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Like a 4-foot-tall beauty queen, the January 12 Willits City Council meeting was short and sweet. The council approved some routine payments, a red no-parking curb at the new firehouse, and ongoing minor street repairs. Not much else.

Things were as quiet as a deserted train station, waiting for the Midnight Special that doesn't run anymore.

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Mendocino County Public Health broke records with its post-three-day-weekend COVID dashboard update Tuesday, reporting 527 new cases of COVID-19 identified in Mendocino County since the last update on Friday, January 14.

There have been a total of 10,248 COVID cases reported by Public Health since the beginning of the pandemic in Mendocino County.

These case numbers, as Public Health Officer Andy Coren MD explains during

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**By Sgt. Miguel Vazquez
for MCSO**

On January 16, 2022 at approximately 8:19 am, California Highway Patrol officers requested assistance from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office regarding a pursuit in Laytonville.

While responding, Sheriff's Office Dispatch informed deputies the driver had stopped in the 100 block of Branscomb Road. Deputies were advised the driver was refusing to obey any verbal commands and was threatening "suicide by cop."

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SWAT
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Above: Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County Administrative Director Jenny Hanzlik, right, and HSMIC maintenance man, Alex Aleman, smile with the adoptable, 4-month-old, mixed-breed pup, Storm, and a \$100 donation made in Betty White's honor on what would have been her 100th birthday, January 17. Below: Adoptable sweetie Queen Anne, the 1.5-year-old black-and-white cat who "runs the cattery," looks as amused as a cat can with the \$100 donation which will help purchase around 10 litter bags for her – and her cat subjects' – use. Hanzlik said that as of Wednesday morning, over \$10,000 has been raised for HSMIC from the #BettyWhiteChallenge.

Americans encouraged to donate to local animal shelters
to honor the late Betty White for her 100th birthday



Below, left: Betty White hugs Pontiac, a golden retriever she acquired from Guide Dogs for the Blind in 2005.

Courtesy Betty White / Guide Dogs for the Blind

Below, right: Donations to HSMC are 100 percent tax-deductible as the shelter runs as a non-profit. Receipts are provided to donors.

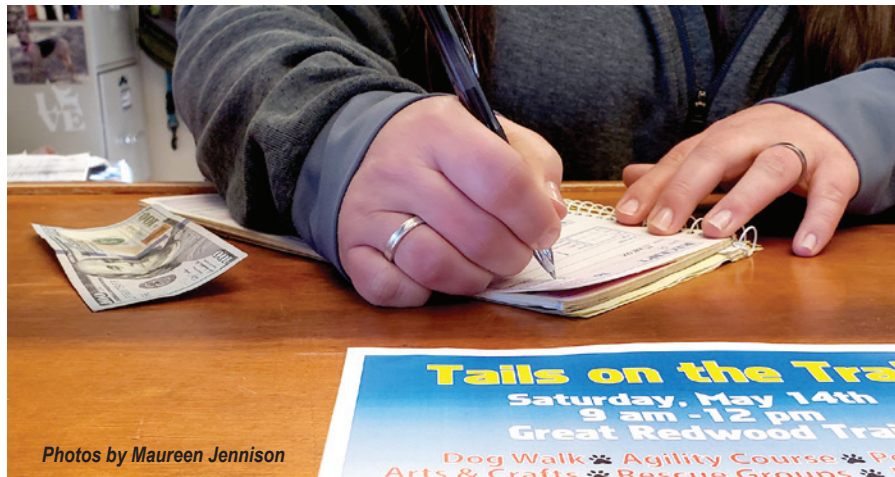
If there's one thing that we dare assume everyone in America can agree on at this point in time, is that on December 31, 2021, we all lost an amazing treasure: actress and activist Betty White.

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White was beloved by millions for her sense of humor, acting talents, and love of animals. After her passing on New Year's Eve last month, the internet offered a challenge to the nation to honor White on January 17, the date that would have been her 100th birthday: Donate to a local animal shelter, something White would have loved.

The #BettyWhiteChallenge was accepted all across the nation, and even in our own little corner of the country, too, with a \$100 donation made on Monday, January 17 to the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County ... one that hopefully inspires many others to also donate, too. (\$100 for White's 100th birthday? \$31 for the day she passed? \$15 for the number of chickens you own? \$168 for the number of episodes of "The Mary Tyler Moore

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Betty White | *Over on Page 10*



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Like everything and everybody else, Willits Unified struggles to maintain functionality amidst the ever-changing COVID landscape.

With Omicron surging, the January 12 Board of Trustees meeting reverted to an all-zoom format, and school board members received a snapshot of the current state of affairs.

Willits Teachers Association president Tessa Ford

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The Brooktrails Community Services District Board of Directors met on January 11 via Zoom.

Director Tony Orth shared that he had recent interactions with the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in regard to the strategic planning process. "I asked that within the next five-year period, as soon as possible," he said, "to reactivate the Brooktrails second-access project now that there's identified federal and state funding programs becoming available; and with MCOG having made it one of six projects available for that – that we

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Brooktrails
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**Submitted by the Office
of State Sen. McGuire,
Sacramento**

Senator Mike McGuire (D-North Coast) was named Majority Leader of the California State Senate by Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins. This makes Senator McGuire the second-highest ranking member of the State Senate, and he will be working with the Senate President to lead the Senate in the months and years to come.

“With bold leadership

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McGuire
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters
from our readers

Together as a community

To the Editor:

When people see me in my scrubs, many emotively thank me for taking care of sick people. I accept that gratitude for myself and for my fellow nurses. We, like the teachers and other essential workers, have been at the frontlines of this pandemic, and are as exhausted as all of you are, but perhaps more so.

Being "essential" means our work is critical to the functioning of society. With many of us leaving the workforce due to illness, trauma, or sheer exhaustion, others have to step in and work even harder, which is not sustainable in the long run. When our essential workforce cannot keep up with the work, all of us suffer.

Here are some ways that you can show us your gratitude. If you are in healthcare administration, please take care of your employees and contractors at a time when they are putting their lives at risk to keep working. When I was a nurse practitioner at a local clinic, I offered to fill in as an ICU nurse per diem early in the pandemic, but learned from my employer that I did not have a safety net for illness or disability other than the small and insufficient amount that the state provided.

The high cost of healthcare not covered by insurance for some, from healthcare providers to janitorial staff, adds to the already high level of stress from the potential risk of getting sick.

If you are a local employer or supervisor, please provide the most protective measures that you can for your staff and customers, who are your neighbors. Err on the side of caution and do not allow anyone sick to enter your establishment. Give your employees the assurance that they will be taken care of until they recover.

If you are a member of the public, inform yourself about the science, which is being updated frequently as we learn more about the disease. These new variants act a bit differently from the first ones, so many recommendations have changed.

Please get vaccinated, continue to wear a mask, sanitize your hands, and limit your time indoors with other people for the next few weeks until this wave passes. Do not mingle with others if you have symptoms, get tested, and isolate as needed.

Talk to your friends and families about these measures, but please do not shame anyone for not being vaccinated. Their decisions are usually founded on deep-seated fears and tightly held beliefs about some harm happening to them. We should seek to listen to them, understand and calm their fears, and continue to treat them with love and respect.

Lastly, as we continue to physically distance, let us avoid socially isolating, which is hurting all of us. Call and check

in on your neighbors; hug your kids; wave and smile with your eyes when you're wearing a mask; be kind. We have to and are going to get through this together as a community.

Medie Jesena Parrott, Willits

Senior Center in need of volunteers

To the Editor:

Our Willits Senior Center is in desperate need of volunteers. As a non-profit we depend on volunteers to help us with the many activities here at the center. These volunteers play an integral part in our ability to provide out-of-town doctor visits, Meals on Wheels, and outreach services. Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community.

We are losing one of our most dedicated full-time volunteers in March. Dorcas Potter will be turning 90 and has decided that it's time to retire. She has volunteered in our thrift store since September of 2001. It's difficult to find that kind of dedication anymore.

Carol O'Farrell will be cutting back her hours for a while and will only be coming in occasionally. Carol has been working four days a week for many years now, and we don't know what to do without her smiling face every morning. She is very loyal to our thrift store. The back room will miss both these ladies.

Our Meals on Wheels has used volunteers for years to help deliver meals to those who are in need and cannot cook for themselves. A hot meal is readily available five days a week with a green salad on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

These drivers are often the only outside contact our clients have during the day. We would be lost without the help of our Brooktrails drivers who deliver to those areas in Brooktrails that our truck does not deliver to. Until recent months we used volunteers to deliver meals to our clients in town and out in the valley as well.

