Sherwood Firewise

celebrates 6 years

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"This is our sixth year as a Firewise USA Community," said longtime Sherwood volunteer Firewise organizer Keith Rutledge, addressing the attendees and panel at the annual meeting. "We've managed to bring in millions of dollars into the community over the past six years, doing a tremendous amount of vegetation management.

"Today, we want to concentrate on the county wildfire protection plan that gets updated every once in a while," Rutledge said. The plan was last updated in 2015 and, Rutledge said, "There have been many changes that need to be incorporated into the new plan

"We've done some evacuation planning with some drills. We've got the emergency access routes that have been opened up and maintained.

"Today, we have Supervisor John Haschak, Chief Jon Noyer from Brooktrails Fire, Scott Cratty with the Mendocino Fire Safe Council, Chad Smith with CAL FIRE, and Jeff Adair with the county

Read more of Firewise

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Fire Safe Council announces 17

micro-grants Submitted by Mendocino **County Firesafe Council**

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council announced the recipients of this year's Micro-Grant program awards on May 1. Seventeen deserving local fire departments and affiliated neighborhood fire safe councils have been selected to spearhead vital fire-safety projects in their respective communities.

Local organizing and action are cornerstones of identifying and mitigating hazards that threaten our neighborhoods. Micro-grant funding gives communities momentum for pivotal projects, transforming apprehension into preparedness and action. Recognizing this significance, the PG&E Corporation Foundation has generously contributed \$50,000 funding, nearly doubling the resources available for the Fire Safe Council's 2024 grants.

Ranging from \$4,500 to \$10,000, these Micro-Grants will make a tangible impact throughout the county. This year, a total of \$130,622 (significantly more than last year, thanks PG&E's continued

Read more of Micro-grants

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Above, from left: The drop ceiling is being removed to reveal the wooden ceiling, still intact above. The second space, behind the main 2000-square-foot floor space, offers an additional 500 square feet of opportunity. The top two layers of flooring are being removed to reveal the wooden flooring underneath. Below: Husband-and-wife remodel team Larry Guenther and Ashley Hill smile in their historic building which is currently undergoing renovation and will soon be ready for a new life.







At top: Old labels and nails hang on the old rafters, perhaps as part of a display or sale in the building's previous life. Above: Owner Larry Guenther works on the building's heating system.

A new life

Renovation of one of downtown's historic buildings underway by enthusiastic new owners

"We're pretty optimistic," Larry Guenther said, looking around at the half-removed drop ceiling, the painters walking in and out, and his wife, Ashley Hill, who nodded along with a laugh and a shrug. "This is a great old building, it has good redwood bones, and we're excited to bring it back to life and make it available for new use in the

community."

Maureen Jennison

Graphics & Photographress

Guenther and Hill took ownership of 263 South Main Street, the Odd Fellows building,

in September of 2023, and have spent the last several months cleaning up, assessing needs, prioritizing tasks, and planning out the project.

"The building certainly needed some TLC, but the structure is solid," said Guenther. "We were amazed that there wasn't any massive rot, or water damage. It certainly needed some windows repaired and replaced, and a lot of clean-up. We're trying to bring things back closer to how it was originally – like removing the drop ceiling, uncovering the hardwood floors, bringing back period-appropriate lighting and fixtures, that sort of thing. Getting new paint on, and fast, was at the top of our to-do list."

Many residents noticed the plywood coming down from the windows,

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Above, from left: The back space features a large door that opens to a possible loading dock. Owner Ashley Hill works at removing nails from the old flooring to uncover the wood beneath. The front picture windows let in wonderful natural light to the main floor space. Below: A new coat of paint and uncovering and replacing broken windows gave an immediate facelift to the building.



Council in American

Rescue funds

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At their April 24 meeting, the Willits City Council approved a fine-tuned list of projects and organizations to benefit from the \$1,169,792 of federal American Rescue Plan funds the City of Willits has received.

On the list was \$25,000 each for three Willits community service groups: Willits Harrah Senior Center, Willits Community Services, and Our Daily Bread.

In discussing the agenda item, City Manager Brian Bender emphasized that "the city was In the driver's seat" as far as juggling project funding around if needed. The resolution that councilmembers approved included a "Whereas" stating: "the City Council is aware that they have the ability to amend the project list due to changes in needs and circumstances."

The city has a two-year timeline to spend these funds, and via this item, has authorized the city manager to oversee the

Read the rest of Rescue

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State issues draft EIR for county commercial cannabis

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The California Department of Cannabis Control announced Friday that the "Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation in Mendocino County" is now available for review. The public is invited to comment on this document for a 45-day period that started May 3 and extends to Monday, June 17, at 5 pm.

The DEIR, the 647-page main document, and attachments, may be reviewed online under "View the Documentation" at https:// cannabis.ca.gov/2023/07/ mendocino-county-environ mental-impact-report

Printed copies are available to review at Mendocino County's Cannabis Department Counter, 860 North Bush Street in Ukiah.

The DCC will hold a virtual public meeting to receive comments on the DEIR on Tuesday, June 4, from 10 am to 12 pm. Information about how to participate in the WebX online meeting or telephone conferencing

Read the rest of Cannabis

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Willits Senior Center desperately needs

2 volunteers To the Editor:

We are currently in need of a computer lab tech for 2 hours a week (pick your day and time) to familiarize seniors with the functions of their cell phones, connect to friends and family via social media, and address any other tech concerns that arise with computers or cell phones.

We also desperately need a Brooktrails Meals on Wheels driver on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 12:30 pm. We offer a mileage stipend of 65 cents per mile. The Harrah Senior Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and as such we

depend on volunteers to administer the aforementioned programs and services. Give back to your community. Join our volunteer team by calling 707-459-6826 ask for Joliana or Richard. We welcome the opportunity to explain how these services positively impact the lives of our seniors who receive them.

> Richard Baker, director, Harrah Senior Center

IHSS negotiations

To the Editor:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has not honored its word. We had a verbal agreement down to just clarifying language for wage supplement, then SEIU 2015 receives word that we are meeting with the CEO and a lawyer.

Now all of a sudden neither the CEO nor their lawyer knows how to interpret language for the contract that they verbally agreed to. IHSS is the "In Home Supportive Services" that provides care to homebound elderly and disabled of all ages.

Many without care have been found dead

Many workers are close to having to find other places to live because rents are going up, but we can't even make what fast food employees make. They are flipping burgers, and we are taking care of the living.... Is there something wrong with this

Well, there will be more people depending on the government because people will not be able to pay the rent increases and the

It's amazing that the board of supervisors making \$80,000 (public knowledge) don't seem to really care about those "beneath" them. Well, those that are "beneath them" are the public that they, the board of supervisors, are sitting up there representing or rather not not not

Pris Tarver. Willits

'Long form' poetry reading To the Editor,

The Willits Community Theatre will host a "long form" open reading at the Playhouse on Saturday, May 11, starting at 7 am.

In this reading, the time limit will be pushed outward to 15 minutes. That means that poets may read longer works. A lot of times, poets are forced by the shorter time constraints of most readings to read short poems or a number of short poems. This longer time limit will allow poets to read poems that they rarely are given an opportunity to read in public. I hope local poets will take advantage of this opportunity.

The WCT Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane in Willits. As always, entry to the reading is by donation. However, no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

Mike A'Dair, Willits

state programs. CDTFA-

accounted for more than

\$96.2 billion last fiscal

year, supporting essential

local services such as

safety and health, libraries,

schools, social services,

and natural resource

through the distribution of

tax dollars going directly to

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local communities.

May is Small Business Month

Submitted by CDTFA

Sacramento – Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed May as Small Business Month in California, and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration has a variety of free resources available to help small business owners understand how taxes and fees apply to sales in their industry.

Easy Access to Online Services: On CDTFA's website, https://onlineservices.cdtfa. ca.gov you can register for an account, file a return, make a payment, look up a tax rate using an address, check on your account status, and sign up for news and updates. Online services also allow you to verify a permit, license, or account.

Personal Assistance. Taxpavers can make an appointment to visit in person or arrange a virtual meeting with the nearest local office, or can contact CDTFA's Customer Service Center representatives by phone at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5 pm. Taxpayers can also chat with representatives online for fast and convenient answers to common questions. CDTFA also offers free one-on-one consultations to new, qualified taxpayers through its Taxpayer Educational Consultation Program. Eligible taxpayers can seek free legal assistance through its Tax Appeals

Industry-Specific Resources. Business owners can find answers to common tax questions for their industry in Industry & Tax and Fee Guides, downloadable Forms & Publications, and more than 200 industry-specific publications. Business owners also have access to free seminars, classes, webinars, clinics, and workshops,

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration administers California's sales and use, fuel, tobacco, alcohol, cannabis taxes, and other taxes and fees that fund specific

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THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

May 2024 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

Spring is my favorite time of year Gradients of green on the hillsides, wildflowers of all shapes, sizes, and colors, temperatures that allow one to breathe freely, and creeks and rivers that are still flowing. With summer right around the corner, a shout-out to those working to make our communities safer when the heat cranks up, the grasses are dry, and fire is on our minds.

