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Cubbison 'misuse of public funds' trial delayed again

trial delayed again

By Mike Geniella, mendofever.com

May 10 – For the second time, criminal proceedings have been delayed in a case with significant political implications for District Attorney David Eyster, who filed a felony misuse of public funds charge last fall against Mendocino County Auditor Chamise Cubbison.

In a motion granted May 8, Cubbison attorney Chris Andrian of Santa Rosa sought to reschedule a preliminary hearing for next Tuesday. He cited a last-minute dump of hundreds of pages of subpoenaed documents by county officials.

"I have determined that an additional request for discovery must be made directly to the District Attorney's Office in order for me to properly prepare for the preliminary hearing," wrote Andrian in his motion.

The pre-trial discovery process became unexpectedly challenging, leading Andrian to directly subpoena the County of Mendocino for documents in late March. The original

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Attempted murder arrest in Leggett shooting

By Sergeant J. D'Orazio, for MCSO

On Friday, May 10 at 10:57 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a report of a 56-year-old male with a gunshot wound to his hand in the 51400 block of North Highway 101 in Leggett.

While responding to the call, deputies learned a male and female, later identified as Gregory Mark Cox, age 59 from Vallejo, and Amanda Dee Chapman, age 42 from Ukiah, had walked on to the victim's property. When the victim and his girlfriend arrived home they found Cox and Chapman on his property and an argument ensued.

During the argument Chapman brandished a firearm and pointed it at the victim. When Chapman pointed the firearm at the victim, the victim attempted to take the firearm from Chapman. Chapman discharged the firearm, striking the victim in the hand. The victim was able to take the firearm from

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Above, from left: Savings Bank of Mendocino County's CEO Stacy Starkey lends a hand at the bank's May shred event. Cars arrived during the event with boxes of paperwork to be shredded. Grayson Brannon empties a box into the pre-shred bin. Below: Danny McCann muscled this large box from the car to the shred area, and happily showed the process of transferring the contents to the bin.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Photos by Maureen Jennison

Shredded at SBMC

Savings Bank of Mendocino County holds drive-up shred event at Willits branch last Thursday

While some home shredding machines will take care of simple tasks, sometimes files and paperwork can build up to an unmanageable amount to deal with at home. Luckily, the Savings Bank of Mendocino County is happy to help deal

with those heaps of documents during their shred events.

On Thursday, May 9, the branch held its Willits event, and 120 vehicles came through to take advantage of the free shred opportunity.

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At right: Some of those who came to help at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County's May shred event included, from left: Don, Blanca, Grayson, Tim, Jason, Vanessa, Katie, Stacy, Danny, and Jimmie.



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At left: Members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce board, including, back row, from left: Lou Celaya, Chuck Persico, Joe Rego, Jill Persico, and John Kvasnicka. Front row, from left: Linda Givens, Misty Johnson, Danette Rego, and Lisa Kvasnicka.

WELCOMING THE NEW WILLITS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COORDINATOR, Misty Johnson

Submitted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce

"I recently joined the Willits Chamber of Commerce as the new coordinator," said Misty Johnson. "I am excited to be a part of such a wonderful group and to be working directly with local businesses."

Together with her husband, Sean Johnson, the pair owns and operates Mendo Web Design, located in Willits. Johnson has been a resident of Willits for over 17 years, while her husband grew up in Laytonville.

"Up-and-coming changes will be made to the chamber's

At right: New coordinator for the Willits Chamber of Commerce, Misty Johnson.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



website and social media," explained Johnson. "It is the 'dawn of a new day' here at the Willits Chamber of Commerce with many exciting changes!"

Johnson encouraged everyone to please stay tuned for announcements and information on upcoming events on the chamber's web page, and on social media pages.

"I hope to meet you all at the 42nd annual Willits Car & Bike Show on Sunday, May 26, Johnson said.

Chamber Coordinator Johnson can be reached at 707-459-7910 or by emailing info@willits.org.

Read the rest of **Jurors** Over on Page 11

WCC formally calls for November 5 election

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

At their May 8 meeting, Willits City Council members adopted a resolution calling for a municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and requesting the Mendocino County Clerk to conduct said election, consolidated with the statewide General Election.

"We do have three seats up for election this year," City Clerk Delores Pedersen reminded the council and the audience. "The first day to take out packets is July 15, and they need to be turned in by August 9." Packets with the election paperwork for potential candidates will be ready to pick up at City Hall on July 15 – and they can be returned between July 15 and August 9.

The three seats up for election in 2024 are currently held by Mayor Saprina Rodriguez, Councilmember Gerry Gonzalez, and Councilmember Madge Strong.

If any incumbent doesn't file for reelection by August 9, the deadline for other candidates to file for the election is extended through August 14.

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Mendocino County Superior Court seeks grand jurors

Submitted by Mendocino County Superior Court

Participate in oversight of local government – join the civil grand jury.

Each spring, the Mendocino County Superior Court recruits Mendocino County citizens to volunteer for a one-year appointment as civil grand jurors.

The Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury, composed of 19 members plus alternates, performs important citizen oversight of local government. It investigates, monitors and issues reports and recommendations on the performance of government entities, including Mendocino County departments; city departments; water, school, and fire districts; and other special districts.

Jurors are not summoned, but instead volunteer to examine the operations of various local government entities and departments. The work is rewarding and ensures that ordinary citizens have appropriate insight into how public funds are spent and how public entities operate

Read the rest of **Jurors** Over on Page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Our Daily Bread concerts

To the Editor:

Last month our St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church hosted a musical benefit for Willits Daily Bread by our own Cosmic Family Band. I cannot say enough good things about Chris Cichacki and his band, who supported and enabled this series to get started, and continue to support this ongoing effort. Kudos as well to Hal Wagenet of Modern Music Sound who selflessly donated his time, expertise and equipment, both for the concert and the video.

This concert was wonderful; it was magical for everyone who came. Because it was a warm day, we opened up the patio doors and somehow it then resembled a country fair. People came and sat and enjoyed the concert in the sanctuary. Others enjoyed the music while under the wisteria in the garden. Small groups of friends could gather outside surrounded by the music.

The band had a blast, and everyone else had a leisurely two hours of music on a Sunday afternoon. We videotaped the concert in case you missed it, and it is on our local cable, as well as on our cable's YouTube channel (@WillitsCommunityTV).

Willits Daily Bread for their part sold \$5 cups of soup in four different flavors, meat and veggie. Delicious bread and rolls were

generously donated by Reza's Breadery and Amandal.

The point of course was to raise money so they can continue to feed the hungry no questions asked, and Willits really came through! This concert was funded solely by free-will donations, and that afternoon we raised a lot of money for the hungry – Willits, you are so awesome!

This was so happy and successful that we have decided to continue these concerts more or less monthly, featuring our young musical talent. We are so rich in talented musicians that this next young generation seldom gets heard. We also have musicians whom you can only hear in our pubs or at festivals, who deserve the chance to be heard live by us locals. Our long-term goal is to host consistent family-friendly performers that you may never have heard play.