Frances Neumeyer is our housing (section 8) outreach worker and has been volunteering for us since 2016. Frances volunteers for us one day a week, usually Mondays, helping seniors on fixed incomes secure long-term housing.

We are truly grateful to all those who volunteer for us here at the Senior Center and in our community. Without volunteers like those mentioned we could not keep our doors open.

The Senior Center is re-opening on January 17. We are following the current Mendocino County Public Health Orders, masks must be worn indoors unless you are eating, and you will be asked to provide proof of full vaccination.

Deb Holcomb,
administrative coordinator, Senior Center

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center's indoor dining room has reopened, as of January 17. The Senior Center will continue serving 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 \$5 through March 31, 2022

Thursday, January 20: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Roll, Green Salad

Friday, January 21: Beef & Amish Noodles, Veggie, Roll

Monday, January 24: Ground Beef Burrito, wet with Red Sauce

Tuesday, January 25: Turkey Burger

Tacos, Rice & Beans, Green Salad

Wednesday, January 26: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans

Thursday, January 27: Beef Stir Fry, Green Salad

Friday, January 28: Turkey, Stuffing w/Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Roll

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

Museum tour postponed

The Behind the Scenes Tour at the Mendocino County Museum and Roots of Motive Power has been postponed. We will not offer the tour in January in an effort to fully comply with the new Public Health Advisory about public gatherings.

The Behind the Scenes Tour series will begin Saturday, February 26. Tours will also be offered on the last Saturday of March and April.

Check our website for updates and registration information. The Mendocino County Museum will remain open during regular hours and looks forward to your visit.

— Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency



Above: Shalee Johnson has several areas set up within the studio for different light and moods. At top, left: A woman poses for a boudoir shot at Impressions Studio. At top, right: Shalee Johnson shows one of her many options for delivery of the photos. At right: Impressions Studio's boudoir area is set up for a photo shoot. At right, below: A young girl poses for a fairy photo in the redwoods.

Positive Self-Visualization

Photographer Shalee Johnson improves her subjects' self-image by capturing their inner and outer beauty at her new Impressions Studio

For Shalee Johnson, photography is a business, an art, and a passion. After having received a camera as a gift just a few years ago, Johnson began to see the world through a fresh perspective of emotions and patterns, and saw a path to make real change in the manner in which people see themselves and the world around them.

Her new Impressions Studio was born of necessity and love of the art, when she lost her good-paying job in the cannabis industry. With her life at a crossroads, she decided to dive deep into the visual world and upsize her studio. She wanted to create a sustaining business out of her personal construct of how she could improve the lives of women and families through the process of positive self-visualization.

Johnson, true to that vision, does not do any type of photography where she does not believe that she can fully express herself or add to the well-being of her subjects. To that end, she specializes in boudoir photography in which she and the subject laugh, pose and create images that express the essential inner and outer beauty, sometimes hidden, within all of her clients. She also works with children and families, creating dynamic scenes of love and fantasy.

"I started doing photography officially in 2016 as a business," Johnson recounts. "My mother-in-law bought me a camera. I'd walk around the forest in different places, finding 'letters,' like making the letter 'E' out of a fence line. I'd take pictures of those and then put them together to make people's last names.

"I started doing portrait photography in 2016," she said. "I started with the fairy pictures with my kids. I posted them and then had people saying that they wanted fairy pictures. Then I thought that I could make something out of this and my fairy pictures have evolved and improved."

Sometimes life and fate lead one down roads that work out to enhance one's life and create a path to personal

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Photo by
Shalee
Johnson



Photos by
Mathew
Caine



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Shalee
Johnson

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Rotary Club continues Student Debt Assistance Program

Submitted by Rotary Club of Willits

The Rotary Club of Willits Student Debt Assistance Program has announced that for the second year, we will be taking applications from Willits area (95490) residents for assistance to help pay down their student loan debt.

The goal of the program is to encourage local area college or career tech school graduates, who are active in the community, to stay in the Willits area.

The Rotary Club of Willits Student Debt Assistance Program (SDAP) was formed using local donations, in August 2020. In spring of 2021, Willits Rotary awarded 10 Willits area residents grants of \$300 per month for 12 months. Many of those recipients have expressed their gratitude for the assistance and have made headway in paying down their student debt.

Applications are available January 15, 2022, and the deadline for the completed applications is February 19, 2022.

Our club continues to welcome donations to this fund so we can continue to serve Willits area residents in need of student loan assistance. You can send checks, with a notation that they go to the "Willits SDAP account."

Rotary Club of Willits is an IRS 501(c) (3) charitable foundation. For applications, please send an email to: willitsdap@gmail.com

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HOW TO
SUDOKU

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

PET CARE WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- Breathe noisily
- ___ Nui, Easter Island
- Reddish browns
- Simple shoes
- Produce alcohol illegally
- Home to famed golf tournament
- Tax collector
- Famous people
- Urban area
- Units of syllable weight
- Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- Dismounted
- Actor Damon
- Vietnamese offensive
- Retail term
- Netted
- Partner to carrots
- Witnesses
- Caulked
- Satisfy
- R&B performer ___ Lo
- Monetary units of Macao
- Give advice, explain

- Possesses
- Turn back
- Gentlemen
- One who fertilizes
- Italian monk title (prefix)
- Parties
- Type of horse
- Cuts in half
- Raises
- Expresses contempt or disgust
- Ancient Italian-Greek colony

- enterprises
- A way to be
- Monies given in support
- Fashion accessory
- Steal
- Becomes less intense
- Geological times
- Hooray!
- Monetary unit
- Male reproductive organs
- Earnings
- Close by
- Small integers
- Fixed in place
- Used to treat Parkinson's disease
- Large, imposing building
- A rooflike shelter
- Stiff, hairlike structure
- Print errors
- To show disapproval
- Body of traditions
- Without
- ___ Clapton, musician
- Dangerous illegal drug
- Infrequent
- Sound unit

CLUES DOWN

- Illinois city
- One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
- Young form of a louse
- Type of powder
- Finger millet
- Share a common boundary
- Assumed as a fact
- Provide clear evidence of
- Invests in little

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was first up, and her snapshot was bleak – from things not working to work not getting done.

"The staff shortages are impacting every department, and it's been really hard on everybody ... not just hard, impossible," she said.

For example:

"There's no fulltime PE teacher still. Teachers at Blosser are getting at most one hour of prep time a week, which is not sufficient to develop lesson plans.

"Sherwood teachers are cleaning because of custodial shortages.

"Due to custodial shortages [at Brookside], the rooms are not being cleaned at night. Baechtel Grove reports custodian shortages. The rooms, the floors, and the tables are not being cleaned daily as we need them to be.

"Sanhedrin is in need of a working copy machine. At Brookside, they have not had a copier for three months. At Blosser, we have no copier at present. We have not had a copier for several months because it's been broken more often than not. And the district office copier has been down. So teachers at all the sites are really struggling."

With respect to the copier woes, Superintendent Joe Aldridge said: "We are as frustrated as everyone else. We started the process at the beginning of the school year ... calling and trying to get things fixed.

"They're like any other industry," he explained. "They're very overwhelmed with the repairs and getting machines to us."

Despite one ruffled feather, Ford's dismal portrait was mostly met with words of praise and support.

California School Employees Association president Dan Green was the one not pleased.

"I don't think we should put down the custodians," he said. "We have custodians from one site doing two sites every night. They've agreed to help out.

"We got folks in grounds doing maintenance work. We got people all over the place helping with driving," he continued. "We're putting it together and making it work, and I don't think it's time we should be bashing, badgering anybody for not doing their job.

"That's completely out of line and wrong. We're doing the best we can with what we've got.... We didn't make the problem."

Trying "to find something good to end with," Green said he did "really appreciate the fact that everybody is helping out to make this work."

Supervisor Aldridge and board members uniformly expressed understanding and appreciation.

"I understand, Tessa. We're not bashing. I appreciate that," trustee Alex Bowlds responded. "I appreciate Dan's comments about everybody trying to pull together and do everything they can to make this stuff work.... Thank you for what you're doing. I know it's difficult. You are appreciated though sometimes it may not seem so to all."

"I repeat what Alex says," said trustee Jeanne King. "I deeply appreciate the effort all the staff throughout the district is making.... Everybody's been going the extra mile to keep students in school.... Willits Unified should applaud itself."

In addition to thanking "all our staff for doing a herculean effort," board president Robert Chavez called for more, citing an article he read "from back East ... [about] nationwide teacher burnout concerns.

"This is an unprecedented event," he said. "We're having numbers of teachers

reaching burnout points.... Some have reached it.

"There's a lot of pressure being put on teachers, [and] ... if there's anything we could take off their plates, we need to do that; any support we can give, we need to do that. They need relief."