Sherwood Firewise Communities had their annual meeting last Saturday during the rainstorm. CAL FIRE, Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, Brooktrails Fire Department, and I presented information regarding the upcoming fire season. This is a perfect example of building stronger communities by working together, educating each other, and getting to know your neighbor. These are valuable components of successfully preparing for emergencies.

The county is about to run a special assessment election for the Sherwood Road Emergency Access Routes. This is a pilot program. Everyone involved has learned a lot about the process. procedures, and the many challenges that have arisen. If this is replicated in other areas of the county, it will be a smoother process.

Parcel owners in the Sherwood Road area will be asked if they want to assess themselves (less than \$31 annually) to maintain two emergency access routes in that area. If approved by the board of supervisors, ballots will be sent out in early June and people will have 45 days to vote. More information is available at www.mendocinocounty.gov/ government/economic-development. The engineer who came up with the numbers and I will be presenting at the Brooktrails Township Community Services District meeting on May 28.

The budget will be balanced in June but it won't be pretty. Supervisor Gjerde and I worked with staff to create a retirement incentive. It has already saved \$520,000. Property taxes have gone up 4% annually over the last five years and cannabis taxes are up, yet sales taxes and transient occupancy taxes are down. The county is still in negotiations with In Home Support Service workers. These are the people who provide critical services to keep seniors and others in their homes instead of a hospital or nursing home.

We need to be collecting all the property taxes and short-term rental taxes. I have proposed increasing the transient occupancy tax, subject to voter approval, which could provide direct benefits to our communities. Funding critical services (law enforcement, roads) and tourism infrastructure projects (park enhancements, signage, and bathrooms) will enhance everyone's experience in Mendocino County. At this point, cuts to programs are going to be increasingly hurtful.

There will be a "Talk with the Supervisor" Thursday, May 9 at 10 am at Brickhouse Coffee in Willits. I am available by email haschakj@mendocinocounty.gov phone 707-972-4214.

Micro-grants From page 1

support and to Measure P funding) has been allocated to implement the 17 selected projects:

- · Albion Little River Fire Safe Council will hire help to organize residents into neighborhood groups to enhance wildfire preparedness and response.
- Brooktrails Township Community Service District will acquire a portable, collapsible water tank and associated equipment for wildfire incidents.
- · Comptche Preparedness Fire Safe Council will establish a Neighborhood Captains Emergency Radio Network for community-wide communication.
- Covelo Fire Protection District will procure a water bladder and equipment to increase the capacity and functionality of their water tender.
- Fox Rock and Woodman Creek Fire Safe Council will complete fuelreduction projects and roadside work to improve emergency access and open up alternative evacuation routes.
- Hopland Fire Protection District will purchase two water tanks to place on McNab Ranch, to drastically reduce response time when its trucks need
- Long Valley Fire Protection District will continue implementing its Defensible Space Program to provide free defensible-space assessments and education to residents.
- Mariposa Neighborhood Fire Safe Council will host a queer chainsaw workshop to train county residents on reducing fuel loads near their homes.
- Navarro Area Fire Safe Council will add to their Fire Hydrant Project. trenching and installing pipes and hydrants for the community as well as necessary signage.

· Piercy Fire Protection District will install potable gravity-fed spring water to their emergency shelter

- Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Department will educate the public using "One Less Spark" literature as well as distributing McLeod tools and other firesuppression tools to class attendees.
- South Coast Fire Protection District will purchase equipment to support planned prescribed-burn projects.
- · Spy Rock Ready Fire Safe Council will purchase used water tanks to increase firefighter capacity in rugged terrain without needing to travel long distances for water.
- Vista Del Lago Fire Safe Council will purchase used water tanks and place them on strategically located properties with easy access for fire trucks.
- Westport Fire Safe Council will focus on roadside fuel reduction and native plant vegetation management to encourage long-term fire resiliency.
- · Whale Gulch Fire Safe Council / Volunteer Fire Department will hire a coordinator to work on qualifying as "Firewise," to apply for various grants, to buy bulk reflective address signs, and to coordinate community projects.
- Yorkville Fire Safe Council will focus on fuel reduction on Pomo Tierra Road to improve safety on a one-way, one-way

Most Micro-Grant proposals include local in-kind contributions in the form of volunteer hours, donations, or supplies, amplifying the impact through collaborative efforts. The evaluation process favored projects that demonstrated matching contributions, partnerships, and thorough planning.

The Mendocino County Fire Safe

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'The May Show'

Forty inland artists show their work in Willits Center for the Arts' first juried show

"This is the first time we've done a juried show. We're calling it 'The May Show' and we hope it's an annual event," stated Willits Center for the Arts Curator Gary Martin. The show,

Mathew Caine

through May 26, after which Judy Chance Hope and Margi Gomez Guhde will be showing their work during the month of June.

having had its opening

"Each of the artists presented us with three works and the judges selected one from each," explained Martin. "That was judged by the panel. When people come in, they're going to vote for the People's Choice. Everybody gets a poker chip which they can place in the envelope next to the picture that they like the best. Whoever gets the most chips, wins." The People's Choice winner will be announced in a couple of weeks, after all the gallery viewers get a chance to vote.

"We have 40 of the best inland artists around," said Martin. "There is one image by each of the 40 artists. We have Jazz-minh Moore, Spencer Brewer and Esther Seigel, Salvador Andrade, Linda MacDonald, Laura Fargey, Danza Davis, Laura Corben, Patsy Brixlie, and others. We have all genres: photographic, sculpture, oils and watercolors, texture art, everything is

The artwork was judged by a distinguished panel of four: "David Burton from the Grace Hudson Museum: conceptual-artist Loren Madsen; Loren's wife, Leba, who is really into art; Margi Gomez [Guhde], who will be taking over for me next year," said Martin.

Gomez Guhde is an artist who currently sits on the WCA board of directors and was one of the producers of the Art Party in Rec Grove last summer. She will be taking over the curator reins from Martin, who has been in that post for seven years and will continue to teach and give his monthly art talks.

One of the aspects that make this show unique is the number of excellent artists who each have one fine piece of art in this eclectic exhibit, with the exception of Brewer and Seigel, who each have a piece and also collaborated on a whimsical small-scale art car, encrusted with a myriad of beads, trinkets, musical instruments, and a tiny, computerized eye. They called the piece "Student Driver."

Brewer did one of his instrument pieces, a "mandala made out of harpsichord keys from a 1960 German harpsichord. The middle piece is an art deco chandelier. The brass parts around the edges are from 1890s pump-organ brass reeds and those are fire lights all around," said Brewer as he pointed to his piece.

nudes, this one with a message about women's www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

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lack of autonomy and their bodies belonging to the male members of society. His photo composition showed a woman who was being groped by a myriad of male hands.

MacDonald painted a depiction of the interior last Saturday, will be up of a burned-out redwood stump. "It's always very different inside every tree," explained MacDonald. "This one has all this stuff growing Buddhist teachings. because the bark comes around where it was burned. That's why I can go inside the tree. The bark grows around that interior and sometimes makes all these weird shapes."

> Robert Permenter showed up with his wife, Gabriella, and little dog, Charlito. His painting depicted his rarely photographed stepfather, who was photographed in his uniform after he was sent overseas.

> Fargey showed a stunning photorealistic oil painting of a typical Eel River scene that took the normal and turned it into something amazing. "I don't know how I do this stuff but it's very microscopic and real intense and it takes about a year to finish one of these big ones. I can't work on them without a lot of breaks. My arm gets tired," said Fargey.

> Corben did a scene that she sees every day on her trek home to First Gate, a scene of some trees that are constantly changing with the seasons. "I've seen this place in all seasons," explained Corben. "Right now, the leaves are glowing green. Sometimes it's bare branches. 've seen it with snow, and I've seen an elk and deer there. It's just a special place.'

Jazz-minh Moore, who teaches painting at Mendocino College and curates the student galleries at the college, showed a very personal moment in time. My dear friend, Ulie, was visiting from Germany. We captured a bunch of pictures. I wanted to preserve that with the wood grain and a feeling of the wind," said Moore wistfully remembering that time.