The next concert (Sunday, May 26, 3 to 5 pm+) will feature Deanne California (affectionately called "Bunny"), a talented local musician who plays with various local bands, and regularly with our Farmers Market Band, and who teaches children music. She is going to present us with her version of a variety show, and I can't wait to hear what she comes up with! I can guarantee that this will be a treat for the whole family.

Bill Bruneau, Willits



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Public Information Notice

The City has received notification that the Oakland Motorcycle Club will be hosting its 29th annual Sheetiron 300 Dualsport Ride on May 18th – 19th. This event is a two-day, self-guided tour through public lands from Stonyford to Fort Bragg and back.

This event hosts approximately 500 riders. Therefore, please be mindful of motorcycle traffic on this weekend. The City would like to extend our welcome to all participants.



Thank you,
Delores Pedersen
City Clerk

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Ft. Bragg Town Hall
363 N. Main Street, Ft. Bragg, CA 95437
City Council Chambers

Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 5:30pm
Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center
1640 S. State Street #3, Ukiah, CA 95482
Large Conference Room

Public Workshop - Virtual

Thursday May 23, 2024 at 6:00pm


<https://zoom.us/j/9894773642?pwd=6pWamNxcVcTE8N0S2NTBZTEhUOT9>

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Visit the Project Website

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Public Health advisory on syphilis and HIV

Submitted by Charles Evans, MD, deputy Public Health officer

HIV and syphilis are here in Mendocino County. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

If you had sexual contact or shared injection drugs with a partner whose history is unknown, you may have been exposed to HIV and syphilis.

For HIV tests, please see the link and phone numbers provided below:

- takemehome.org
- For free rapid HIV testing contact Patty at MCAVHN at 707-272-9811
- Planned Parenthood in Ukiah 707-462-4303 to schedule an appointment, ok to walk in for testing without an appointment.

Be sure to ask about post-exposure treatment. It must start within 72 hours.

For more information, please see a medical provider.

American Legion Memorial weekend events

Submitted by Roger Ham, for American Legion Post 174

American Legion Post 174 in Willits will be placing flags on the graves of veterans on Saturday, May 25, beginning at 10 am. Come give us a hand. Following the completion of flag placement, participants are invited to a Hot Dog BBQ at the Veterans Memorial building, located at 189/190 North Main Street.

Read the rest of **Legion** Over on page 11

Senate Leader McGuire's May 8 Wildfire Town Hall

Sacramento – In an effort to help North Coast residents kick off National Wildfire Preparedness Month in May, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (D-North Coast) hosted his annual virtual Wildfire Preparedness and Prevention Town Hall with CAL FIRE Director/Fire Chief Joe Tyler on May 8.

During the Town Hall, Senate Leader McGuire and Chief Tyler discussed how communities can best prepare for wildfire season, with summer approaching and temperatures on the rise. The State of California has made record investments during the past several years to hire thousands of additional firefighters, expand the ground and aerial attack firefighting fleets, modernize emergency alert policies, manage changing landscapes through dead and dying tree and vegetation removal, and to create new fire breaks surrounding communities.

"As fire season becomes longer and more extreme, we are taking big, bold action to better prevent and respond to wildfires," McGuire said. "California is on the frontlines of our climate crisis, and we are making historic investments to increase our firefighting resources and capabilities in every corner of the state. We have seen our communities devastated by wildfires over the years – we've seen lives lost, homes burned to the ground, and beloved communities forever changed. California is committed to ensuring lasting change through new fire prevention projects and that our communities are more equipped and prepared than ever before."

Over the past eight years, the state has expanded CAL FIRE ranks from 6,700 to 12,000 positions, including positioning a few hundred new CAL FIRE and county firefighters in the North Bay and North Coast, and California will hire an additional 1,000 full-time CAL FIRE firefighters over the next few years.

California also has expanded training facilities to bring on new firefighters and formerly incarcerated residents to enter the fire service, and expanded the number of new firefighting planes and helicopters. And just last year, Senate Leader McGuire secured funding for new fire trucks, fire training facilities, and equipment in all corners of the North Bay and North Coast.


In recent years, California also has treated more than 545,000 acres of California forest lands to make them more fire safe and resilient, treated 96,500 acres of wildlands with prescribed burns, and invested millions of dollars to deploy wildfire detection cameras to areas most under threat of fire danger, which aids in response to pinpointed incident locations.

"It's never too early to start preparing for wildfire season in California," said CAL FIRE Director/Fire Chief Joe Tyler. "By taking steps now to harden homes and create defensible space, Californians

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Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.



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Plant Party

Visitors of annual Grateful Gleaners sale stock up on vegetable starts, herbs, and conversation

In a small, friendly town like Willits, it seems that every event provides a chance to catch up with old friends in addition to the stated purpose of that event. Every event becomes a social occasion, an excuse, and a reason to gather and talk about people and issues that affect those attending. Last Saturday, the Grateful Gleaners of Willits held their annual plant sale, with starts of all kinds available for purchase, making it easy for weekend gardeners, professionals and herbalists to add to or begin a garden, with a vast array of vegetable starts, herbs and fruits for all to peruse.

Even before the gates opened at 10 am on a beautiful, clear and warm Saturday morning, residents of Willits began to gather and exchange knowledge about the best methods of gardening in this particular climate. Being a rural farming community, there was much experience to share.

"This is a lovely day in May," said Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, a longtime Grateful Gleaner and purveyor of medicinal tinctures, who is a fixture at these events. "This is a party every year. My good wife, Karen Gridley, has been preparing for almost three months for this sale. We have many wonderful plants in our garden. She divides them. She labels them all, gets these little tags out of magazines. She does mostly herbs and flowers, very few vegetables," he said with obvious enthusiasm for the green-growing arts.

Ronnefeldt grew up in post-WWII Germany. There was a lack of available food, which led his family to become gleaners. "There was nothing to eat," he shared. "We were natural gleaners at that time. We would also go into the woods and get chestnuts. The difference between gleanings, absconding and stealing was very slight. Kids would find a cherry tree and off we would go, climbing fences, and stole, absconded and gleaned. It was a small town outside of Frankfurt.

"We would go off to the potato field, after they were harvested, with the whole family, and it was fun, but if you got five potatoes, you were lucky because they had been previously gleaned. Somehow, this is still in my blood," said Ronnefeldt.

Ronnefeldt and the Grateful Gleaners have carried on this tradition but as a way of giving back. The all-volunteer group harvests excess fruit from local trees and distributes

the bounty to local organizations including Nuestra Alianza, Willits Daily Bread, Caring Kitchen, Willits Senior Center, the Willits Community Services and Food Bank, the Willits Kids Club and more.

The Gleaners have used the plant sale as a fundraiser for at least 15 to 17 years. "It was a humble beginning," said Ronnefeldt. "There was a yard sale first and then they got all kinds of legal papers, how to do it and not get sued. There was a lawyer then who volunteered and had all kinds of paper."