Kind words aside, Aldridge described a dismal current state of affairs.

"Today was certainly the height of things. I think, as far as staff absences," he said. "We're probably at least 10 percent of our staff who are absent either quarantining or infected at this point.

"Staffing has been a challenge, but at this time we're able to make it work," he said. Which was not true the next day, January 13.

On that day, in a letter sent home with students and posted on Facebook, Aldridge informed the Willits Unified community that "after careful consideration, we have decided to close school tomorrow.... This missed day will be made up on Friday, March 18, 2022."

In a follow-up letter the next day about school safety, Aldridge assured the community that "staff [was] working today to ensure that we are ready for students to return on Tuesday ... providing screening on arrival to school, air filtration, and increased air flow in classrooms."

The letter contained information on testing availability at all schools, issues of consent, and assurances of notification of exposure in the classroom, as well as a suggestion to vaccinate "your child ... [which has been] shown to reduce the severity of illness."

Students returned to the classroom on Tuesday, January 18, with guidelines for those testing positive and masking requirements presumably unchanged.

We "currently require students or staff who test positive to provide a negative test and return to school on days 6 through 10," Aldridge told the board at the meeting.

"After 10 days the person could return with no test and no fever present. And during days 6 through 10, they are required to wear a high-quality N95 type or surgical type mask ... available in each school office."

Masking is still required at all times indoors and outdoors, with the outdoor requirement to end February 1, although trustee Paula Nunez expressed some concerns about making any changes.

"I personally don't really think that making a deadline for wearing or not wearing [masks] is that good of an idea when the ... peaking seems to come and go so constantly," she said. "I would just like that we maintain as much masking as we can, since that's all I hear about on the news from most all news outlets; that [masks are going to] keep us the safest until everyone's so vaccinated or this issue is so gone."

Lest you think it's all bad news and there's nothing else happening, there were bright spots and news of ongoing work that has nothing to do with disease.

For example, there were multiple mentions of the reading initiative in the lower grades proving successful.

And the board unanimously approved a proposal to fund a "maintenance and operations assessment," which will "build a comprehensive facilities master plan and give us the opportunity to really prioritize the next bond draw," said Aldridge.

"Being responsible for spending the public's money, we want to make sure that we have our priority list for those expenditures."

The rest of
McGuire | From Page 1

along with the ingenuity and hard work Californians are known for, the Golden State is poised to emerge from this pandemic stronger," Senator McGuire said in his office's January 19 announcement. "That's why I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with our exceptional Senate leader, Pro Tem Toni Atkins. With Senator Atkins in the lead, we're bringing forward one of America's strongest climate action plans, building more affordable housing, increasing our wildfire resilience, and advancing solutions to the homelessness crisis – and that's just the beginning.

"Yes, we're living in challenging times, but I'm more energized than ever to work

with Pro Tem Atkins and the State Senate to ensure our best days are still ahead," Senator McGuire said.

For the last three years, Senator McGuire has served as Assistant Majority Leader.

"I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve in this new role. And, my top priority will always be the North Coast. We have been through so much together over the last several years – multiple wildfires, floods, extreme drought and this pandemic. Even through our darkest days, we never gave up and we never gave in. Together, we will never quit fighting for the future of the North Coast and the Golden State," Senator McGuire said.



Senator Mike McGuire



Above, from left: Francisco Hernandez shows off one of the lavish heads of spinach from Golden Rule Garden's field. This is a garden bed full of zinnias at Eric Buteyn and Francisco Hernandez's Golden Rule Garden – they will be incorporated in the Golden Rule Gardens CSA boxes this summer.

Photos by Renata Abbade

Keith and Jess Michalak pose by their Flow Through Reactor worm bed that makes some of the compost for the Golden Rule Garden – notice that the bottom shelf has been pulled out to expose the rough compost. At left: While this is Buttercup's winter garden, it still has color with healthy, seasonal crops they harvest for themselves as well as the Golden Rule community.



Photos by Ree Slocum



Bountiful Box

Sign up now for the Golden Rule Gardens CSA subscription to get 30 weeks of organic veggies, fruits and flowers starting in May

Buttercup Compost Lab's Keith and Jess Michalak recently joined up with Eric Buteyn and Francisco Hernandez's Golden Rule Garden to offer a Golden Rule Gardens community-supported agriculture subscription. The boxes will be available in May but those interested need to sign up now.

Willits Weekly stopped by on Sunday to get the scoop from the Michalaks. Unfortunately, Buteyn and Hernandez weren't available for the interview.

Both gardens are located on Ridgewood Ranch with Buttercup in the lowlands and Golden Rule in the former garden of John Jeavons' Ecology Action.

The expansion makes it possible for the Golden Rule Gardens CSA to offer more volume and variety. "Instead of offering 40 CSAs, we're switching to 45 to 50 CSAs that will be available. We're also growing food for the community here on Ridgewood Ranch and we're making sure there's a surplus to donate every week to the various outlets you can donate food to in Mendocino County," shared Keith.

Both gardens use sustainable and organic gardening and farming practices. They share the Golden Rule property with the School of Adaptive Agriculture and the New Agrarian Collective, trading resources and information.

The produce in both Buttercup Compost Lab and Golden Rule Garden is grown with organic compost and fertilizers. "Both farms make all their own compost and potting soil and use open-pollinated, organic and biodynamic seeds," the couple told.

The Michalaks have been farming their 1.5-acre field for about four years, almost exclusively by hand with five implements. "We work at a hand scale so we're not utilizing any fossil fuels like a tractor or anything like that. What I like is: here we are growing all this food and we honestly use five tools," explained Jess. The only powered machine is a small Tiltler that tills the compost into the first inch of soil, making their work lives much-less labor intensive. The Tiltler is run by a battery-charged drill that's used as the motor. The battery is charged by a small solar panel. "So we are perfectly off grid," she said with a satisfied smile.

Keith explained what the large, white container was in a protected shed: "It's a fancy-smanshie worm bed. This large, contained worm system is called a 'Flow Through

Reactor." He gives credit to Dan at Michigan Soil Works, the company that made the bin and donated one to the Michalaks. "I told him what we were doing here and he was happy to support a project like ours."

The Reactor bin works by the couple feeding material, like leaves, into the top. The Red Wiggler worm species only feeds on the top and the finished product is at the bottom. There's a large mesh screen at the bottom and a blade that, when pulled, scrapes off the finished compost. That is screened again to separate any gravel or other material with the final product being a lush, dark, fluffy fertilizer ready to incorporate into garden beds or the Golden Rule Garden.

What can subscribers look forward to in the seasonal Golden Rule Gardens CSA?

The Golden Rule Garden is large and in their fields they grow crops like corn, winter squash and beans. Those seasonal veggies will be included in the CSA box.

Listed by the Michalaks are more offerings: "People can look forward to some herbs like chamomile, rosemary, garlic, and a small weekly flower bouquet. People love those so much! There's fruit in season like apples; big, juicy blackberries; dried and fresh persimmons. This year's CSA will provide melons, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, and all the standard favorites like salad greens, kale, broccoli, carrots and more. There should be a good diversity of produce."

Jess said the CSA will start the first week in May and will go for 30 weeks, just after Thanksgiving.

One of their weekly CSAs can feed anywhere between one to four people "... depending on how many veggies you eat!" They include an every-other-week CSA option that's perfect for single folks or people growing their own limited gardens. The boxes will be ready for pickup at the farm stand located in the Seabiscuit Barn right after the cattle guard on Ridgewood Ranch.

To sign up for the Golden Rule Gardens CSA subscription, contact Keith Michalak at keithmichalak@gmail.com or call 248-249-2885.

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School of Adaptive Agriculture offers virtual workshop series

Submitted by the School of Adaptive Agriculture

The School of Adaptive Agriculture, based at Ridgewood Ranch in Willits, has announced a new virtual workshop series of classes this winter and spring, with the first class happening on Sunday, January 23. The series focuses on specific topics useful to the community at large, including courses on herbal health care, mycology, soil regeneration, livestock management, and many other farming-optimization skills.

All classes in the virtual workshop series will be taught via Zoom, and are priced very affordably to be accessible to all. Classes will be taught live, with lots of interaction with the instructors, and participants will also get a recording of the class for future and repeat viewing.

"Of course we'd rather meet in-person with everyone, building community face to face, but this is a good way to stay connected and offer educational resources and opportunities, which is our mission," said SAA Director Michael Foley. An author and farmer at Green Uprising Farm, Foley is teaching two classes in the series: "Jumping the Regulatory Hurdles" and "Bookkeeping and Taxes for Small Farms and Businesses."