Ann Maglinte did what she is known for, a beautiful watercolor of a garden in England. Nancy New brought one of her pieces of pottery, a vase on which she poured just the right amount of glaze to give the work a fluid Laura McConnell had a piece that reflected

her Buddhist teachings and philosophy. "My art is often about recycle, reuse and reclaim things. I like to use stuff that's being thrown away, to make it into something that's interesting and I hope beautiful," mused McConnell.

Visitors of the show can vote for their favorite art piece, and the People's Choice Award will be announced after voting concludes.

The WCA gallery is located at 71 East Commercial Street and is open Friday through Craig Gardner offered one of his unique Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more info, visit





Above, left: "Two Cows" by Don Ponte, a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute. Above right: Ursula Partch named her textile art made of natural fiber "Bugs." Below: Robert Parmenter with his wife, Gabriella, and dog, Charlito, stand by his painting of his stepfather Wayne Noble. At bottom, left: Fellow artists Spencer Brewer and Jazz-minh Moore take a moment to have a conversation at the "The May Show" opening at WCA. At bottom, right: Laura McConnell sits beneath her composition called "Mission Vow," reflecting her





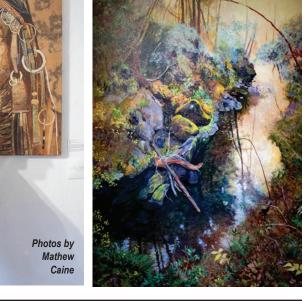


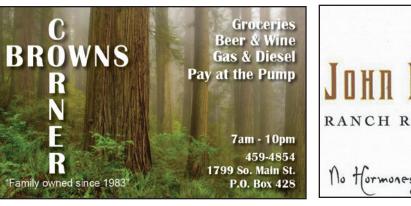


of the juried show is "A Jury of My Peers," by Daphne Gillen. Below, left: Gail Rushmore Nidros utilized paint and paper in her mixed media piece, "Warrior." Below, right: A large piece by Judy Chance Hope is itled "Big River Changed III."





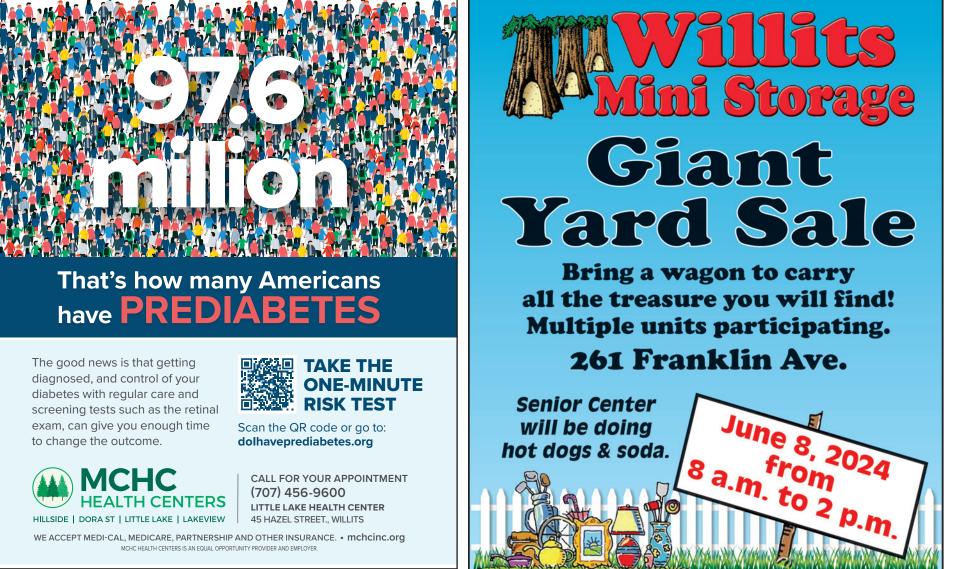






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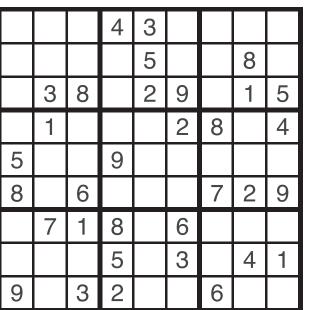


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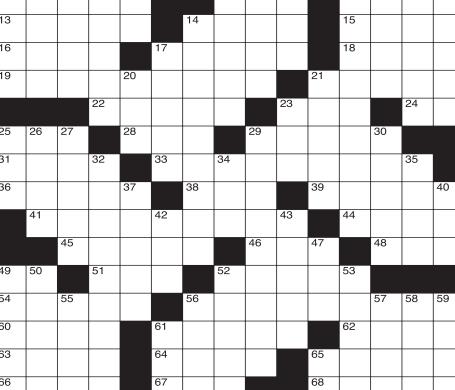
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SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are

disturbance near the intersection of Holly Street and South Main Street. 1:56 pm: MCFADIN, Demeter Rose Gaye (49) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of Manor Way. She was arrested on felony charges of resisting an officer, and on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct (alcohol).

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

2:45 am: Officers responded to a

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

April 22 to April 28

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Department handled 56 incidents in this issued a citation

The officers of the Willits Police the 800 block of South Main Street and

3:20 pm: Officers responded to a report

5:14 pm: Officers responded to a report

9:00 pm: Officers responded to a

10:41 am: Officers responded to a report

1:06 am: Officers responded to a report

2:49 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Walnut Street and South

2:58 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

3:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

10:45 pm: Officers responded to a

21000 block of Poplar Avenue and issued

disturbance in the 200 block of Pine Street.

12:52 pm: CALES, Tyler Greyson (26)

of Blosser Lane. He

was arrested on felony

charges of domestic

corporal injury with

prior convictions and

4:21 pm: Officers

responded to a report

of an unwanted subject

in the 800 block of

4:58 pm: Officers

initiated a hit and

run vehicle collision

investigation in the

South Main Street.

violation of parole.

of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block

the 1200 block of South Main Street and

of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

of suspicious activity near the intersection

of Sandy Avenue and Baechtel Road.

Main Street and issued a warning.

disturbance in the 500 block of West

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of

of suspicious activity in the 800 block of

South Main Street.

East Commercial Street

Mendocino Avenue.

April 26

April 27

Marcela Drive.

issued a citation

a citation.

April 28

April 23

7-day reporting period.

1:43 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Railroad

9:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

12:16 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

8:49 pm: KUBAS. Michael Dennis (44) of Nice was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of

9:32 pm: JASYTE, Gabriele (34) of

Mendocino was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of resisting an officer, and on misdemeanor charges of trespassing.

April 25

7:28 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

9:51 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue and issued a Tyler Cales of Willits.

the 800 block of South Main Street and

10:24 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:48 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a

12:02 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

100 block of East San 10:19 am: Officers conducted a stop in Francisco Avenue. 6:04 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and

> issued a citation 6:32 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

6:55 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

convictions.

prohibited person and unable

to lawfully possess firearms

or ammunition due to prior

At the conclusion of their

investigation, the Sheriff's

Office deputy developed

probable cause to believe

Richmond committed the

following crimes: 29800

PC (Prohibited person in

possession of a firearm),

30305 PC (Prohibited person

in possession of ammunition),

and 25850(c)(6) PC (Carrying a loaded

Richmond was subsequently arrested

firearm not registered to subject).

Willits man arrested for gun offenses

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By Sgt. T. Del Fiorentino for MCSO

On Monday, May 6, at 11:49 pm, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy was working on uniformed patrol in the 1200 block of Marina Drive in Redwood Valley. The deputy observed a male subject inside of a vehicle parked in a manner which blocked several parking spaces.

The deputy contacted the Terry Lynn Richmond of sole occupant of the vehicle, who was identified as Terry

Lynn Richmond, 43, of Willits. The deputy conducted a search of the vehicle and

located a loaded firearm. A records check of Richmond was and booked into the Mendocino County Jail conducted for past prohibiting violations or for the above charges, where he was to be convictions. Richmond was found to be a held in lieu of \$25,000.00 bail.

The rest of Micro-grants

Council will continue to support groups whose proposals were not funded, offering assistance to strengthen their future applications or explore alternative avenues for achieving their objectives.

All motivated local organizers are encouraged to reach out and inquire about projects needing additional support or funding.

If your neighborhood was not prepared to participate in this round of funding, now is a good time to start planning for future projects and ideas! The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

is committed to helping neighborhoods

throughout Mendocino County to become

Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

as prepared for wildfire as possible.

Learn how to join or organize a fire safe council in your area by visiting the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council website at https://firesafemendocino. org/ and look in the "Prepare Your Neighborhood" menu tab.

Or, if you become a fire council member (using the "Join Us" tab), you will receive important updates, alerts and information in our monthly email newsletters, as well as contractor discounts and other benefits.