The local gleaning will begin next month. Prana, a longtime gleaner, explained: "The gleaning doesn't officially start until, sometimes, we get cherries in June. Plums start to come in early July. Apples and pears are in the fall. We try to focus on trees in the Little Lake Valley. Ridgewood Ranch is about as far as we go. That's an amazing place to harvest with all those very old orchards."

The Grateful Gleaners are always looking for fruits and vegetables to pick. Anyone who has an overabundance of fruit on their trees or knows of a location that can be gleaned, should call 707-367-7391 or email gratefulgleanersofwillits@gmail.com. Volunteers are also encouraged to call, especially younger people who can climb ladders.

Everyone who attended the sale left with something, a start or a packet of Jamie Chevalier's Quail Seeds. Everyone had a favorite plant they wished to see thrive in their gardens.

"My favorite plant, at the plant sale, is the Jerusalem sage," said Prana, whose knowledge of gardening made her choice even more authentic. "It's a pretty amazing flowering plant. It has yellow flowers, that when you pull the flower petals out, they have a little white stem where there's a little honeysuckle sweetness at the base of the flower. You can pull three or four of the flower petals and just suck on it a little and it's delicious. It's like honey nectar from the flowers. And they make an abundance of flowers when they're established. The Jerusalem sage plant gets to be up to 4 feet wide and about 3 feet tall."

The Grateful Gleaners annual plant sale is one of the more anticipated spring events amongst the gardeners of Willits. Anyone who loves to be able to feed their family by growing clean, healthy food, or just loves to watch their flowers bloom and thrive, should come to this sale next year. It's more than just a sale, it is a local event that has become a tradition.

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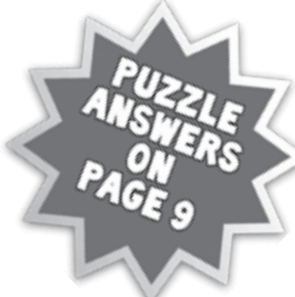
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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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!

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- A set of eight
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- The night before
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- Alternative name
- Acumen
- Cathode-ray tube
- Tantalum
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Humiliate
- Earthy pigment
- Air Force
- Adult males
- Stiff untanned leather
- Before
- Atomic #18
- Beer mug
- Nostrils
- Type of chef
- Midway between north and east
- They ___
- Splits

- Walk in a timid manner
- Preserved animal skin with hair
- Popular donut shop item
- You smear it on bagels
- Don't know when yet
- Equal to 10 amperes
- Synthetic acrylic fiber
- One point south of due east
- Of mixed ancestry
- Home of the Pyramids
- A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Untangle
- One from the U.S.
- Academy terms
- San ___ Obispo, in California
- Not healthy
- Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
- Arugula genus
- VIII
- Makes a monarch
- Tormentor
- Commercials
- Sprinkle

The rest of Election | From page 1

In the last WCC election, November 2022, no other candidates filed to challenge incumbents Greta Kanne and Larry Stranske.

Candidates for Willits City Council must also submit signatures of 30 City of Willits residents – “and that has to be residents within city limits,” Pedersen said. “No Brooktrails, no Valley residents, it has to be within city limits.”

For more information on running for Willits City Council, contact City Clerk Pedersen at 707-459-7113, or dpedersen@cityofwillits.org.

New Chamber director

The first agenda item at the Wednesday meeting was “Introduction of Misty Johnson as the recently appointed Coordinator of the Chamber of Commerce.”

Willits Chamber President Lisa Kvasnicka introduced Johnson, who was asked to say a few words about her background and involvement in the Willits community.

“My husband and I have owned Mendo Web Design [in Willits] for well over 10 years, and have lived in Mendocino County for over 17 years.... We have raised our children, graduated a few here, and have really enjoyed being a part of the community for all the time that we’ve been here.”

Johnson’s background besides the web business is “human resources, sales, marketing, retail, restaurant – you name it I’ve had my hand in many different things over the years.”

Being an empty nester means she has more time to offer for community work. “I feel really committed to getting this town on the map ... to work on bringing more tourism, to help the businesses bring that bottom line up.”

Johnson invited council members and community members to drop by the Willits Chamber office, 299 East Commercial Street, with any questions, or just to say hi. Chamber office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm, although Chamber President Kvasnicka said that with tourism season coming up, the chamber is looking at extending hours, and that chamber representatives will be at special events like the 42nd annual Car and Bike Show, on Main Street downtown this year, on Sunday, May 26.

Pavement Preservation Plan

City of Willits Services and Facilities Director Walter Kolon gave an update on the current 2023 Pavement Preservation Plan work, which includes (from the 2023 bid document) “grinding and repaving portions of Boscabelle and South Lenore Avenues, totaling approximately 37,000 square feet and completing approximately

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compliance date was April 4, which was continued a week later because then-presiding Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Victoria Shanahan announced her recusal from the high-profile case. Shanahan cited her former professional ties to the special prosecutor Eyster hired earlier this year to take the Cubbison case to trial.

There were more delays, but finally, county officials informed the newly named trial Judge Ann Moorman that the documents would be submitted by April 30.

Andrian said his office had been provided 300 pages of documents by then, but he learned there were 400 more pages still to be delivered.

Based on his review of the documents produced to date, Andrian said he needs to expand his request for pre-trial discovery directly to the District Attorney’s Office.

Andrian said Special Prosecutor Traci Carrillo, a former Sonoma County prosecutor that Eyster hired at \$400 per hour to manage the Cubbison case, agreed that the continuance of next week’s scheduled preliminary hearing was “appropriate.”

Court records show that Judge Moorman agreed May 8 that Andrian’s request was for “good cause” and that the preliminary hearing will be pushed back to sometime in July.

Cubbison was disappointed about yet another delay in her case, but she said she was satisfied it was beneficial. “We keep getting new significant information,” she said.

DA Eyster did not respond Wednesday to a written request for comment.

Eyster’s decision to turn to an outside prosecutor in the Cubbison case sharply

11,250 square feet of asphalt dig-outs on Baechtel Road. It also includes construction of two sidewalk bulb-outs, six pedestrian ramps, 5 driveways, and approximately 2,032 square feet of sidewalk.”

This work which had been going on for a couple weeks by the May 8 meeting date “is actually going very smoothly,” Kolon said. “We’ve had a lot of really great feedback from the neighborhood; there’s been no major delays; we’re on schedule – we’re a little bit ahead schedule.”

Kolon did say there’d be a two- to three-week delay to start the South Lenore project. “We have some water issues there ... especially with the last 2 inches of rain there’s some soft spots, but we’re still going to be ahead of schedule.” Kolon explained they’d be putting a little extra money into South Lenore “to crown it, make it a little bit better for drainage.”

When asked if the roads would be open for 4th of July traffic, Kolon said “they’ll be open, yes,” and that the tear-out work and final paving on South Lenore will be done after the 4th of July.