Longtime SAA volunteer Takashi Yogi, a retired medical-electronics engineer, is teaching a class called "Organizing for Easy Living," which is appropriate not just for farmers but for anyone who could use a little help getting their spaces and minds de-cluttered. "I strongly believe in the mission of the SAA to support sustainable agriculture," says Yogi, who calls the SAA "a daring experiment."

The experiment has evolved over the years, especially since COVID hit. Like nearly all businesses, the SAA has had to pivot repeatedly over the past two years, suspending in-person education while finding ways to continue to connect to the community.

"In some ways, the pandemic has created opportunities for more connection, especially outside our direct community, since online platforms are so commonly used now," says SAA Marketing and Outreach Coordinator Renata Abbade.

There are about 20 workshops being offered through the series. Other topics include "Introduction to Natural Building," taught by Amanda Fischer of Muddy Hands; "Medicinal Mycology: Spore to Harvest" and "Medicinal Mycology: Healing Properties" taught by Michael Cole of Optimistic Orchard; "Perennials for Economic & Ecological Resilience" taught by Heidi Herrmann of Strong Arm Farm; and "Cultural Competency in Agriculture," taught by Kanyon "Coyote Woman" Sayers-Roods and Anna Hope FarPorte.

The SAA strives to equip future farmers, gardeners, ranchers, herbalists, and homesteaders with the best practices available so humanity can continue to meet its basic needs in responsible and sustainable ways. This virtual workshop series is the newest approach to meeting that goal; the SAA also has a residential training program and internship program, conducts farm tours and farmer-to-farmer exchanges, and offers technical assistance to farmers and ranchers.

The SAA team looks forward to supporting the local and broader community of farmers and enthusiasts for years to come. Everyone's future depends on adaptive and creative solutions from farmers, ranchers, gardeners, healers and educators who are constantly learning.

The virtual workshop series is made possible with the support provided by the COVID-19 Nonprofit Relief Fund of The Community Foundation of Mendocino County. To learn more and to register for the classes, visit <https://schoolofadaptiveagriculture.org/virtual-workshop-series>.



Above: Brad and Jill Walton, with their daughter, Holli Woodhouse, drive their antique 1920s automobile during last year's celebration of Edie Ceccarelli's 113th birthday. Below: Colorful birthday wishes are shown on many of the cars last year.



Edie to turn 114

Come celebrate Willits' Supercenarian Edie Ceccarelli on February 5 with drive by parade

Make sure to decorate your car and come drive by the home of Willits' eldest resident, Edie Ceccarelli, on her 114th birthday, Saturday, February 5. The parade will run from 1:30 to 2 pm in the Haehl Creek subdivision, and by the Holy Spirit Residential Care Home located at 414 Grove Street. See the route on the ad on page 12 or call the Howard Foundation at 459-2777 for more information.

Below: Edie Ceccarelli, the 113-year-old birthday girl, smiles for the camera in 2021. At right, top: Saprina Rodriguez's Imagination Station kindergarten class comes to say "Happy Birthday" in 2021. At right: A woman walks by holding a handmade sign last year.



Above, from left: Laura Brooks, a current participant in Leadership Mendocino, speaks about West Business Development Center. The Leadership Mendocino class gathers in the Great Hall of the Willits Center for the Arts. Mary Anne Petrillo of West Business Development Center is a graduate of the program. METALx President Henry Moss explains the history and current state of his company. Vegetarian lasagna, Caesar salad, and garlic bread were provided by Roots Restaurant from Adventist Health.

At left: The whole group of 27 participants poses for a group shot at the opening retreat in Philo. At right, top: Sasha Thomas-Nuruddin, manager of the Willits Center for the Arts, tells the group of the history of the WCA. At right: Chris Baldo showed this four-cylinder marine engine, recently recovered from Noyo Harbor.



Photos by Mathew Caine

Exchanging Ideas

Leadership Mendocino students visit Willits to learn about local finance, business and manufacturing concerns

Where in Mendocino County can a high school principal, a tribal leader, a cannabis manager, a head of pharmacology, and various other established and upcoming leaders get together, learn about all things Mendocino, spend hours exchanging ideas, and generally enhance their abilities to improve the lives of the residents of the county? The 28th class of the program known as Leadership Mendocino is halfway through its exploration of many of the aspects of life, government, challenges and joys of living in this rural county.

The program began with a retreat in Philo on September 17 and 18, where they spent a couple of days getting to know each other and memorizing names, thanks to a game led by ex-county sheriff Tom Allman. They viewed presentations by various leadership consultants, trainers, and past attendees, sampled local wines, and learned what to expect in the coming months during their explorations of each corner of the county.

Meeting once a month, they would be travelling to such places as Point Arena to learn about natural resources, Ukiah for Health and Human Services Day, Fort Bragg and the city of Mendocino for the Arts, Tourism and Media Day, and most recently, Willits to learn about the local finance, business and manufacturing concerns.

Upcoming, the next few months will bring the class back to Ukiah to learn about government and non-profits, Hopland for Agriculture Day, and finally Round Valley for History and Culture Day.

At the end of the session, the participants will be encouraged to take on a project that will eventually improve an aspect of life in Mendocino County, be it

Read the rest of Leadership Over on Page 13



Far left: Participant Eric Hart asks a question of Chris Hayter, forest manager at Mendocino Redwood Company. At left: Dan Kozloff of Mendocino Theatre Company leads Jason Morse and Holly Madrigal in a session of theater games.



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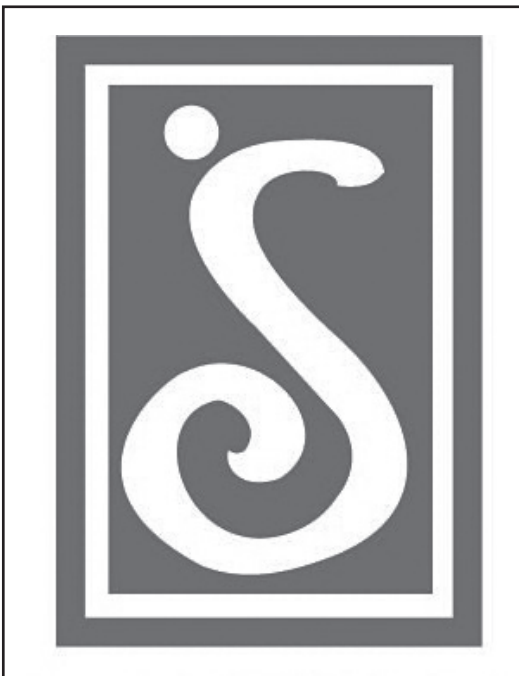
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Soroptimist International of Willits prepares the 2022

Willits Community Telephone Directory



One of Willits' special gems, the Soroptimist International of Willits' Community Telephone Directory, is once again on the minds of the service club's members who put together the publication every year.

2022 marks the 50th edition of the book, which features local residential, cell phone, and business phone numbers along with advertising, too.

These advertisements help fund the creation of the phone book, but also make available funds to donate to several women-and-girl focused projects, including scholarships, book programs, and cash awards.

The accuracy of the book relies on the community's input – if you have a change, want to be included, excluded, or make other adjustments, please let the club know before the February 10 deadline. They can't make changes after the book prints; they need to know now!

Advertising is available including a range of prices from \$100 for a business card to \$350 for a full page. Ads are out for the whole year! Deadline is February 10 – please contact them right away via email: willitsphonebook@gmail.com for info, questions and more.

– Maureen Jennison

LEGAL NOTICES

WW372

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 8, 2022 TO ESTABLISH WATER FEES FOR MONTHLY WATER USE OVERAGES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

The Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board of Directors will Consider Ordinance 164 Establishing Fees for Water Service – Water Use Overages

The Brooktrails Township Community Services District has adopted a monthly water usage cap of 9,000 gallons per month per connection under Ordinance 159, approved by the Board of Directors May 22, 2018, to protect and preserve limited surface water supplies for the health and safety of its water customers. The Public Hearing will consider Ordinance 164, establishing a fee and due process for water customers who repeatedly exceed the monthly usage cap.

The proposed new water fee will be considered at a public hearing on **March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in Brooktrails Community Center located at 24850 Birch Street, Willits. The fee amount has been determined to be the amount necessary to offset costs to procure additional water supplies.

Questions can be directed to the District during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and by telephone at 707-459-2494.

/s/ Tamara Alaniz, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Publication Dates: January 20, 27, 2022

WW373

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 8, 2022 TO ESTABLISH WATER FEES FOR WATER THEFT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

The Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board of Directors will Consider Ordinance 163 Establishing Fees for Water Service – Water Theft

The California State Senate has determined that water theft is a punishable offense and have authorized water districts to establish a fee for water theft as defined in Senate Bill 427 and codified in Government Code §53069.45(d). The public hearing will consider Ordinance 163, establishing a fee and due process for occurrences of water theft.