For information on Micro-Grant program funding parameters, visit https:// firesafemendocino.org/2024-micro-grant/, or contact the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council at king@firesafemendocino.org.

From page 1

Office of Emergency Services.'

Brian Ferri-Taylor, another of the tireless volunteers for Sherwood Firewise, explained what the meeting was about: "We are hosting this event in recognition of National Fire Prevention Agency Wildfire Preparedness Day, which is today, the first Saturday in May each year," said Ferri-Taylor. "This goes toward meeting our obligation to Firewise USA to host an event, which is part of our certification. We started with monthly meetings and then we went to quarterly, and now this is our annual meeting. We

Ferri-Taylor talked about the first panel of the day with representatives of CAL FIRE. Brooktrails Fire Department. Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Supervisor John Haschak, and Mendocino County Fire Safe Council. "They're going to talk about those agencies and how they contribute to our safety," he said. Next the Office of Emergency Services will talk about evacuation routes. "CAL FIRE is going to talk a little about how they have been helping us with our Wildfire Fuel Reduction Program," he said.

Sherwood Firewise is working on grants "to make the entire length of Sherwood Road fire safe," Ferri-Taylor said. "We received several million dollars in a grant to hire contractors, to create a shaded fuel break, 100 feet from the center line of the road, either side, where anything below 6 inches in diameter is removed and trees are limbed up 10 to 15 feet. We're going to try and do the whole Sherwood

area's sixth year as a Firewise community. With that proven track record, Ferri-Taylor said, when Sherwood Firewise "made this proposal and showed up with the money, CAL FIRE said that they would contribute and that their crews would handle the task from the 'Y' to the 101. That freed up more money so then we could extend our program out Sherwood Road to Sherwood Ranch and out toward Fort

Next, the California Conservation Corps offered 5.000 hours of labor and equipment, "which freed up even more money so we could extend the program into the Gates and out to Sylvandale to those feeder roads which we would like to clean up and make safe," Ferri-Taylor explained.

The first part of the meeting was dedicated to the various agencies showing their materials and answering questions. Then, the attendees were able to order



wonderful foster home, Buster is getting all the TLC he deserves. Once you bring Buster home, he'll be a little cautious but curious, so he'll explore every inch of your place. And he'll be somewhat slow to

overly needy and he'll let you know when he's up for some loving and playing.

watching everything in his visual path. And after he's had that adventure, he's always up for chomping on a little kitty

Buster needs an experienced cat person. He also needs to be your one and only pet and would be best in a more quiet home without young kids. Buster also needs to stay on a prescription urinary diet (wet food) to prevent bladder stones and get regular health checks for some of his medical issues. He's a really sweet, sensitive and unique cat and adored by all who meet him. So we hope you'll want to meet him and see for yourself if he's a fit for you.

To learn more about Buster, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo



requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.

Young Simba

Small but mighty Simba is wondering when he will find his forever home! This little 25-pound ball of energy is always looking for some tasty treats, he will gladly take them and then maybe even offer a lick or two back. In his foster home

he plays well with two larger dogs and has no issue keeping up with them. He even enjoys running amuck with the toddler in the house.

Simba sleeps in a crate at night without a peep. He is eager to learn about good house manners and we're

proud to say that he is about 99 percent potty trained. He can be a little vocal at times but that's just Simba being Simba. He absolutely LOVES playing with dog toys. Simba is about 1 year old, neutered, and ready for his new family!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to visit us, no appointments needed! We



Above, left: Brian Ferri-Taylor of Sherwood Firewise Communities answers question from some of the attendees. Above, right: Garrett James of the Office of Emergency Services helps people to identify their zones. At left: The panel - Supervisor John Haschak, Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Nover, Scott Cratty of Mendocino Firesafe Council, Chad Smith of CAL FIRE, and Jeff Adair of the Office of **Emergency Services.**

Photos by Mathew Caine



COMMUNITY



Above, left: Supervisor John Haschak confers with members of the Office of Emergency Services. Above, right: This map showed past, present and future access route clearings. At far left: Keith Rutledge and Brian Ferri-Taylor of Sherwood Firewise Communities are two of the volunteers who work tirelessly to help keep the Sherwood Corridor safe At left: Several members of CAL FIRE attended the

5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety com, on our Facebook page, and on www. petfinder.com. Low-key Gunner

Gunner is a typical Lab who loves to play fetch with a tennis ball. This older fellow came to the shelter as a stray and was VERY skinny. He's easy to walk on leash and would LOVE a warm bed to curl up in when you are not out taking him for a leisurely walk. Gunner would do best as the only dog in a home with no young children, because he does guard his food.

are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to

If you're a Lab-lover, (and we know you're out there!) come on down to the Ukiah Shelter and spend some time with Gunner. There are so many reasons to open your heart to an older dog – check it out at https://animalfoundation. com/whats-going-on/blog/10-reasons-adopt-senior-pet.



The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from noon to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1 to 1:30 pm) on Saturdays. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www. mendoanimalshelter.com Call 707-467-6453 for more information.

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• Fawns naturally lie still and lower their head when approached. The fawn is not sick or injured, he is simply trying to hide.

She will not return to her fawn if humans are in the area.

• If the fawn is tucked away and laying quietly, leave it alone and leave the area! • If you find a fawn with open wounds, broken bones, is crying out for an extended time or laying flat on its side, it may need help.

• Please call Mendocino Fawn Rehab for advice before moving a fawn. 951-852-0513 or 707-984-6363.

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are going to have an educational component."

Saturday's event was also to celebrate the Sherwood

Over on page 11 Unique Buster

Buster is a really lovely and sweet boy. At nearly 6 years old, Buster is a good mix of independent and social. Currently in a

open up, but when he does, he's a real sweetheart. He

likes attention, but he's not

He also loves being perched near a window and

Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary

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Online: www.basroofing.com

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290 S. Lenore Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church

803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Worship Service - 5:00 p.m Pastor Kris Strickland EVERYBODY IS WELCOME Church

of Christ

"What must we do to be saved Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.n Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study-

7-8:00 p.m. The Church of **Jesus Christ of**

Latter-day Saints 265 Margie Drive Willits, CA 95490 ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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• A University for Soul •Spiritual Living Courses Spiritual Discussions ECK Light & Sound Services More information? Call 530-224-8703 www.eckankar.org

Grace Community Church

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits **Modified Worship Service** 10 a.m. Other ministries suspended

for now. For appointments call: (707) 459-3106

St. Anthony of Padu Catholic Church 61 W. San Francisco Ave.

Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday-5:30 p.m. Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English 10:30 a.m. *-* Spanisl Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252

https://stanthonywillits.org/ saintanthonywillits@gmail.com We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis **Episcopal Church** North Main Street, Willits

707-272-0177 Sunday Service - 10 a.m. In-person and on Zoom Call for information. ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

St. John Lutheran Church Church Service:

Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME

Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church**

707-459-5714 Friendly, open worship Saturdays Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. Zoom Transmission Available Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 399 W. Mendocino Ave. All are welcome!

Willits United **Methodist Church**

Labyrinth and Peace Garden A place to find comfort where all are welcome Pastor Rosemary Landry Sunday Worship at 10:30 an 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855

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f you want to be included in this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com

Thursday, May 9

Volunteer Coffee Break at the Museum: Prospective volunteers are invited every second Thursday for a morning Volunteer Coffee Break at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Coming up May 9, from 9 to 10 am, and June 13, from 10 to 11 am. Meet staff and current volunteers and learn about exciting opportunities available at the Mendocino County Museum. More info: www. mendocinocounty.gov/museum or contact the Mendocino County Museum at museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

Willits Shred Event: Savings Bank of Mendocino County's shred event in Willits is set for Thursday, May 9, from 9 to 11 am, in the parking lot behind Savings Bank on Humboldt Street. Bring up to three boxes, each no more than 35 pounds, of documents for safe, secure, on-site shredding. Additionally, to help shred hunger, nonperishable food will be accepted at each event for local food banks. Savings Bank representatives will be available to supply information about preventing identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen.

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season. Thursday, May 9, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street, 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Tobin's Tales, story time at the farmers market, from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome.

Friday, May 10

Senior Dance Hall at the Library: Seniors ages 55 and older are invited to bring your dancing shoes to the Willits Branch Library on Friday afternoons from 2 to 3 pm for a Senior Dance Hall. Enjoy jazz, pop, swing, and ballroom selections. Don't feel like dancing? Please come and enjoy the music, catch up with friends new and old, and share some light refreshments. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www. mendolibrary.or 707-459-5908.