City council members also approved the new 2024 Pavement Preservation Plan, which will include work on portions of Locust Street, Walnut Street, Blosser Lane and East Commercial Street. “These thoroughfares require major rehabilitation to drainage, pedestrian pathways, and resurfacing,” the agenda reports. “The work for this project includes pavement improvements on portions of Blosser Lane, Locust Street, and Walnut Street totaling approximately 46,500 square feet and approximately 10,000 square feet of asphalt dig-outs on East Commercial Street. It also includes construction of new sidewalks, curb and gutter, asphalt dikes, pedestrian ramps, vegetated swale, and driveways within the project footprint.”

Museum endowment

In her role as a representative on the Museum Advisory Board, Councilmember Greta Kanne talked about some positive news the museum board received at their May meeting. “If you all will recall,” Kanne said, “the museum received a [\$500,000] endowment from the Bittenbender trust last year. That money was transferred at the request of the Museum Advisory Board, and with the support of the Willits City Council, to the Community Foundation.

“We did get a report this morning,” Kanne said, “that it has earned \$75,000 in interest since we did that, so it’s doing what it’s supposed to do and building nest egg for the museum, and the Museum Advisory Board was very happy that it’s with the Community Foundation and will be generating some additional for museum operations next year.”

contrasted with his stance in January when he publicly resisted defense moves to recuse him from an unprecedented case that has rocked county politics.

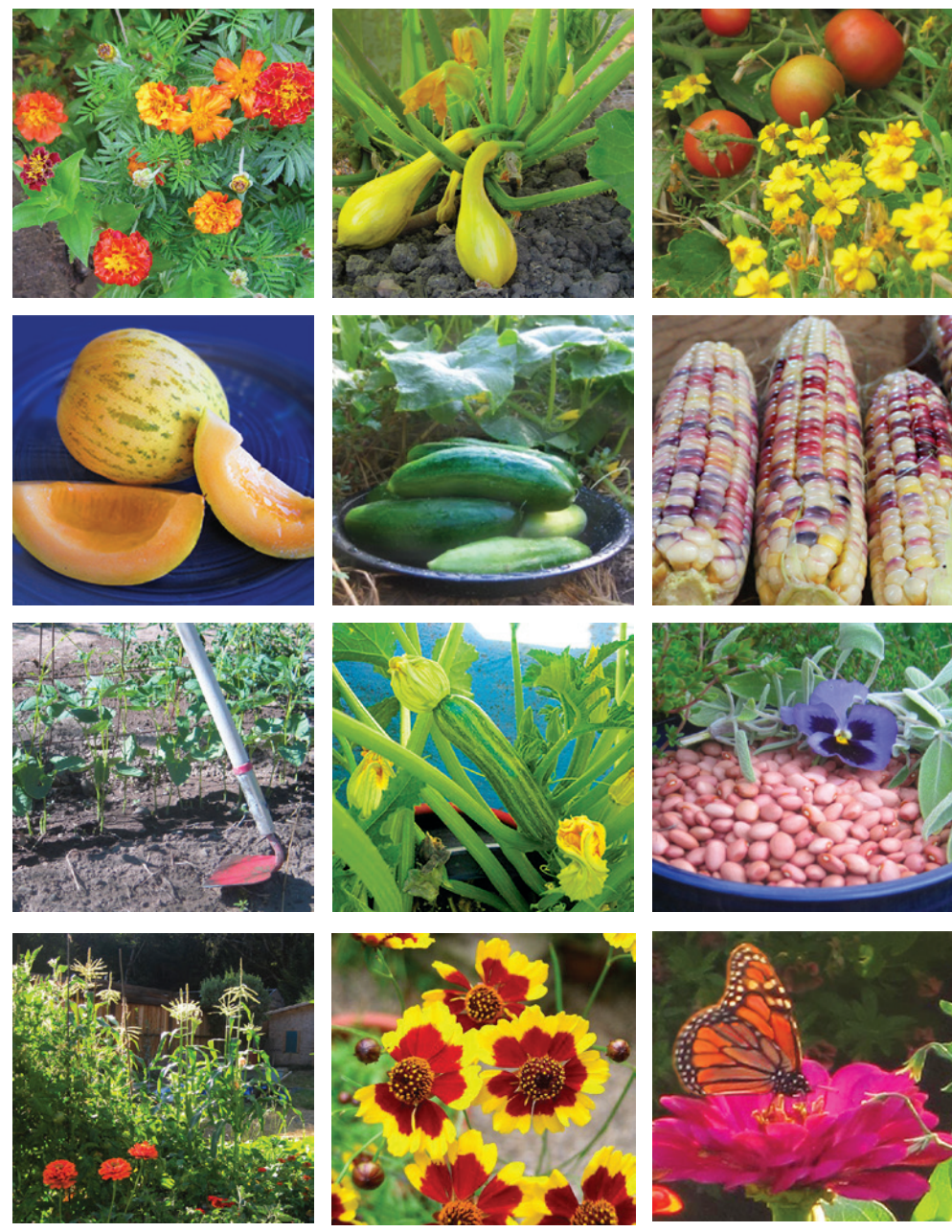
Eyster was challenged for waging a political vendetta against Cubbison because, as county auditor, she questioned his office expenses, including repeated annual dinners for employees and their guests at a local steak house. To circumvent a county ban on office parties, Eyster labeled the events “training sessions.”

Since taking office in 2011, Eyster has quarreled with three different county auditors over his spending practices and use of asset forfeiture funds.

The DA filed criminal charges against Cubbison a year after he learned privately from some members of the county board of supervisors and county executives that the elected auditor permitted the use of an obscure county payroll code to allow former county Payroll Manager Paula June Kennedy to collect about \$68,000 in extra pay over three years during the COVID pandemic. Kennedy is a co-defendant in the Cubbison case and faces a single felony charge, too.

Cubbison contends that the extra pay was agreed upon by retired Auditor Lloyd Weer and Kennedy before she was officially named interim auditor, and later elected to head an office forced by the board of supervisors to consolidate with the Treasure Tax Collector’s Office.

The criminal case has zigzagged through the court system since last October. In addition to fighting the criminal charges, Cubbison subsequently filed a civil lawsuit against the board of supervisors, contending that her due process was denied because the board suspended her without a hearing. Cubbison has been without pay or benefits since.



COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

May: Easy abundance for summer

From now through the end of June it’s time to plant the most straightforward and gardener-friendly crops of all.

Summer annuals like beans, corn, squash, zinnias, and sunflowers have been grown in North America for thousands of years. You can plant their big, easy-to-handle seeds straight into the ground once frost is over and the soil is warm.

These crops were perfected by Native farmers who used a digging stick and a hoe – no tractor, no plow, no greenhouse, not even a spade. They don’t need a perfect seedbed. What they do need is organic matter. They were originally grown in forest clearings, in soil created by centuries of fallen leaves. You can give them a great start by working compost into the top 2 inches of soil.