The proposed new water fees will be considered at a public hearing on **March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in Brooktrails Community Center located at 24850 Birch Street, Willits. The fee amounts have been determined to be the amount necessary to offset costs to find, investigate, prevent and address water theft.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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2. Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Architect, Alameda Architecture, 555 S. Main Street, Suite 2, Sebastopol CA, County o Sonoma, California, and may be obtained by licensed contractors upon payment of a nonrefundable deposit of one hundred and seventy five (\$175) per set.

3. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California as a surety, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will execute the Contract Documents and will provide the required payment and performance bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the contract.

4. The successful bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code pertaining to payment of the generally prevailing rate of wages and apprenticeships or other training programs. The Department of Industrial Relations has made available the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the contract, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes. Copies of these prevailing rates are available to any interested party upon request and are online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine any rate change.

5. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one half.

6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted.

7. Pursuant to Public Contract Code §4104, each bid shall include the name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who shall perform work or service or fabricate or install work for the contractor in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the bid price. The bid shall describe the type of the work to be performed by each listed subcontractor.

8. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening for bids except as provided by Public Contract Code §55100 et seq. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

9. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids. This bid is / is not ~~X~~ subject to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise requirements.

10. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industrial Relations at time of bid opening and at all relevant times. Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the commencement of any work.

11. Each bidder shall possess at the time the bid is awarded the following classification(s) of California State Contractor's license: **B- General Contractor**.

12. Not used.

13. Bidders' Conference. Prospective bidders are invited and strongly encouraged to attend a bidders' conference that will be held at **Baechtel Grove Middle School, 1150 Magnolia Avenue, Willits, CA on February 1, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.** for the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Project site. Following the bidders' conference a tour will be held. Bidders must examine and judge for themselves the location, surroundings, physical condition and nature of any work to be done. Submission of a bid shall be construed as conclusive evidence that the bidder has made such an examination.

WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Signed by: Terry McEntee, Director of Maintenance
Operations and Transportation
Dated: January 2022
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WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District ("District"), of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the WILLITS UNIFIED WINDOWS REPLACEMENT - WILLITS HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT ("Project") up to, but not later than, **3:30 pm, on February 25, 2022** and will thereafter publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the Willits Unified School District Office, 1277 Blosser Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

2. Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Architect, Alameda Architecture, 555 S. Main Street, Suite 2, Sebastopol CA, County o Sonoma, California, and may be obtained by licensed contractors upon payment of a nonrefundable deposit of one hundred and seventy five (\$175) per set.

3. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California as a surety, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will execute the Contract Documents and will provide the required payment and performance bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the contract.

4. The successful bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code pertaining to payment of the generally prevailing rate of wages and apprenticeships or other training programs. The Department of Industrial Relations has made available the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the contract, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes. Copies of these prevailing rates are available to any interested party upon request and are online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine any rate change.

5. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one half.

6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted.

7. Pursuant to Public Contract Code §4104, each bid shall include the name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who shall perform work or service or fabricate or install work for the contractor in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the bid price. The bid shall describe the type of the work to be performed by each listed subcontractor.

8. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening for bids except as provided by Public Contract Code §55100 et seq. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

9. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids. This bid is / is not ~~X~~ subject to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise requirements.

10. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industrial Relations at time of bid opening and at all relevant times. Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the commencement of any work.

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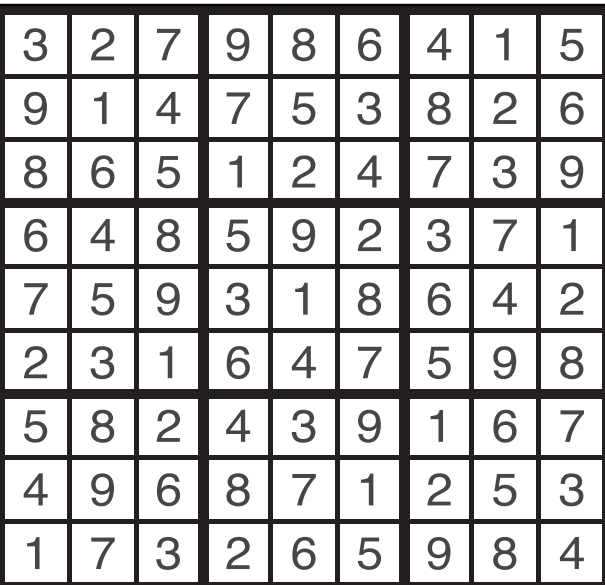
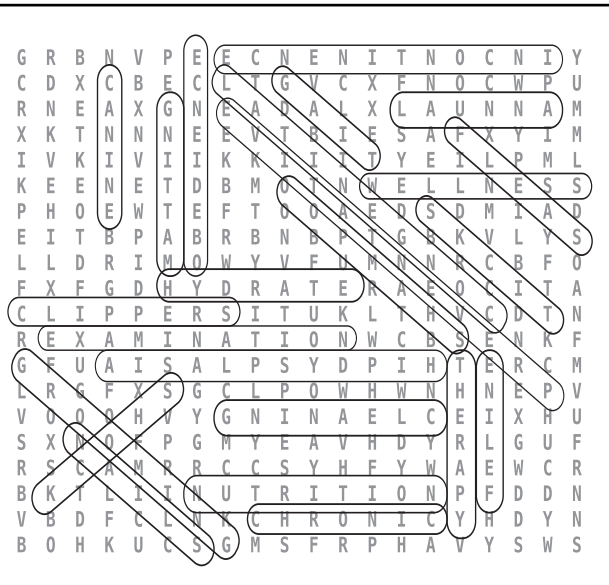
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Help Wanted

North Coast Opportunities Early Head Start Child Development Program Recruiting for Willits. Associate Teacher (Floater) I-II, EHS Classroom, \$14.58 - \$16.65 hr DOE. Bilingual Preferred. Eligible for bilingual pay differential. For full job description details & required application form visit www.ncoinc.org/about-us/jobs or 707-467-3200. Open until filled. EOE

Help Wanted

Wellness Center in Willits seeks individuals committed to working with vulnerable populations. Human service care managers and mental health rehab specialists receive supervision and training. sydney@manzanitaservices.org or call 707-391-9688.

Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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Wellness Center-Willits seeks individuals wanting to make difference in lives of others and build careers in human services. Care Managers, Street Outreach, Housing and Rehab Specialists. sydney@manzanitaservices.org or call 707-391-9688.

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Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 510-5895. See at "http://www.oaknvine.net/tip"

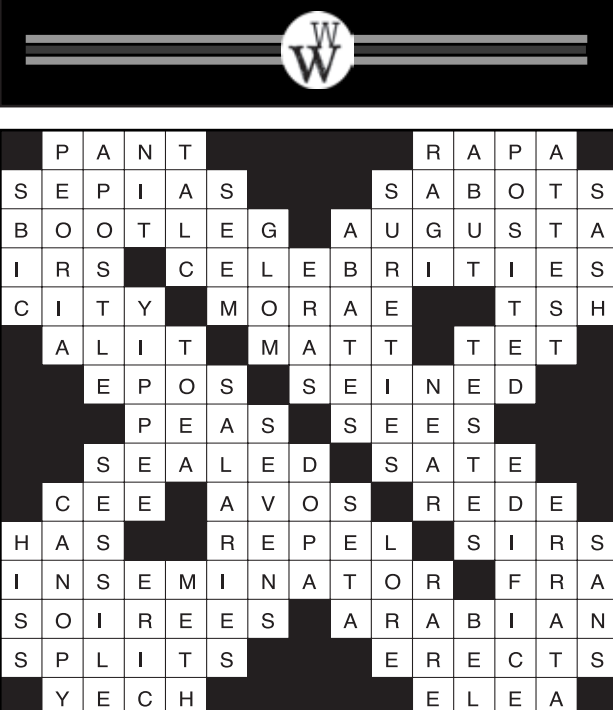
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Willits Food Bank Open

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

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Kris Walker

Kristen Doris Walker first blessed the world with her presence on February 4, 1958; she was soon adopted by Katharine and Houston Roberts, growing up in Huntington Beach, California alongside her adopted brother, Clarke.

Kris was a unique, altruistic, incredible whirlwind of a woman from a young age, and lived a life full of adventure, chasing anything that set her soul on fire. She worked countless different jobs, honing skills and gaining knowledge, spreading her wings as wide as they would stretch. But above all else, her one self-proclaimed lifelong career was that of Ambassador of Smiles and Good Will, working for a Higher Power.