Waldorf School's Spring Soirée: Step into the magic of springtime at the Waldorf School of Mendocino, 6280 3rd Street, Calpella, for an evening filled with joy, connection, and giving back. Friday, May 10, from 4 to 7 pm, with live music by "Mama Grows Funk," delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a Super Raffle Drawing and Silent Auction Tickets \$25 are available for purchase online at www.mendocinowaldorf.org or by phone at (707) 485-8719.

"Tales from Cowtown: A Puppet Show" in **Covelo:** A FREE traveling puppet show by north of the Post Office – look for directional

the Cowtown Serenaders, puppet troupe - fun for all ages, sharing stories of rural resilience, with marionettes, live music, giant animals, and more Visiting Mendocino County including a Friday, May 10, 4 pm show in Covelo at the Round Valley Library Common. More info: www. greetingsfromcowtown.com

June 9

June 30

July 14

DIGGIN DIRT

with SOULEVITY

CHRIS CAIN

Blues Guitar Master

THE REAL SARAHS

& ALEX DE GRASSI

with JULIAN JULIAN

Local Talent Spotlight

West Coast Funk & Soul



Alex Wilkerson at Shanachie After Work: Indie rock artist from Bisbee Arizona plays "atmospheric and honest, sunny indie rock with a dark side." After work show on Friday May 10 at 5 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South

Black Suzie and Shovelman at WCT: An evening of acoustic roots music at Willits Community Theater on Friday, May 10 at

Black Suzie

Saoveman

7:30 pm with Orleans singer-songwriter Black Suzie and madcap musician Shovelman. As Shovelman, Isaac Frankle wields his lap steel guitar for Mississippi Delta blues into a "folktronica mix, while Black Suzie offers up

enchanting, heartfelt melodies and lyrics reminiscent of Cat Power and Bjork. WCT Playhouse, 37 Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Tickets, \$20, available online at www. wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

Donnie & Friends at Shanachie: featuring local harmonica (aka "Mississippi saxophone") player Donnie, joined by friends and fellow musicians possibly including Gary Bouley, Jeff Martin, Rasta Sean and Tom G. among others, playing an improvisational variety of Chicago style Blues, Rock, Funk, Latin, and West African music. Friday, May 10 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, May 11

(a puppet performance)

regarding rural resilience

The Coutour Sereralers

BIG MOUNTAIN

California Reggae Legends

BLITZEN TRAPPER

MUSTACHE HARBOR

Yacht Rock Forever

Alternative Country &

with DUBCRAFT

August 11

August 18

— UKIAH VALLEY ATHLETIC (LUB, MENDOCINO WELLNESS, & THE CITY OF UKIAH PRESENT —

SUNDAYS The PARK

Grateful Gleaners Plant Sale: Purchase seeds, starts, and full-grown plants at the Grateful Gleaners Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 3 pm in the yard behind the Gleaner garage, 130 Tuttle Lane, a block

> herbs plants, and even some trees. Many plants will be drought tolerant and deer-resistant, and many will attract bees, beneficials insects and butterflies. Plus Tootreese

> > **DEEP ROOTS**

PREADING BRANCHES

Storytime at

The Willits Library

Tuesdays - Friday

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Around Town of table grape varietals and no one will be turned away due to lack of advice; Jamie Chevalier of funds. The WCT Playhouse is located at Quail Seeds with heirloom and open-sourced seeds; Golden downtown Willits.

Rule Gardens CSA with signups for their CSA program, Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the basket delicious Grateful Gleaners fresh produce PLANT SALE week and Morgan Rex with metal garden art

including wind chimes, mobiles, and fountains. respect the time, and bring cash, small bills preferred. Checks are accepted, but no cards.

Graves, Stories, and Genealogy: Tracing Your Family History: Benjamin MacBean, local genealogist

graver, and storyteller, on his experience tracing the history of those who have gone before us, plus tips and advice in tracing your own family history using the latest online resources. Part of "A Touch of Mendocino, A Taste of Mendocino" series, at the Willits Branch Library on Saturday, May 11 from 11 am to 12 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info: visit www.mendolibrary. org or contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

Mother's Day Vendors Fair: Mendo Crafts presents the May Vendors Fair check it out for Mother's Day gifts

- on Saturday, May 11 from 11 am to 5 pm, outside at Imagination Station, 280 East Commercial Sit-N-Sew: Second Saturdays

at the Willits Library, May 11 this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in - bring your sewing project and have fun. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary. org or 459-5908. "Tales from Cowtown: A Puppet

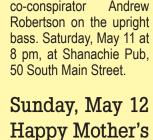
Show at Rec Grove: A FREE traveling puppet show by the Cowtown Serenaders, a Humboldt County-based puppet troupe - fun for all ages, sharing stories of rural resilience, with marionettes, live music, giant animals, and more! More than just a puppet show - a celebration of creativity, resilience, and the enduring bond between humans and nature. Community conversations after the show. Visiting Mendocino County including a Saturday, May 11, 6 pm show at the Rec Grove in Willits.

Long-Form Poetry Reading at WCT: Willits Community Theatre and organizer Mike A'Dair host an open reading with a 15 minute time limit on Saturday, May 11 at 7 pm. The longer time limit can allow for rarely-heard Jeske, with starts longer works to be read. Entry by donation;

More info: www.greetingsfromcowtown.

37 Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub) in

Clay Hawkins Duo at Shanachie: "Late Heart" by slide guitarist and songwriter Clay Hawkins and longtime co-conspirator Andrew



Day! Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast: Moms at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel

Road, Sunday, May 12, from 8 to 11 am. \$10; \$9 center members: \$8 children. Free Mimosas for all moms 21+ older. Breakfast includes Biscuits and Gravy with side of eggs ONLY, or all you can eat pancakes, 2 pieces sausage or bacon, 2 eggs, coffee, milk or

Wednesday, May 15

other's

vendors

SATURDAY MAY 11 2024 11 AM TO 5PM

Twining Time and Dave Pierce at Brickhouse: John Wagenet and Anita



keyboard, and stand-up

bass. 3 South Main Street

Saoveman

Black Suzie

on the corner of Main and Commercial streets. Info: (707) 459-1598. Willits Stamp Club at the Library: Monthly

meeting of the Willits Stamp Club is on third Wednesdays, Wednesday, May 15 this month, 5 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Library. 390 East Commercial Street. Bring your collection and enjoy time perusing stamps. All are

welcome. Refreshments served

Info: talsofam@pacific.net ATW presents 'A Physician's Journey': Avenues to Wellness's May talk is "A Physician's Through Abuse, Psychedelics and Forgiveness' Dawnmarie Risley-Childs DO. This free ATW talk is set

An Evening of

Acoustic Roots Music

at WCT, May 10

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performances by the madcap misfit

musician Shovelman and New Orleans

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the one-of-a-kind Shovelman, Isaac

Frankle wields his lap steel guitar

bringing forth sounds of the Mississippi

Delta blues blended into an electro-

psychedelic flavor. With his bluesy

"folktronica" mix, Shovelman has

shared the stage with the likes of

Primus, Emmylou Harris, Kaki King

For a journey into the depths, Black

Suzie offers up enchanting melodies

and Reggae Watts.

for Wednesday, May 15, from 6 to 7 pm, at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Donations accepted for use of the hall; wheelchair accessible. Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Info: Suzanne at (707) 456-9676 or spicetti@howardfoundation

Thursday, May 16

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, Thursday, May 9, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street. Hours are still 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Tobin's Tales, story time at the farmers market, from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome.

Friday, May 17

Stevie Cornell at Shanachie After Work: singer/ songwriter out of Santa Rosa with roots in the East Bay punk scene, then a member of the Movie Stars, top San Francisco Americana group, on tour to support a new album, "Some Sweet Dream." Friday, May 17 at 5 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Johnny Young at Diggers Bar: Rockin' country music live in

Mother's Day

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 12th, 2024

1501 Baechtel Rd. Willits, Ca 95490

Breakfast Prices

Senior Center Members - \$

concert by Johnny Young. On tour for the new album, "Skinny the Kid. Friday, May 17 at 8 pm. Free admission. 244 South Street. Visit johnnyyoungcountry. com for videos and more info.

Back Porch Trio Shanachie: fun-loving sound influenced by folk,

blues, classic rock, jam band, americana, and bluegrass. Rosie Wetzel (ukulele and vocals), Steve Hahm (acoustic guitar and vocals), and Jeff Taylor (bass). Friday, May 17 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

Saturday, May 18

Salvador Andrade Paints Live at WCA: Young local rising star painter Salvador Andrade live paints in residence at the Willits Center for the Arts, on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 from 12 to 4 pm. Come help artist Andrade complete "My Willits," a marathon abstract large portrait canvas with local subjects. Watch his process, help paint the canvas, and listen to his playlist of books

and music and paint with free materials provided. No registration needed; Just show up ready to get messy! 71 East Street. Commercial Sponsored by WCA's Upstate California Creative Corps grant.