Each of the summer annuals likes warmth and organic matter, but each has its own needs, and its own pitfalls to look out for.

Beans are renowned for their ability to enrich the soil. Colonies of special bacteria in their roots are able to use nitrogen from the air as a food for the plant. But roots can’t climb out of the soil to access that air – it has to be in the soil. Compacted, hard, mineral soil doesn’t have spaces for air. Organic matter provides the meeting place of soil, air and water where roots can make optimum growth and nitrogen-fixing bacteria can thrive.

Give beans the best start by working in compost, or even old potting soil, crumbled leaves, or rice hulls. And you can break up deep compaction by using a broadfork or garden fork to loosen soil slightly. Just walk down the bed sticking in the fork and rocking it to let in air.

Pitfalls to watch for are weeds and overheating. Use mulch or shallow hoeing to prevent weeds from competing with bean roots and reducing yields. Most beans prefer

the same temperature range that humans do, and stop producing in very hot weather. When temperatures rise above 85, try shade cloth over your bean plants. It’s also worth seeking out heat-resistant varieties like Rattlesnake and Dragon Tongue.

Corn uses sunlight in a way that’s unusual in our gardens but common in tropical plants. It’s called C-4 photosynthesis, and it makes corn and sorghum extremely fast-growing in summer sun. Your job is to provide enough water and fertility to sustain that fast growth. It’s traditional to give corn a source of nitrogen in the furrow when planting. Manure, compost, alfalfa meal, fish hydrolysate, blood meal, etc. can be buried under the seeds.

One pitfall is poor pollination, resulting in missing kernels. To prevent it, plant in blocks at least 5 feet square rather than in a single row. Corn pollen is spread by wind rather than insects. Planting in a cluster helps the pollen from the tassels fall onto the ears and pollinate them. It’s important to keep cucumber beetles from eating the silks for the same reason. You can get sticky traps that attract and kill the beetles.

Squash – both zucchini and winter squash – loves growing in a compost pile. This tells you three things: It likes a lot of nutrients. It sprouts best in warm, moist places. And it isn’t picky about how “finished” the compost is. It will grow in stuff that’s downright chunky and stinky. When you’re planting squash is the time to bury your kitchen waste below the seeds or transplants.

Once the plants size up, they shade out or romp over weeds. Their weak points are pests and diseases. Inspect the underside of leaves for rows of oval brown eggs laid

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Top row, from left: These colorful marigolds were grown by simply scattering seed at the end of a row of pole beans. Summer squash is easy to grow, and should be picked every couple of days. Best flavor is in small, tender squash, 6 inches or less. Marigolds like these “Citrus Gems” are great companion plants.

Second row, from left: The Eel River Melon is a Northern California heirloom with fantastic sweet flavor and juicy texture. It is a taste winner that is well-adapted here. Middle Eastern cukes are perfectly adapted to our climate, early, bitter-free, and very, very crisp. Beit Alpha is outstanding for both salads and pickling. Festivity is a very unusual sweet corn with multicolored kernels. The photo is by farmer Jonathan Spero, who bred this very easy-to-grow variety.

Third row, from left: Weed control is particularly important with beans, which produce much less if they have competition. Cocozelle is a flavorful Italian zucchini with stripes. It loves heat, and grows well in containers or raised beds, too. Dry beans are an easy way to grow more of your own food and save on grocery bills. They are high-protein, high-yielding, and easy to store. This is a California heirloom, the King City Pink Bean.

Fourth row, from left: Zinnias complement a traditional “Three Sisters” planting of corn, beans and squash. The beans climb the cornstalks, and squash vines cover the ground. Tall zinnias poke up through the squash leaves. Tiger Coreopsis is fast and easy from seed. Its lacy leaves don’t cast shade on other plants. Monarch butterflies love zinnias even more than people do.

Photos by Jamie Chevalier

Dive into soccer fun at Mendocino County Soccer Academy's Willits Summer Camp

Submitted by MCSA

Calling all young soccer enthusiasts! Mendocino County Soccer Academy is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated Willits Summer Camp, which will take place from Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21. Get ready for a week filled with soccer excitement like never before!

MCSA’s Summer Camp is not your ordinary soccer experience – it’s an immersive journey into the world’s most beloved sport. From 9 am to 12:30 pm each day, players aged 6 to 14 can hone their skills, make new friends, and, most importantly, have a blast on the field.

Through engaging games, interactive lessons, and fun activities, campers will gain a deeper understanding of why soccer holds a special place in the hearts of millions worldwide.

But the fun doesn’t stop there! Every camper will receive a camp T-shirt as a souvenir of their unforgettable experience. Plus, with a registration fee of just \$185, MCSA’s Summer Camp offers incredible value for an action-packed week of soccer fun. Limited scholarships are available.

MCSA prides itself on providing a safe and inclusive environment where children of all skill levels can thrive. Whether your child is a seasoned player or just starting out, our Summer Camp promises an enriching experience for everyone involved.

So, if you’re ready to kick off summer with a bang, take advantage of this exciting opportunity! Secure your spot at MCSA’s Willits Summer Camp today, and embark on a soccer adventure you will remember.

For more information and to register, visit MendocinoSoccer.com/Camps or contact Coach Ian Fitzpatrick at ian@mendocinosoccer.com. Spaces are limited, so don’t wait – join us for a week of soccer fun in Willits!

Experience the joy of soccer and make memories that last a lifetime at MCSA’s Summer Camp!



Children at the Mendocino County Soccer Academy's 2023 Summer Camp. The 2024 soccer camp in Willits is set for June 17 to June 21.

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Info? 707-459-1905
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Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-6:7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-7:8:00 p.m.

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Willits, CA 95490
Father Aaron Bandanadam
Mass times:
Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.
Saturday-5:30 p.m.
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Or by appointment at
707-459-2252
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St. Francis Episcopal Church
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St. John Lutheran Church
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707-459-5714
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Saturdays
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
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Thursday, May 16

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season. Thursday, May 16, 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 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 concert by Johnny Young. On tour for the new album, "Skinny the Kid." Friday, May 17 at 8 pm. Free admission. 21+. 244 South Main Street. Visit johnnyyoungcountry.com for videos and more info.

Back Porch Trio at 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 Street.

Saturday, May 18

Bake Sale for a Great Cause: St. John's Lutheran Church hosts a bake sale of delicious treats on Saturday, May 18, from 10 am to 2 pm, outside Willits Safeway. Sale proceeds will support sending Christmas gifts to children in need through Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Come and enjoy an array of homemade goodies, including cookies, cakes, pies, and more! "Your sweet tooth will be satisfied, and your heart will be warmed."

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



Large Canvas Willits Portrait Project with Salvador Andrade in residence at WCA for 2 afternoons
May 18 & 19 12 - 4pm
Come Help Local Artist Salvador Andrade complete a marathon Abstract Large Portrait Canvas with Local Subjects: "My Willits"
Watch his process, help paint the canvas, and listen to his story of books and music. No registration... and show early to get messy!