In her mid-30s she experienced what she always said was her proudest accomplishment and greatest blessing, when she gave birth to her only child, Katelyn. With "Mom" now the most prominent title of her resume, Kris set her sails on the best life she could manifest for her and her daughter, which she accomplished greatly.

Moving to the small town of Willits, Kris was able to dedicate herself to teaching and nurturing the youth of our community, being the caretaker and lover of her own little piece of nature's beauty, blossoming into the classy but sassy "Pub Mom" at Shanachie's, and of course, the most amazing role model, guide, muse, teacher, and parent a child could ask for.



The world suffered an unexpected and indescribable loss, when in the early hours of December 25, 2021, Christmas morning, Kris' soul was set free after suffering a major stroke a few hours earlier. She is survived by her daughter, Kate, her boyfriend, Liam, and her dog, Shiloh.

The "Celebration of Life" for Kris will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 beginning at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Willits (66 East Commercial Street) at 4 pm for about an hour, and will then be carried forth into the evening with a "Memorial Soiree" at Shanachie's Pub in Willits (50 South Main Street, must be 21+).

All are encouraged to come, bring photos, stories and music, and – even alongside tears – don't forget to bring a smile.

Betty White

From Page 1

Show"? \$180 for the number of episodes of "The Golden Girls"? \$2,009 for the year the hilarious movie "The Proposal" was released? \$1,922 for the year White was born? \$100,000 for the number of laughs when she hosted "Saturday Night Live" in May of 2021, or \$1,000,000 because, well, sliced bread is the best thing since Betty White: White was born in 1922, sliced bread invented in 1928.

HSIMC, located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, between Willits and Ukiah, operates 100 percent on donations by community members and businesses. Donations like these allow the center to continue to save around 1,000 animals per year and help to cover day-to-day costs and annual operation expenses.

What will \$100 do for the shelter? HSIMC administrative director Jenny Hanzlik offered several ways the shelter will be able to spend use this donation:

"Well, \$100 will cover two neuters or one spay," explained Hanzlik. "It will also get about five bags of dog food; eight bags of cat food; eight poop scoopers; 10 cat litter bags; three multi-packs of squeaker toys; pay for about 1/12 of a kennel; will cover the intake of 10 new animals, and also buy about 10 tubs of laundry soap."

While monetary donations are always important, donations of time can also make a huge difference in the lives of the animals at the shelter, as well as keeping up with the tasks at hand to run the operation.

"We have a volunteer orientation meeting coming up on January 30 that starts at 11 am," explained Hanzlik. "We need dog walkers, cat socializers, and laundry

fairies!"

The general orientation lasts about 30 minutes, and then a dog-specific orientation follows for about another 30 to 45 minutes. Attending the orientations sets you up to start volunteering that day, with folks usually deciding to start in the "cattery" or cat housing quarters.

Those interested in working with the dogs get to also meet with the dog behavior team to go over the management and consistency rules to ensure safety and happiness for dog and volunteer. Walks and socializations are then available to be completed at the schedule of the volunteer, during the shelter's open business hours.

"This is the first week we have opened back up with our regular office hours," said Hanzlik. "During the holidays and pandemic, we were open by appointment only. We're thrilled to be back on our schedule and appreciate everyone respecting and understanding our masking and distancing rules."

The Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm.

Hanzlik said that as of Wednesday morning, over \$10,000 has been raised for HSIMC from the #BettyWhiteChallenge.

Anyone wishing to learn more about volunteering, anyone interested in adopting an animal, or anyone wanting more information is welcome to stop by the shelter during open hours, call the office line at 707-485-0123, or email info@hsmc.org.

Impressions

From Page 3

and professional success. "I lost my job on a Monday and Tuesday I started doing research and instituting new prices I found on the boudoir pages I was following," Johnson continued. "I took a course and bought some pricing guides. Wednesday, this studio space opened up. Thursday, I got my first booking. This is the path I need to be taking, I guess."

Her studio, at 25 West Mendocino Street, is full of props, materials, and fun backgrounds, things to play with to make her clients feel comfortable and relaxed and allow Johnson to have a starting point in her ability to bring out the playful, beautiful humans within.

"I've been doing the boudoir photography for about five years," Johnson told. "I thought it looked kind of fun. I had a girl who was willing to model for me. We had so much fun during the shoot and afterwards she just felt so much better about herself. I thought that I just made her feel so empowered that I wanted to do more. I started following a lot of boudoir pages because I liked that feeling of empowering women. I knew that I wanted to do this."

As part of the boudoir photo sessions, Johnson offers hair and makeup services from two local artists. "Sara Basaldua does the makeup and Krista Schafer does hair. She comes over from Luscious Day Spa," explained Johnson. She additionally offers the use of a full closet of prop clothing which gets fully sanitized after each session.

As part of her photographic passion, Johnson does personal projects which have been shown in galleries. Her "Rainbow Baby" series was for women who have had children following a miscarriage and her "Shine the Light" project exposes the hidden pain behind physically challenged children.

"It originally started with my doing a fairy

photo shoot for a single mom," shared Johnson, "and she said her other child, her son, was terminal with cystic fibrosis. It made me want to do a photo shoot with just him. I wanted to raise awareness of this because I had no idea this was a thing. That's where 'Shine the Light' project came from, to shine a light and bring awareness on this. I put him in a Superman cape with his gastro-tube with him, feeding himself through the tube. It was just such a powerful picture.

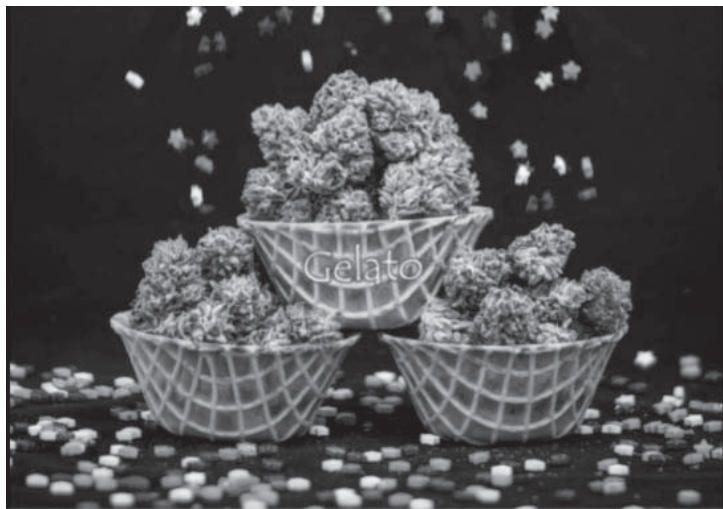
"I had a girl from Laytonville contact me who had endometriosis really bad. She was in so much pain and there is nothing anyone can do for her. We did a photo shoot for her and had a makeup artist come in and put bruising on her stomach, as all of her pain is internal. As soon as she saw the bruising makeup on her stomach she just busted into tears. She said, 'this is the first time I could actually see my pain.' The photo shoot was heartbreaking but now she advocates for the disease and shares them all over the world. I just did one recently with a little girl with cerebral palsy," she added.

Johnson doesn't just produce digital images of her boudoir shoots. She creates books and portfolios for her subjects to share, packages for a complete photographic experience.

Impressions Studio is a creative blend of art, business and love.

The grand opening celebration will be taking place on Thursday, January 27, from 3 to 6:30 pm at the studio.

To find out more about Impressions Studio, call 707-354-4744, or visit www.instagram.com/Impressionsstudio, www.instagram.com/boudoirbyshalee, or www.impressionsstudio.org.



At left: Shalee Johnson spent four years in the cannabis industry.

Below, left: A mother-to-be poses in a maternity photo shoot by Shalee Johnson.

Photos by Shalee Johnson

Below, right: Impressions Studio will offer pole athletics classes and photography.

Photo by Mathew Caine



COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Scream'

The Story: Over the red rainbow gore-a-thon Remake No. Five of the original (sort-of-classic) "Scream," a most-popular 1996 slasher-fest. It seems a (male, or maybe female) psycho killer in a hooded black cape is on a murder spree. His-maybe-Her maniacal face is concealed by a bone-white ghost mask. This gender-non-specific killer wields a shiny butcher knife and slabs, slices, slashes and stomps attractive teenagers.