Blue Luke Shanachie: "Blue Luke" Andrews is a prodigy guitarist, born and raised in Dos Rios, Mendocino County: "Imagine a band that

Willits

Walk & Talk

Wednesdays & Fridays

Join the Willits Branch staff for a 20-30

minute walk around the neighborhood. Come enjoy a little bit of exercise as well as some

pleasant conversation. We will meet at the front entrance of the

10:00 am - 10:30 am

takes the soul of the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of rock & roll and the rich harmonies of jazz to create exactly what you've always wanted to hear." Saturday, May 18 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'The Fall Guy'

The Story: Non-stop action, plus murder mystery,

plus back-stabbing Hollywood-style betrayal

man. He's desperately and hopelessly in love with

And now, Jody is a first-time director in her dream

job. She is more-or-less in charge of a ridiculously

high-action, blockbuster science fiction flick. There's

camerawoman Jody Moreno (Emily Blunt)

one more climactic

battle scene to shoot.

The leading man is

missing. Colt has to

find him, and in the

death-defying stunts

in order to save the

My Thoughts: The

movie has everything:

two lovable lead

taking stunt action.

scene-stealing

to admit she still loves him.

flick for his lady love.

process

actors.

dialogue,

performs

clever

dog and a dancing cockatiel. The whole package

is wrapped up in the time-honored Hollywood

framework of Boy gets Girl - Boy loses Girl - Boy

gets Girl. Ryan Gosling is adorably appealing as a

man struggling to get Emily Blunt, the love of his life.

The action set pieces in this flick are amazing.

Director David Leitch was himself a stunt man and

has said that he made "The Fall Guy" to recognize

and honor the mostly nameless stunt guys he

worked with in Hollywood. I loved the movie. As an

aside, and probably much more important than my

own opinion: I was informed by two random young

Parents: Not really for kids. Teens and up will be

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality

women at my bank that Ryan Gosling is "Hot!"

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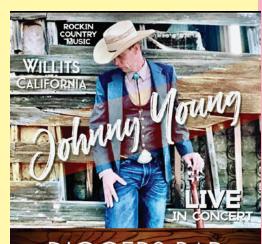
Project with Salvador Andrade: in residence at WCA for 2 afternoons



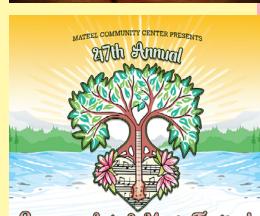


Come Help Local Artist Salvador Andrade complete a marathon Abstract Large Portrait

Canvas with Local Subjects: "My Willits"



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MANHARI COMMUNITRY CHARREST

VFW Veterans

Breakfast in

Ukiah

Foreign Wars Post 1900

has been sponsoring a

monthly breakfast fundraiser

for decades. The next one

is Saturday, May 11, 8 am

to noon, at the Veterans

Memorial Hall, 293 Seminary

Ave., Ukiah, catered by

Redwood Empire Lions Club

volunteers. \$10. Proceeds

flags at Ukiah cemetery,

and many projects the VFW

supports, including student

scholarships. Questions, call

veterans'

maintaining

THE FALL GUY

towards

assistance,

(707) 234-7392.

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Twining Time and **Dave Pierce** at Brickhouse, May 15

Twining Time - John Wagenet, Anita Wagenet Blu, and special guest Dave Pierce on stand-up

bass, will perform at Brickhouse Coffee, Wednesday, May 15 from 12 to 2 pm. Three part vocal harmonies: Beatles Folk/ Country/ Mountain Americana Roots, plus new and old favorites as well as original music, with acoustic guitars, keyboard, and stand-up bass. 3 South Main Street on the corner of Main and Commercial streets. Info: (707)



carrier will take care of the rest!

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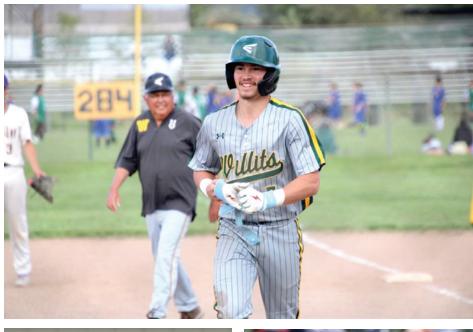
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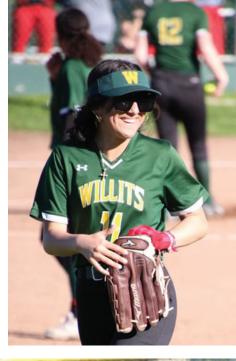
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COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS

A bittersweet farewell to our softball and baseball seniors

very strong at third base and a great hitter.

"Kaylee Campbell joined the team in her

junior year and has been an asset to the

team," Britton continued. "She plays really

"Mariah Rodriguez has played three years

The Wolverines Baseball team came out

hot on the offense for their last home game.

They strung together four runs in the first

inning, but defensive errors put them in the

The boys did display talent this year

individually and as a whole. While they

may not have grazed the path of luck to a

winning streak, they had fun playing their

hearts out. These moments are always

opportunities to learn and grow in life. The

lessons they take and the memories they

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way into base often."

Friends, families and teammates on varsity," said Britton. "She is the captain gathered with posters, pictures, flowers and and one of the leaders this year. She is love to honor our seniors as they played their last games ever at Willits High School.

Sheri Dockins

Our varsity baseball senior players this year were Kooper well in the outfield and is strong at the bat. Logan Dockins,

Sanderson, Jake Grooms and Gunner of varsity softball," shared Britton. "She has Globe. Our varsity softball senior players come a long way from her first year. She this year were Elena Arkelian. Kaylee is a good outfielder and seems to find her Campbell and Mariah Rodriguez.

Lady Wolverines have led a season these senior girls will not forget. Their last home game did not disappoint with an 11-1 win against Potter Valley. Then, they traveled to Calistoga to take on the Wildcats with another win, leaving them on a straight three-game victory-roll, taking them to the playoffs! Congratulations ladies!

"This year we have three seniors on the varsity softball team," said Coach Ray Britton. "All three seniors are great girls to have on the team. They are all very talented athletes and great students in the share will last for a lifetime.

"Elena Arkelian has played all four years

At top, left: Kooper Dockins smiles while coming off the field. At top, right: Gunner Globe prepares for the pitch and is ready to swing. At left, top left: Elena Arkelian gets ready to scoop up a ground ball. At left, top right: Mariah Rodriguez happily walks to her position in outfield. At left: Logan Sanderson prepares for the pitch from Jakoby Kirby. Below: Jake Grooms swings for a base hit. At right: Kaylee Campbell prepares for the hit



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Four years of progressively responsible related experience in city, county, or regional planning with a concentration in current planning and/or long-range

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> Desirable Experience/Education Special Requirements:

Experience using GIS software to create reports and

Some private sector experience will be considered a

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Friday May 10, 2024, by 4:00 P.M. Contact Karen Stevenson at (707) 459-7176 or email kstevenson@cityofwillits.org



Employment Opportunity: City Planner

Annual Salary \$71,329.23 - \$86,701.86

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in urban or regional planning, or a related field.

Two years of progressively responsible related experience in city, county or regional planning.

•Must possess and maintain a valid California Class C Driver License and satisfactory driving record. Out of state valid motor vehicle operator's license will be accepted during the application process.

•One (1) additional year of qualifying experience may be substituted for the required academic major.

> Desirable Experience/Education Special Requirements:

Experience using GIS software to create reports and

Application Deadline: Friday May 10, 2024, by 4:00 P.M.

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

(CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 24CV00401

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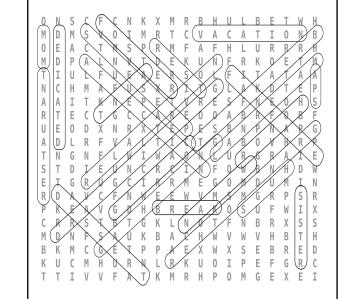
attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numbero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado es): CHRISTOPHER J. NEARY

110 South Main Street, Suite C Willits, CA 95490 (707) 459-5551

Date: (Fecha) April 3, 2024 s/Kim Turner/Deputy (Adjunto)

Publication Dates: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024





Fictitious Business

Name Statement 2024-F0196

The following person or persons are doing business as Danny Mihelcic Construction Services, 260 Margie Drive, WIllits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Lisa WIllits. CA 95490. Kvasnicka, 575 Redwood This business is conducted Avenue, Willits CA 95490. by a corporation This business is conducted The registrant commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2, 2024. FRN statement filed with the isted above on N/A.. Mendocino County Clerk-FBN statement filed with Recorder on April 8, 2024.