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 Commercial Street. Sponsored by WCA's Upstate California Creative Corps grant.

Sierra Club meets in Willits: The Mendocino County Group of the Sierra Club meets Saturday, May 18, 12 noon to 2:30 pm, at the Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street. All are welcome. "We will be planning more outdoor events to little-known treasures in Mendocino County: Jackson Forest, the Eel River main stem, South Fork, Middle Fork, and North Fork tributaries, the Angelo Reserve, Lake Pillsbury, Chamberlain Creek

waterfall and ancient redwood grove, and bicycle trips on the access road along the Eel River between Scott and Cape Horn Dams." Light lunch/snacks will be provided. More info: Robin Leler at 707-459-0155.

Clay Hawkins Duo at WCT: Acoustic rock guitarist Clay Hawkins and bassist Andrew Robertson play the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm. Blending rapid-fire fingerstyle slide guitar with the standup bass, the pair perform "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart." Their music takes listeners on a ride through backyards, back alleys, barns, barrooms, and banquet halls. Tickets, \$20; available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door. WCT Playhouse is located downtown at 37 West Van Lane.

What's Happening Around Town

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



takes the soul of the blues, 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.

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Wednesday, May 22

Dave Pierce at Brickhouse: Join Writer/Guitarist/Vocalist Dave Pierce at Brickhouse Coffee in Willits, Wednesday, May 22, 11:30 am to 2 pm, for an afternoon of originals and cover songs in a variety of styles - Light Jazz, Americana, '60s ∓ '70s Pop-Rock, Singer/Songwriter, Blues, Folk. 3



South Main Street.

Guitarist Pierre Bensusan at WCA: Guitar virtuoso Pierre Bensusan returns to Willits Center for the Arts on Wednesday, May 22, with a 7 to 9:30 pm show. Doors open at 6 pm. "Bensusan's beautiful fluid playing style, and incredible technique continue to captivate audiences worldwide and have brought him numerous awards, including the Rose d'Or at the Montreaux Festival and Best World Guitarist by Guitar Player Magazine's Readers Poll." Event presented by Mendocino Guitar Hospital. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and are available at J.D. Redhouse and from Bruce Potter at 707-354-3326. Tickets are also available online at www.pierrebensusan.com.



LIVE FROM FRANCE, AN EVENING WITH FRENCH MASTER
PIERRE BENSUSAN
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Friday, May 24

Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: A local Mendocino County jam band, "sharing original music that is a reflection of being a part of this amazing community. We're the Cosmic Family Band and so are you." Saturday, May 24 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, May 25

Y'ART Sale at WCA: Willits Center for the Arts presents the annual Y'ART Sale fundraiser, on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, in the rear garden from 10 am to

5 pm. Check out new and used art and craft supplies at super-low prices, other things art-related, and yard sale items. All proceeds to benefit WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Still seeking donations of used and unused studio items; donations can be left at WCA with the host during gallery hours through Friday, May 24, or call WCA to make an appointment or to volunteer to help with the sale, at 707 459 1726. Gallery hours: 11 am to 5 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show in Laytonville: the Long Valley Quilters present the annual Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show behind the Fat Quail quilt shop, 44550 Highway 101, on Saturday, May 25 from 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, May 26 from 11 am to 3:30 pm. Quilts on display from around Mendocino County, raffles for baskets of goodies, and this year's opportunity quilt, as well as quilts for sale. Info: www.thefatquail.com or 707-984-6966.



Paws and Tales at the Library: Animal-themed story time with special guest, Casey the therapy dog. Saturday, May 25, 11 to 11:30 am, All ages welcome. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908.

Shiny Eyes at Shanachie: Shiny Eyes Shadow Puppetry & Music, the serene world of ambient music meets the captivating realm of shadow art, Saturday, May 25, 8 pm. "A unique performance by Sean Powers, aka DJ Dental Flood, that melds the soothing sounds of analog synthesizers with an ethnic flair and rhythmic drum beats." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, May 26

Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join your friends at the monthly Little Lake Grange Breakfast on Sunday, May 26, from 8 to 11 am. "Our

tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods: All you can eat pancakes (choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free), Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, and Organic Coffee or Tea." \$10, \$9 for seniors, \$5 children under 10. Also: extra sides of Organic Fruit \$2, Amish Organic Maple Syrup \$1, Fresh-made fruit syrup \$1, Extra Beelers Bacon \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of Main Street. After you enjoy your pancakes walk to Main Street to enjoy the Car and Bike show!

42nd annual Willits Car & Bike Show: Memorial weekend annual Car and Bike Show is set for Sunday, May 26, from 10 am to 3 pm, downtown this year, on Main Street between J.D. Redhouse and Commercial Street. Classic car enthusiasts, families, and friends will gather on Main Street to marvel at a stunning display of vintage vehicles, to enjoy music, shopping from our many great retailers, delicious food from our local restaurants, and activities for all ages. Info on registering a vehicle or becoming a vendor at the event, contact the Willits Chamber of Commerce, 299 East Commercial Street; director@willits.org, 707-459-7910. Day of event registration is first-come, first-served.

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Willits Daily Bread Benefit: This second musical benefit to help Willits Daily Bread continue to feed the hungry in the Willits community features Deanne "Bunny" California's Variety Show. "Deanne is a talented local musician who plays with various local bands, and regularly with Farmers Market Band, and who teaches children music." Sunday, May 26 from 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Commercial and Main streets. Deanne Admission by donation. Soup & bread dinner, \$5. Donations can be mailed to: Willits Daily Bread, P.O. Box 1826, Willits, CA 95490.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes'

The Story: The talking apes are back. They've organized themselves into tribes and despise humans in general as feral scavengers who can't even talk. Noa is the son of the chief of the Eagle Clan (so named because they breed and train eagles). Noa's daring. He's thoughtful.



Dan Essman
Columnist

out on an insanely daring and apparently hopeless quest to save his people. On the way, he meets a human woman Mae (Freya Allan), and she does look quite feral, (though disconcertingly attractive for a human). Actually, she's a mystery woman and has an agenda of her own.

The rest is battles, chases, cliff hangers and revelations. Also, a significant, though sparing amount of big fierce eagles.

My Thoughts: The filmmaker(s) realized that they had an unusual problem: the audience might have trouble telling the apes apart. They somewhat dealt with the problem by giving the hairy characters various trinkets to wear, or giving a few face-paint, or having other apes speak aloud the name of the ape to whom they were speaking.

That noted: I was captivated by this movie. Truly. The computer-generated graphics are spectacular. The (I assume) motion capture of ape facial reactions conveyed what seemed like very human emotions. I do wonder if the filmmaker studied actual apes and chimpanzees to recreate their expressions? I do not know.

Parents: I think the story's complexities and the violence will be too much and too forceful for little children.

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



Ongoing Events

'The May Show' at WCA: the first juried exhibition to grace the galleries of Willits is featured at Willits Center for the Arts in May. Visitors can cast their votes for the coveted "People's Choice Award," after viewing the carefully curated selection of artworks. Gallery hours at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 am until 5 pm.