Dan Essman

Columnist

Who among this whiny group of teen neurotics is the killer? It's a jump scar guessing game-to-the-death for the characters. And some lose. Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell

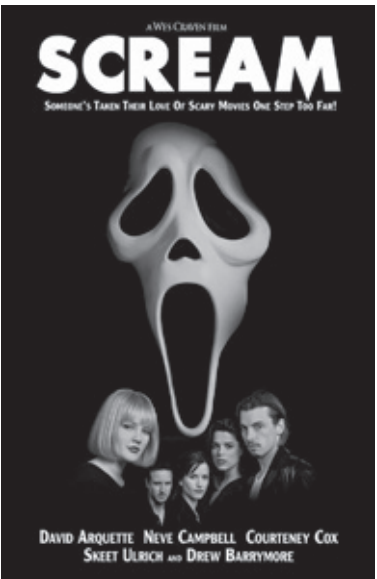
and David Arquette, returning actors from the first movie, sauce up the thrills. So check out this new flick you fun-devils. Feel free to scream to your heart's content.

My Thoughts: Fear Porn. Revenge Porn. We love these exploitation flicks for the thrill of jump scars and the titillating brutal bloody murders. What we the audience want is to see the completely evil killer get what's coming to him. We want to see the killer receive the same terror, torture and dismemberment that he, the killer forced on his innocent victims. We want to see the gloating killer suffer. And we want to see the killer dead.

And ultimately, we want to see this world cleansed of Evil. That's the ultimate psychological promise of fear porn/revenge porn. Aristotle named the feeling of this promise Catharsis (but in Greek of course).

Parents: No, do not bring your children to see this movie. Are you kidding?

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



Howard Memorial suspends visiting due to latest COVID wave

On Friday, Adventist Health Howard Memorial announced on its Facebook page it would again be suspending visitation to the local hospital due to COVID. The post read:

Our county has recently been heavily impacted by a wave of positive COVID-19 cases. While we remain vigilant in our hospital the seriousness of the Omicron variant and the increase in positive cases are impacting our communities.

We are continuously responding to patient needs and are well equipped with protocols, supplies and compassionate staff.

In an effort to mitigate the spread and create a safe environment for patients and staff, we are suspending visitation at this time. Exceptions will be made for a visitor accompanying a child needing care, assisting someone with a disability/cognitive impairment, or end-of-life situations.

Once the positivity rates subside, visitors will again be permitted. Visitors will be required by the State of California to show proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours.

For those needing outpatient services such as labs, imaging or clinic visits, we ask that you please wear a surgical grade mask that covers your nose and mouth rather than a cloth mask. This provides you and those around you with better protection. We ask the same of patients who present themselves to the Emergency Department to use proper personal protection. Meanwhile, COVID-19 vaccine booster shots continue to be available in the community at local clinics and pharmacies.

Together, we can all be a force for good by demonstrating patience and compassion towards each other as we go through the continuation of the pandemic. We thank you for your help in keeping our patients, staff and community safe.

CEO Carmel Angelo to retire in March

Submitted by County of Mendocino

After 14 years of service with Mendocino County, Chief Executive Officer Carmel Angelo has announced she will retire on March 19, 2022.

CEO Angelo served the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for the past 12 years in her current role. While working with current and past county boards of supervisors, Angelo helped navigate and manage the many unexpected issues that faced county government in addition to supporting the day-to-day essential services the County of Mendocino provides to its residents.

After working 12 years for San Diego County, Angelo joined Mendocino County in 2007 as Director of Health and Human Services. Later in 2009, she served the Executive Office as Assistant CEO. In 2010, the board of supervisors appointed Angelo as CEO to fill the position vacated by the sudden retirement of then-CEO Tom Mitchell, making Angelo the first female CEO for the County of Mendocino.

Angelo's role as CEO came at a time of great uncertainty for many counties, including rural counties like Mendocino, when the fiscal crisis hit, affecting local government budgets throughout the state. Her background in fiscal discipline supported her work with individual county departments to help the county remain stable throughout her first few years in the Executive Office.

This first major challenge would prove helpful as she guided the organization through future challenges, including multiple disastrous fire and flood events and their recovery work to the unprecedented pandemic of the past two years.

Though her work in local government began with the more urban population of San Diego County, Angelo's heart moved towards advocating for rural counties. "The budgets are smaller, the needs are greater, and cost of doing business is almost the same as a larger county. Fighting for the needs of a rural county has been a cause that will always be important to me," Angelo said, reflecting on her decade-plus experience in Mendocino County.

Not only was Angelo instrumental with keeping county government moving forward with the various county board of supervisors over the years, she also would collaborate with other neighboring counties. In 2015, she was directed by the board of supervisors to bring together nearby counties who were also juggling with forthcoming legal cannabis legislation. In 2015, with Mendocino County hosting, Mendocino and other surrounding counties produced a statewide policy on proposed legislation which would give voice to the region's cannabis cultivating counties in Sacramento.

In addition to her role as CEO, Angelo served in a number of statewide leadership roles including the California Association of County Executives (CACE), where she served as the organization's President. Also, she served on the Executive Committee of California Association of Counties (CSAC) Woman's Leadership Forum, in addition to earning her CSAC Senior Executive Credential and becoming a CSAC Institute Fellow. In 2017, she received the Distinguished Service Award from CACE.

The following year, she received the 2018 President's Award from Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) due to her rural advocacy. For her years in leadership roles at CSAC, she received the 2019 CSAC Circle of Service Award and most recently received the 2021 CACE President's Award.



Mendocino County must address potential extinction of legal growers

Submitted by Hannah L. Nelson, attorney, and the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance

Recently, Mendocino County cannabis cultivation permit applicants were given a short window to resubmit their application and all supporting materials. The "portal" had been delayed from its intended opening multiple times, but finally opened on August 2 and closed on November 2.

It was intended to streamline the process and finally straighten out the county's records for each applicant, after many years of program management under different leadership losing files and long delays in processing applications.

Unfortunately, the monumental efforts of the new Mendocino Cannabis Program have once again failed to streamline the process, and it has once again stalled out. Chronic understaffing and poorly thought-through actions have not resulted in positive outcomes.

While the MCP works tirelessly to rectify problems (some self-inflicted, and some due to outside forces), there has been NO clear or consistent communication or guidance to the applicants.

Instead, they have been sent notices that their applications are incomplete and that there is no current way to correct the deficiencies or errors – some of which are simply incorrect determinations by staff reviewers – and are told that they may be denied as a result. This is despite the fact that reviews are not conducted pursuant to consistent or clear guidelines, there were insufficient instructions given, the limitations of the portal technology, and other challenges.

While there is no question that MCP needs and deserves full staffing, legitimate questions remain:

- Why hasn't MCP staffed up since being directed and funded by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors?

- Why did MCP not establish and publish clear standards, guidelines and educational materials that would give applicants and staff clear and consistent basis for the portal submission requirements?

- Why have the applicants not been told when they will be able to correct any noticed deficiencies and, more than that, what is the process of clearing up mistakes by staff or any unclear comments by staff regarding items they deemed deficient?

- Why do different reviewers review the same files and come to different determinations?

- What will the appeal process be if applicants are wrongly denied?

We have asked these questions in various ways over the past several months, and have not received any clear answers.

Will Mendocino County answer these questions and address these issues now, in public, or will the answers and solutions only come from and be forced through existing and future litigation?

This is not the same old gripe about the inefficiencies of county government, which is quite common here in Mendocino. The sad fact is that concurrent factors combine with these local problems to create what amounts to an

MCSA shines during State Cup soccer

Submitted by Mendocino County Soccer Academy

Mendocino County Soccer Academy's (MCSA) 2010 Boys recently brought home NorCal Premier Soccer's State Cup - Silver Division in a dramatic final game decided by penalty kicks. This is the third State Cup title for MCSA, and the victory served as an exclamation point on a record-breaking year for the club.

The team consists of boys born in 2010 and 2011 from across the county. Six players hail from Willits, including the entire starting defense of Salvio Senerchia, Anthony Stillwell, Quinn Schadeck, and Manuel Guerra. The other local players include Alexis Villegas and Baltazar Aguilar, and young Baltazar put home the title-clinching goal!

This resilient young group plays in NorCal Premier, which features teams from much bigger communities in Sonoma, Marin and Napa counties.

Head Coach Hector Toscano, a Fort Bragg High and UC Davis graduate, explains: "NorCal offers multiple levels within league: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Along with Coach Pepe, our players and families, we decided to go with a major challenge by playing in the Gold Division after playing in Bronze in previous seasons, which meant the competition for each match would be incredibly high. We felt that putting this group in an environment where they would pushed to be their very best consistently was the right thing for their development," he says.

"Don't get me wrong, we took our lumps in league play," laughs Coach Toscano. "We were outmatched and on the wrong side of many lopsided games. However, the boys are resilient fighters. They showed up to practice every day with an attitude of getting better, and it paid off."