/s/ Lisa A. Kvasnicka

16, 23, 2024

WW484 **Fictitious Business**

/s/ Danny Mihelcic, Vice

and May 2, 9, 2024.

President, Summit Signal, Inc.

Publication dates: April 18, 25

Name Statement

2024-F0192 The following person or persons are doing business as It's A Shore Thing!, 262 North Main Street, Fort Bragg CA 95437

Registered owner: Kevin M. Silva, 43193 Caspar Little Lake Road, Mendocino CA

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced above on April 4, 2024.

Name Statement 2024-F0223 The following person or

Fictitious Business

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persons are doing business as Scoops, 110 North Main Street, Willits CA 95490. Mailing address: 575 Redwood Avenue, Willits CA

Registered owner: Summit Signal, Inc., 260 Margie Drive.

by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name

> Recorder on April 24, 2024. Publication dates: May 2, 9,

> > notices, storage

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and more.

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Willits Weekly can run legal notices including

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to transact business under the fictitious business name listed FBN statement filed with the

Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 4, 2024. /s/ Kevin M. Silva, Publication dates: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

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Coach Tim King had great things to say about the seniors: "Kooper Dockins was the captain of this team. He showed strong leadership, talent, strong work ethic, and maturity beyond his years. Always striving for perfection, he took every opportunity to put in extra work whenever he could. He was a mentor to younger or less-experienced players. He was always the voice of positivity in the dugout and on the field. It was a privilege to have him on the team."

"Logan Sanderson was a strong contributor to the team," said King. "He served us well catching behind the plate. He kept a good vibe in the dugout and was generous in sharing his knowledge with the other players. He was an asset to our team."

"Gunner Globe loves to play first base," explained King. "But, he stepped up and played outfield most of the season because that was an area of weakness and that is where we needed him. He did so without complaint and gave us a strong outfield play. He has a great attitude and was a pleasure to be around."

"Jake Grooms played many positions wherever we needed him," King continued. "Second base and pitcher are his favorite positions, but he also spent time at third and in the outfield, depending on where we needed him. It really helped us to have a utility guy who could contribute all over the field. He also came up with some key hits on offense. He also kept a great attitude and was a pleasure to be around."

"Robert Husarek, Steven Husarek, and Joey Smith came out for their senior year after not playing since Little League," King said. "High school baseball is a huge learning curve when you haven't played for so long. Unfortunately, they didn't finish the season. But, I was impressed that they showed up and worked hard every day while they were with us. I saw great improvement throughout the season."

Win or lose, our community is very proud of all of our talented young athletes. We wish you nothing but the best in all your future endeavors and can't wait to see what you all accomplish in life.

We are very proud of you and all of your hard work! Be proud of yourselves as you step out into the great unknown and pave your way courageously into your own! Hold onto your memories and never forget Wolverine pride lives on

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pm. Info: 459-3333.





Willits Post Office to participate in Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Saturday, May 11

Posted by U.S. Post Office

Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the second Saturday in May to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. Since launching in 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has grown into the nation's largest one-day food drive, helping to fill the shelves of food banks in cities and towns throughout the United States.

The need is great, but you can help. We invite you to join letter carriers and our partner organizations in the fight to end hunger in our communities by participating in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Simply leave your donation of non-perishable food in a bag near your mailbox on the second Saturday in May, May 11 this year, and your letter carrier will do the rest.

If you have a office box, or would like to bring your donation to the post office directly, stop by 315 South Main Street or call 707-459-5255 for more information.



Above and top: City letter carriers Matthew Jennison, left, Victoria VanBezooyen and Rebecca Laurent, right, smile on the loading dock with packages and cans to remind the community about the upcoming food drive on Saturday.







Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047







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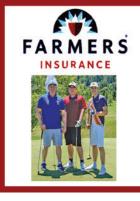
May 11th



Mary Lynn Poole, Jennifer Poole, and Wonderful the boxer on a Mother's Day too many years ago to mention.



Don't bother looking for the perfect mom. She's already taken. Love, Alaska, Lilo &







Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunches are \$8; \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members.

Thursday, May 9: Turkey Club Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

Friday, May 10: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

Monday, May 13: Fish Tacos, Rice & Beans

Tuesday, May 14: Meatball Sub, Green Salad

Wednesday, May 15: Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies, Roll

Thursday, May 16: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps, Pea Pasta Salad

Friday, May 17: Thai Chili Chicken Stir-Fry Chow Mein

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

Pancake Breakfast: every second Sunday, Mother's Day Breakfast on May 12 this month, with a free mimosa for moms 21+ over, 8 to 11 am. \$10; \$9 center members; \$8 children. Breakfast includes Biscuits and Gravy with side of eggs ONLY, or all you can eat pancakes, 2 pieces sausage or bacon, 2 eggs, coffee, milk or juice.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Joliana 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-

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

The rest of Renovation

ladders on the sidewalk, it was evident something was underway. The main body of the building was painted with the golden "California Chamois" and the dark red trim with "Oxford Brick" – two colors the pair felt were historically appropriate to the building.

The building was most recently the home to a T-shirt shop, and also spent life as a Sears store in the past. Most notably, the upstairs portion of the building was the official lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and their female-counterpart group the Rebekahs, earning the building the "Odd Fellows building" as a quick

Guenther and Hill look to give new business owners a chance to move into the prime downtown location; the bottom floor hosts a main room approximately 2,000 square feet, and a second smaller downstairs space that's about 500 square feet. Both could be rented together, or separately, and there's also a few small rooms to the south of the main space which could possibly be available for offices and the like.

For now, upstairs (which is still filled with all sorts of historical and official IOOF regalia, and quite a bit of general flotsam and jetsam) will remain a distant "phase two" after the pair completes the downstairs

Larry Guenther, who works with Building Maintenance for Yolo County, also holds a contractor's license and is happy to be hands-on with the repairs. Ashley Hill, who works at a diagnostic lab at UC Davis, is "happy to get away from the desk" while this project is underway. The pair are commuting back and forth from their home in Davis to work on the project, and subbing out work to local businesses to help get the jobs accomplished.

"We would like to give a shout out to some local businesses we've used - it account at Savings Bank of Mendocino as a great opportunity.

but when the painters arrived, cones and County, and they've been great; Roundtree Glass did a great job replacing our broken window; Jeff's Appliances has been super helpful with a bunch of stuff. Full Spectrum is doing the paint and have been great to work with; the City of Willits staff have been amazingly helpful, and Andy's Apiary removed the three bee colonies!'

The pair heard about the building being available for sale, and decided to drive over to Willits one day to see the building, see the town, and decide if it would be worth placing a bid.

"We did some googling to also see what kind of area Willits was, and we saw lots of photos of the downtown and were so excited to see that there were two used bookstores here!" said Hill. "We were both really excited! When we got here, we walked around town, walked into businesses, had some great food, and really were impressed with the vibe of this small town.

Guenther and Hill expressed their excitement to support and fit in with Willits' unique and small-town vibe.

"There's not a lot of chain stores, lots of places are mom-and-pop owned, and that really spoke to us," Hill continued. "So we put in an offer and were amazed that no one else had leapt at the chance to have this opportunity. When we got the call last fall that said we were the new owners, we were surprised, but excited to start."

"Every time we're here, it seems like there's something going on," said Guenther. "There's been festivals, events, parades, there's a great art culture. There seems to be so much civic pride and self-awareness in the community and that feeling was a big part of the decision to put in our offer."

Guenther and Hill came to Willits, and chose to invest here, seeing its potential and unique qualities that make the community a special dot on the map. does indeed take a village to do this kind So, we welcome you to Willits, Larry and of project," said Guenther. "We set up an Ashley, and thank you for seeing our town



263 South Main Street built ca. 1897

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was the first aternal organization in Willits, organized on August 1878. At that time money was raised and a lodge hall was built. However, this hall burned in the 1896 fire and was rebuilt. The I.O.O.F. Hall played an mportant role on the life of Willits at the turn of the century. It was the site of the polling place for the town from 1986 to 1910. It was also the location for the eetings of the recently formed Willits Volunteer Fire Department. Moreover, other fraternal and religious groups used the hall as their meeting place. For example, both the Catholic Church and the Masonic Lodge met at the hall until their respective buildings

were built. The downstairs stage was often used by the local schools for their productio

The Willits I.O.O.F. Hall is a two story wooden structure with a hip roof. A small gable protrudes on the front of the roof facing Main Street. The lodge hall, the oldest remaining building on Main Street, was remodeled several times. Currently the main portion of the building's hip roof ends in a box cornice with a sloped soffit and a frieze. An addition to the south of the main building comes only to the height of the frieze, though it also consists of two stories.