Free Food Pop-Ups: Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program's Food Pop-Up in Willits is now offering two events per month, first and third Thursdays, at 1250 Blosser Lane, from noon to 1 pm, weather permitting. Free food for all! In March these food pop-ups will happen March 7 and 21 this month. Info: outreach@fbfoodbank.org; 707-964-9404

'In the Field' Exhibit: Mendocino County Museum's latest exhibit, "In the Field: Exploring Botany in Mendocino County," celebrates the study of unique plants that grow in our region, reflecting on the pursuits of Mendocino County botanists from past to present, featuring sketches, illustrations, photographs, and pressed specimens. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, is open 11 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. More info: visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum

Willits Tennis Club: Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am at the Willits High School courts. New members welcome. Free. Show up or call 707-484-3385.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every week on Mondays, 6 pm, at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Sack lunches served at the City Park (or across the street in case of rain) every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. Come early to be assured a lunch! Provided by various churches and community organizations.

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

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

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 3 pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: bbruneau@bbruneau.com

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym: Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers free classes for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street, on Thursday evenings. "We teach Matsubayashi Shorin Ryu Karate, Kenpo Youth/Adult Self Defense, Bully and Abduction Awareness/Defense, and Small Child PreSkills." Little Dragons Small Child "PreSkillz" karate class, 6 to 6:30 pm, ages 3, 4, 5, 6 (7) year-olds. Beginner/intermediate class, 7/8 years and above, 6:35 pm to 8 pm. Intermediate/advanced class, all ages, 8 to 8:45 pm, There is an annual \$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). More info: call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-354-0565.

American Legion Memorial Weekend events

American Legion Post 174 in Willits will be placing flags on the graves of veterans on Saturday, May 25, beginning at 10 am. Come give us a hand. Following the completion of flag placement, participants are invited to a Hot Dog BBQ at the Veterans Memorial building, located at 189/190 North Main Street.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, American Legion Post 174 members will conduct memorial ceremonies at the Willits Cemetery at 10 am (Highway 20 - West), and at the Little Lake Cemetery at 11 am (East Hill Road). Please join us as we pay tribute to our departed comrades in arms.

- American Legion Post 174

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

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

Story Time: Tuesday through Friday each week, 10:30 to 11 am. "Start your morning listening to a story. Join us in the children's area of the library."

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to noon. We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe". Topics will range and will be announced ahead of time."

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, now 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

Willits Walk and Talk: Join the Willits Branch Library staff for a 20- to 30-minute walk around the neighborhood. Come enjoy a little bit of exercise as well as some pleasant conversation. All ages are welcome. Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am; meet at the front entrance to the library, 390 East Commercial

Open Lab / Study Hall: Don't have a decent place to study? Come to the Willits Branch Library's meeting room every Wednesday from 3 to 5 pm for the Open Lab / Study Hall. The library has plenty of helpful resources including public Wi-Fi, computers with internet and word processing capabilities, and databases to aid you with your research, plus friendly and helpful staff ready to point you in the right direction.

Calming Coloring at the Library: Thursdays, from 5 to 6 pm at the Willits Library. An hour of quiet with coloring pages. Supplies provided. All ages welcome.

Chess for Teens: On Fridays, from 4 to 6:30 pm. Teens, ages 12-18 are invited; all skill levels welcome. Library staff will be there to help beginners and those who want to learn. Light refreshments provided.

Senior Dance Hall: Fridays from 2 to 3 pm. Seniors ages 55 and older are invited to bring your dancing shoes to 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.

Tech Help: Now every Saturday from 11 am to 12 pm: Is your computer on the fritz? Want to install a new app? Bring your tech questions and get help from the library's tech savvy volunteer

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

Operation Christmas Child
Good news. Great joy.
BAKE SALE
Saturday May 18th
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Willits Safeway - 845 S Main St, Willits
Come and support St. John Lutheran Church as we raise funds to send Christmas gifts through Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child.

— VINE VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB, MENDOCINO WELLNESS & THE CITY OF VINE PRESENT —
June 9 DIGGIN DIRT with SOLEBOLT West Coast Funk & Soul
June 30 CHRIS CAIN Blues Guitar Master
July 4 THE REAL SARAH & ALEX DE GRASSI with JULIAN JULIAN Musical Talent Spotlight
July 28 BIG MOUNTAIN with SUBSOFT California Reggae Legends
August 11 BLITZEN TRAPPER Alternative Country & Indie Jam
August 18 MUSTACHE HARBOR Yacht Rock Forever

Want to Dance?
Senior Dance Hall 2:00 - 3:00 PM Fridays
Willits Branch Library
Bring your dancing shoes to the Willits Library Friday afternoons starting in May! Get moving to Jazz, Pop, Swing, and Ball Room. Don't feel like dancing? Please come join us to enjoy the music, catch up with friends new and old, and share light refreshments.
Dance is... Good for the 'Body Good for the 'Mind'
Dance to attend. Free to attend. Donations welcome.
Coffee and/or light refreshments provided.
Willits Branch Library 390 E Commercial St Willits, California 95490 707-459-5908 www.mendolibrary.org

SUNDAYS in the PARK
FREE CONCERT SERIES - SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6 PM TODD GROVE PARK
CHILDREN: All Ages Welcome & Cooling Gear Recommended
June 9: The Real Sarah & Alex de Grassi with Julian Julian
June 30: Chris Cain
July 4: The Real Sarah & Alex de Grassi with Julian Julian
July 11: Blitzen Trapper
July 18: Mustache Harbor
July 25: Diggin Dirt with Solebolt
July 31: Chris Cain
August 7: The Real Sarah & Alex de Grassi with Julian Julian
August 14: Blitzen Trapper
August 21: Mustache Harbor
August 28: Diggin Dirt with Solebolt
September 4: Chris Cain
September 11: The Real Sarah & Alex de Grassi with Julian Julian
September 18: Blitzen Trapper
September 25: Mustache Harbor
October 2: Diggin Dirt with Solebolt
October 9: Chris Cain
October 16: The Real Sarah & Alex de Grassi with Julian Julian
October 23: Blitzen Trapper
October 30: Mustache Harbor
November 6: Diggin Dirt with Solebolt
November 13: Chris Cain
November 20: The Real Sarah & Alex de Grassi with Julian Julian
November 27: Blitzen Trapper
December 4: Mustache Harbor
December 11: Diggin Dirt with Solebolt
December 18: Chris Cain
December 25: The Real Sarah & Alex de Grassi with Julian Julian

Mendocino Film Festival
May 28-June 2, 2024

IF (Imaginary Friends)
(PG) 1 hr 44 mins
Fri.: 5:00 & 7:30pm
Sat.: 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30
Sun.: 1:30, 4:00 & 6:30pm
Mon.-Thurs.: 4:00 & 6:30pm
Movie Times for May 17 thru May 23

KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES
(PG13) 2 hrs 25 mins
Fri.: 5:15 & 8:15pm
Sat.: 2:15, 5:15 & 8:15pm
Sun.: 1:15, 4:15 & 7:15pm
Mon.-Thurs.: 4:15 & 7:15pm
Masks Optional
Tightwad Tuesday Title for May 21 is in RED. All tickets at just \$6!