In addition to league play which consists of home games in Ukiah and road games on the weekends, the boys participated in NorCal's State Cup. This competition features preliminary games played throughout the fall with both home and away games and capped by knockout rounds at the Ripon Sports Complex in the Central Valley.

"Our tough league play helped the boys understand how important it is to be mentally, emotionally and physically prepared in order to succeed," says Coach Hector. "During State Cup, we were placed in the silver division, which allowed us to face a more balanced level of competition. The boys applied what they learned and put together an amazing run of victories culminating in a championship that

existential crisis for most of these small local tax-paying cannabis businesses.

The recent cannabis market crash, exorbitant local and state cultivation taxes, the looming deadline for state provisional licenses, the shifted CEQA burden, drought, fire and COVID all are contributing to make this an EXTINCTION-LEVEL EVENT.

On top of this, the county has failed to properly supervise the outside contractor that is responsible for rolling out the Equity Grant funds to the qualified grantees and has not insisted that other county departments that are necessarily involved in that process were coordinated with from the beginning.

As a result, time-limited approved funding from the state is in very real jeopardy of having to be returned, and intended recipients that might have been saved from shuttering may not receive this desperately needed relief in time to save their businesses.

Mendocino County was also granted \$17.5 million in a local jurisdiction grant, which will likely also suffer from the same bureaucratic entropy as the Local Equity Program and as a result, may not get to the intended beneficiaries in the form of real services or grants in time to be meaningful in addressing the huge challenges they face TODAY.

These businesses are going to be lost permanently if something is not done.

Where is the accountability of the county?

It is time to stop blaming the applicants and instead work in partnership with them and other stakeholders to save this necessary component of our community and local economy.

Every applicant has volunteered to be regulated and stepped forward into the abyss. No one thought it would be as torturous of a process (neither the county nor the applicants) as it has been and continues to be. Every one of these tax-paying businesses is tracked and traced at the state level. Accountability of state license holders is no longer the issue, it is now the county.

Visit <https://mendocannabis.com/2022/01/12/hannah-l-nelson-and-mendocino-cannabis-alliance-statement-of-issues-related-to-the-crisis-facing-mendocino-county-cannabis-businesses/> for a more thorough and detailed explanation of the issues touched on above.

Hannah L. Nelson is a local attorney with extensive experience in cannabis issues, policy, and compliance at the local and state level. Info: <https://hannahnelson.net/> or annahnelson@hannahnelson.net

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance serves and promotes Mendocino County's world-renowned cannabis cultivators and businesses through sustainable economic development, education and public policy initiatives. Info: <https://mendocannabis.com/> or info@mendocannabis.com

Together they have consistently offered free, pragmatic assistance to the county to help resolve these and a myriad of other issues. Their requests to provide "fixes" to proposed regulations in the county by vetting them for practical implications prior to implementation have consistently been rejected.

we won during a thrilling penalty kick shoot-out."

The steely determination of this team is most impressive. Team huddles featured tears, passion, and an unbreakable trust in each other and the process. After the title-winning game, emotions overflowed as players and fans rushed the field to celebrate a title from a small rural team competing against the largest and best clubs across the region.

Ian Fitzpatrick is a coach and administrator for MCSA. He explains: "After a tumultuous two years managing the impacts of COVID-19, we were excited about a return to play in 2021. And we returned with a bang by growing the club to over 900 players across various programs throughout the county."

"We strive to provide opportunities for kids of all ages, interests, and playing experiences. Our Grassroots Academy is for beginners with a focus on skill development, our Developmental Soccer League is a countywide league for those players who want to play on a team and keep travel to a minimum, and then there are our Select Teams which compete in NorCal Premier," explains Fitzpatrick.

He concludes: "We're particularly proud of this 2010 boys team as many of the players have progressed through our player development pathway and have participated in all three of those programs. MCSA provides a platform for these players to grow as players and people and helps get them seen. In the coming years, these players will have opportunities to participate in college-showcase tournaments which can open doors otherwise unseen."

Assistant Coach Pepe Hernandez earned his college degree from William Jessup University via a soccer scholarship. He summed it up best: "We had a rough start to both league and State Cup, but we finished as champions. It was due to the players' resiliency, determination, consistency, work ethic, attitude, character and commitment. All of which helped them improve each practice and game. The result is a well-earned championship! What's more, these boys know this is only the beginning. I can't wait for the continued journey with these wonderful young men!"

To learn more about MCSA and opportunities for your child, please join the club's community town hall Monday, January 24, via Zoom at 7 pm. Learn more and register by visiting MendocinoSoccer.com or emailing Coach Fitzpatrick at lan@MendocinoSoccer.com.

Submitted by Claudia Wenning

We will look into processing the last two year's events to let go of overwhelm, and find what makes sense to move forward in a new direction – together!

The offer is a private group session program for women, in a very small circle.

After pausing group sessions the last two years for obvious reasons, it matters now!

This is a bi-weekly program of four sessions, a local, affordable approach to address overwhelm. We will observe all health department guidelines.

Starting January 29, 2022, 11:30 am, at "Quantum Level Health Studio" at the Little Lake Grange in Willits. The additional dates are: February 12, February 26, and March 12, 2022.

Please call ASAP, a few places are still available: Claudia Wenning, www.claudiiawenning.com, 707-371-6103



and understanding. He resource-guards his food and treats and will get physical if threatened. He needs owners who are super-experienced with dogs who have some behavioral issues. Victor is happy to see you but seems to be extremely independent and will do what he wants to do. He needs a quiet household with a good-size backyard where he can roam and hang out in the sun.

To learn more about Victor 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-

Victor is an energetic pup (4 years old) who needs to be in an adult-only home with zero kids around. He has not had much experience in the world; he was found tied up outside a shelter and was very skinny and malnourished. Help us slowly learning the ways of the world, but requires a lot of patience.

adoption application before
requesting an appointment.
You can reach the Milo
Foundation at 510-900-2275.

Everyone needs a little Dazzle in their life! Lacking some? Well, we've got the perfect girl for you! This sweet girl in just under a year and was a transfer from our friends at animal control. This sweetie deserves to find her forever place in this big crazy world! Is that with you? If you said "yes," we want to talk with you! Submit an application today at www.mendohumanesociety.com.



The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Great news! We are opened back up, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday 1 pm to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 3 pm. You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

Hubert is a friendly young guy (4 months old) who likes to snuggle with his brother, as well as explore his surroundings. He gets along well with other cats and would most likely do well in a home with children.

For more info about Hubert or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.



Willits Sober Grad presents a Super Bowl Sunday pre-sale only to-go Pulled Pork Sandwich Lunch.

Lunch includes a pulled pork sandwich by Scoops, coleslaw, chips and a cookie!

Contact Willits Senior Class members to buy tickets, or tickets available at Scoop's and Cat's Meow. Pre-sale tickets only: \$15 per lunch; \$50 family 4 pack.

Pick up lunch on Sunday, February 13, noon to 2 pm, Willits High School Ag Farm, behind WHS at 299 North Main Street.

The benefits
outweigh
potential risks.



Date/Time	Location	Vaccine Availability	Other Information
Mondays & Wednesdays 12:30pm – 4:15pm	Public Health 474 East Valley St, Willits	All adult vaccines available	Sign up at Myturn.ca.gov Or Walk-ups welcome 472-2759
M-F 9am -11:30am 1:30pm-4:30 pm Sat 9am-3pm	Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic 1245 S. Main Street, Willits	Adult & Child Pfizer and Moderna	Best to make an appointment. Do not need to be a patient. 459-6861
M-F 9am -11:45am 12:45pm-3 pm	Little Lake Health Center 45 Hazel Street, Willits	Adult & Child Pfizer and Moderna	Best to make an appointment. Do not need to be a patient. 459-9600
M & F 2 pm – 4:30 pm	Adventist Health Redwood Medical Clinic 3 Marcela Drive Suite C, Willits	All Adult vaccines and Child Pfizer available	Appointments required. 1 st and 2 nd doses do not need to be patients. Boosters are for patients only. 459-6115
M-F 10am -12:45 pm 2 pm - 7 pm Sat 9 am -1 pm 2- 5pm Sun 10 am – 1pm 2-5 pm	Safeway Pharmacy 845 S. Main Street Willits	Adult Pfizer & Moderna	Walk ups welcome on weekdays for 1 st & 2 nd doses. Appointments required for boosters and on weekends. 456-1790
M-F 9am -8 pm Weekend 10 am – 6pm	Rite Aid Pharmacy 1730 S. Main Street, Willits	Adult Pfizer & Moderna	Appointments Preferred. 459-0554

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