Reprinted with permission from the 1988 book "The Architectural Heritage of Willits," by Nelson A. Streib and Susan Pritchard, commissioned by the City of Willits.

Firewise

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Mexican food from the tent kitchen set up by Atanasio Ramirez of Tagueria Ramirez, after which the forums were to begin. The first forum consisted of the aforementioned members of the various agencies with which Sherwood Firewise Communities coordinates their efforts. Also on the forum was Third District Supervisor John Haschak. who, in addition to facilitating the forum. reported on the county's efforts to create a "benefit zone" for the residents of Brooktrails. This benefit zone requires a vote of the residents in order to tax themselves an annual (nominal) rate in order to fund the maintenance of the access routes.

One big fire-prevention issue in Brooktrails are the many lots with absentee owners. Many are in arrears in their taxes, some may not be aware that they own the lots – many cannot be contacted. The county is working on plans to identify these property owners, and if that proves impossible to find some way to enter and do fire suppression on those properties.

The second forum or roundtable discussion featured the local Firewise and Fire Safe councils. It was designed to promote a dialogue between the councils and the various agencies that are involved in fire safety, suppression and planning. "The more we hear what each other has to say," Rutledge said, the better all the state and county agencies and the various Firewise Communities can work together in sync in order to create a more fire-resistant

The rest of Rescue

implementation of the selected projects and provide quarterly updates to the

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The resolution also stated: "The City Council selected the allocations to reinvest in the organization and the community by enhancing public facilities, parks, civic groups, and communications.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was passed by U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Biden in March 2021. The plan included \$360 billion in direct funding to states, counties and cities across the country to offset economic losses and increased expenses resulting from the COVID 19

At the top of the Willits ARPA allocation list is \$275.000 for Land Use Plan Implementation (to go to Community Services & Facilities).

Also on the list is \$125,000 for an urban forestry ordinance (for Community Development) and \$100,000 budgeted for an urban forester (allocated between Community Development and Services & Facilities).

A lighting installation at the parking lot at School and Wood streets is listed at \$102,000 (Services & Facilities).

Renovations to the Willits Community Center, including flooring, lighting, storage space, and texture/ paint backwall, are listed at \$50,000 (Services & Facilities).

Also on the list (allocated to Services & Facilities) are the following items: \$30,000 for Highway 20 Park Gateway Sign; \$15,000 for Carnegie Library Building Condition Assessment; \$15,000 for Council Chambers: Repair front wall; \$15,000 for Seasonal Decorations; \$15,000 for Willits Lions Club: Scout Hut renovations; \$10,000 for City Hall Interior: Upgrade wiring and lighting; and \$6,000 for Wi-Fi Installation at city parks.

City Administration was allocated \$12,000 for two years of Project Management Assistance. Also, \$10,000 was allocated as a placeholder for the city's part of possible energy audits of all City of Willits buildings, which a PG&E program may cover.

Last on the list was \$39,792 in contingency funding. The ARPA funding resolution also

describes Items that were pared from the list as per the council's direction at their April 10 meeting: "(1) Reduce the allocations for implementing land use plan recommendations and for Rec Grove improvements to fit within the budget; (2) Eliminate a contribution to Economic Development & Finance Corporation; and (3) Remove the West Van Lane Pedestrian Improvements and seek alternative funding opportunities for the project."

Department of Cannabis Control

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will be posted on the cannabis.ca.gov website or contact Charisse Diaz at Charisse.Diaz@

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cannabis.ca.gov or (916) 465-9025.

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Public comments on the DEIR may be emailed by June 4 to publiccomment@cannabis.ca.gov or sent by postal service or hand delivery to: Department of Cannabis Control c/o Angela McIntire-Abbott, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

The "Proposed Objectives" of the DEIR, according to the document, are to:

• Implement the California Department of Cannabis Control's cultivation licensure program in Mendocino County, in an effort to minimize the public health and safety risks associated with unlicensed commercial cannabis activity, while promoting a robust and economically viable legal cannabis industry in

 Effectively transition qualified existing provisional cannabis cultivation licenses to annual licenses through a streamlined cannabis licensing process to ensure that such provisional cannabis cultivation license holders complete the annual license process by the statutory timeframes identified in Business and Professions Code, section 26050.2;

· Provide a mechanism for future cannabis cultivation license applicants to obtain annual licenses through a streamlined cannabis licensing process;

Ensure that cannabis cultivation by

licensees is conducted in accordance with applicable state and local laws related to land conversion, air quality, electricity usage, water usage, water quality, biological resources, agricultural discharges, and similar matters;

 Protect natural and built resources in Mendocino County: and

Minimize potential adverse effects of cannabis cultivation activities on the

The state Department of Cannabis Control is the lead agency in the preparation and review of the DEIR for the Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation in Mendocino County

The DEIR will apply to unincorporated areas of the Mendocino County outside of the coastal zone, not to cultivation inside incorporated Development) and \$275,000 for Rec cities (including Willits). The DEIR will apply Grove Facility Improvements (to go to to commercial cannabis cultivation conducted under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act in Mendocino

> As of April 2023, the DEIR reports, there are 623 commercial cannabis cultivation sites, 23 of which have associated cannabis distribution transport-only operations, within the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County that hold provisional state cannabis cultivation licenses and distribution transport-only licenses These provisionally licensed operations may therefore operate under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act on a conditional basis, for a limited period.

> According to the document, "DCC is considering whether to transition some or all of these provisional licenses to annual licenses (i.e., whether to issue annual licenses to some or all of these provisional licensees). DCC may also consider other annual licensing actions (e.g., the issuance of new, additional annual cultivation licenses) for future commercial cannabis cultivation within the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County."

> The DEIR, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, has evaluated the environmental impacts of these proposed license actions in the areas of Aesthetics Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, Energy Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise and Vibration, Public Services and Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, Wildfire, Cumulative Impacts and Other CEQA-Required Analysis.

> Significant impacts are identified in the following areas: odors, historic resources biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, construction vibration, wildfire, and cumulative effects.

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Above: At the end of the presentation, all the parents and children form a huge circle of almost 200 people for some inspirational words prior to the picnic and games. Below, left: The little ones love to strew the flowers all over the field. Below, right: The upper classes bow after finishing their ballroom dance that they have been working on all term. At bottom, from left: Seven violins accompany the dancers. The maypole is the center of attention around which many of the classes dance. The kids, all in white and festooned with garlands, delight the mass of parents who came to watch and picnic.



May Day Festival

Students at Waldorf School of Mendocino celebrate spring with flower garlands and maypole dances



On a beautiful, clear Friday afternoon, close to 200 parents, teachers and students gathered at the Waldorf School campus to

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celebrate spring. It was their annual May Day Festival in which everyone was

decked out in their finest white clothes in order to honor the season of new growth. Everyone was invited to create their own flowery garlands which offered a splash of color to the white outfits gleaming in the sun.

Once the garlands had been made and distributed, the attendees found a spot on the field, laid down their blankets, set up chairs, or just stood and watched as the

children took to the grass to enthrall the parents with their well-rehearsed dance routines and flower-strewing activities. The dances ranged from traditional stick and sword (not sharp) folk steps to a formal tuxedoed ballroom dance. A group of teachers gathered on the field to sing "Wild Mountain Thyme" to honor a friend who had passed, in a joyous tribute.

The coup de grâce of the presentation was the traditional maypole dance, performed by willing, and not-so-willing, parents who had been gleaned out of the audience to try their hand at the weaving of ribbons, with a polite nod each time they passed another participant. By the end of the dance, the maypole was festooned with

colorful wrapped banners and the parents gratefully retired to their seats or blankets.

After the performances were over, all of the parents, teachers and students formed a huge circle, held hands, and shared a moment of peaceful reflection and inspiration. The remainder of the day was spent in picnics and lawn games, including an egg toss.

The Waldorf School's Spring Soiree is coming up this Friday, May 10, from 4 to 7 pm. This fundraising event will be held at the school, located at 6280 3rd Street, Calpella. It promises to be an evening filled with joy, connection, and giving back. The band Mama Grows Funk will be performing,

there will be delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a raffle drawing and silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and are available for purchase online at www.mendocinowaldorf.org or by phone at 707-485-8719.

The Waldorf School in Calpella has been in existence since 1972, providing quality private instruction in an idyllic setting. "The Waldorf School of Mendocino County was founded with one purpose – to build a space for all students to grow, learn and create with each passing day. Through Waldorf education, a unique teaching approach, and a truly passionate faculty, we help students develop academically and personally to their full potential," per their website, www.mendocinowaldorf.org.











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