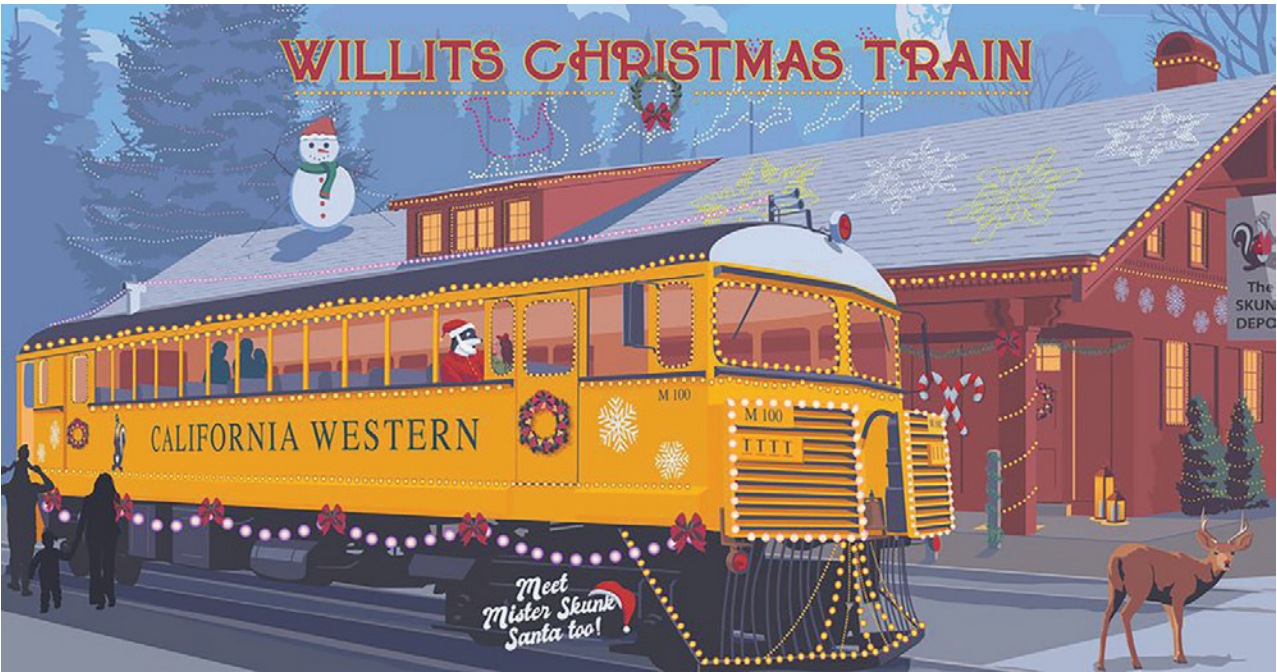
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The previous record, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, was a 221 foot Douglas fir, erected and decorated at Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington way back in 1950. No one has challenged the record, until now!

Hop on a holiday train from Willits, off Highway 101, to see this marvel. The 16-mile roundtrip rail journey into the redwood forest brims with cheer as guests enjoy reindeer

games, Christmas carols, and seasonal treats (including adult beverages for mom and dad).

On return to the Willits train depot, guests are invited to climb aboard a historic "Skunk" motorcar for a special photo opportunity with Mr. Skunk himself.

Trains have been added to allow for an expanded schedule for those wishing to catch this record-breaking event and celebrate the holidays in Christmas-train style.

The Willits "Mr. Skunk and the Giant Christmas Tree" trains run through December 31. Trips are approximately two hours. Tickets are \$59.95 per person. Pricing is available for dogs and VIP passes.

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