THE FALL GUY
(PG13) 2 hrs 6 mins
Fri.: 5:45 & 8:30pm
Sat.: 3:00, 5:45 & 8:30pm
Sun.: 2:00, 4:45 & 7:30pm
Mon.-Thurs.: 4:45 & 7:30pm
OVER 21 CLUB - Luxury Recliners

42nd annual Willits Car & Bike Show, May 26

Posted by Willits Chamber of Commerce

Mark your calendars for the much-anticipated 42nd annual Car and Bike Show! Sunday, May 26, 2024, 10 am to 3 pm.

This year it will be located on Main Street, between J.D. Redhouse & Co. and Commercial Street.

Classic car enthusiasts, families, and friends will gather on Main Street to marvel at a stunning display of vintage vehicles, to enjoy music, shopping from our many great retailers, delicious food from local restaurants, and activities for all ages.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to experience

the nostalgia and beauty of automotive history.

If you are interested in registering your vehicle, come by the Willits Chamber of Commerce to pre-register or request an entry form by email at info@willits.org to be returned in-person. Registration the day of the event is first-come, first-served.

Vendors can come by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, 299 East Commercial Street, for your registration packet or request by email at info@willits.org to be returned in-person. Chamber office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm; closed Friday through Sunday.

At right: Alan Billinger and his daughter, Zoe, show off this 1940 Mercury convertible at the 2023 show. Photo by Mathew Caine



MAIN STREET

WILLITS

★2024★
MAIN STREET

42nd ANNUAL CAR & BIKE SHOW

SUNDAY ★ MAY 26TH
10AM - 3PM

Check in 8:00am - 10:00am
Pre-registration: director@willits.org
Willits Chamber of Commerce
(707) 459-7910

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

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Quilty Pleasures 2024

Free Quilt Show

Presented By

Long Valley Quilters
Saturday May 25th 10-4
Sunday May 26th 11-3:30

Fat Quail Quilt Shop
44550 Hwy. 101
Laytonville, CA 95454

Quilts for Sale
Raffle Baskets/Quilt Raffle

For more info, entry form & map:
www.thefatquail.com
or Call (707) 984-6966



This beautiful farmyard quilt for a baby is the raffle quilt for the upcoming Quilty Pleasures quilt show in Laytonville.

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show in Laytonville, May 25 and 26

Do make the short trek to Laytonville to see the annual Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show behind the Fat Quail Quilt shop on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26.

Quilts from all over Mendocino/Humboldt counties will have quilts on display. There will be raffles for baskets of goodies and this year's opportunity quilt as well as quilts for sale. Hours are: Saturday 10-4, Sunday 11-3:30. So grab your hat and join us at the show!

LEGAL NOTICES

WW486
SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
(CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 24CV00401)
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): RONNIE PUTNAM, a single man, FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Florida Corporation, all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate or lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint adverse to the title of the Plaintiff, or any cloud upon the Plaintiff's title thereto; DOES 1-150, inclusive.
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): TIMOTHY T. McISAAC and PIARIVA McISSAC, as Trustees of the McIaac Revocable Trust dated July 29, 2015.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.
NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
iAVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en forma legal correcta si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento de la corte y la corte podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.
The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono 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

LEGAL NOTICES

WW484
Fictitious Business 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 95460.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 4, 2024.
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

WW485
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2024-F0223
The following person or persons are doing business as Scoops, 110 North Main Street, Willits CA 95490.
Mailing address: 575 Redwood Avenue, Willits CA 95490.
Registered owner: Lisa Kvasnicka, 575 Redwood Avenue, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 24, 2024.
/s/ Lisa A. Kvasnicka
Publication dates: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

WW486
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2024-F0237
The following person or persons are doing business as The Whistle Stop, 280 East Commercial Street, Willits CA 95490; 707-354-2539.
Registered owner: Imagination Station Preschool & Childcare Center, 11 North Marin Street, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 2024.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on May 2, 2024.
/s/ Saprina Rodriguez, CEO & 100% Owner
Publication dates: May 16, 23, and 30, June 6, 2024

WW489
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2024-F0249
The following person or persons are doing business as Forest Valley Farm, 16750 Walker Lake Road, Willits CA 95490; 707-354-1252.
Registered owners: Evelyn Angouli Fisher and Adrian Christopher Fisher, 16750 Walker Lake Road, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on May 13, 2024.
/s/ Evelyn A. Fisher and Adrian Fisher.
Publication dates: May 16, 23, and 30, June 6, 2024

WW487
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATSY NELL PHILLIPS AKA PATSY PHILLIPS
CASE NO. 24PR00078
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: PATSY NELL PHILLIPS AKA PATSY PHILLIPS.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by TAMRA L. PHILLIPS in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that TAMRA L. PHILLIPS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: June 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.
If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: Alexander C. Rich, CARTER RICH PC, 716 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 Telephone: 707-456-9210
Publication Dates: May 16, 23, and 30, 2024.

WW488
CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING FORMAL BIDS
PROJECT NO. 2024-01
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:
The work shown on the project plans entitled:
CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS
For:
2024 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2024-01
The work for this project includes pavement improvements on portions of Blosser Lane, Locust Street, and Walnut Street totaling approximately 46,500 square feet and approximately 10,000 square feet of asphalt digouts on East Commercial Street. It also includes construction of new sidewalks, curb and gutter, asphalt dikes, pedestrian ramps, and driveways within the project footprint.
IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &
The work described in specifications books entitled:
CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET
CITY OF WILLITS - EXAMPLE AWARD PACKET
For:
2024 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2024-01
IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.
THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$886,755.89
The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.
Key Dates:
• Pre-bid Meeting: May 22, 2024, 9:00 a.m. (on site)
• Final Questions from Bidders: June 5, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.
• Final Addendum Issued June 11, 2024
• Bid Opening: June 20, 2024 2:00 p.m.
• Project Start Date: July 8, 2024
• Project length: 120 working days (Completion: 1/2/2025)
Interested bidders should contact the following to obtain electronic copies of plans and other bid documents:
Brandy Sanderson
bsanderson@cityofwillits.org
(707) 459-7143
CITY OF WILLITS: s/Delores Pedersen, City Clerk
Publication dates: May 16, 23 and 30, 2024
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Mendocino County invites applications for:

Community Services Officer
\$48,984 - \$59,529

Cook
\$47,881 - \$58,177

Corrections Deputy
\$55,369 - \$67,308

Deputy Sheriff-Coroner
\$75,878 - \$93,142

Director Social Services
\$143,083 - \$173,908

Juvenile Corrections Officer
\$50,710 - \$61,630

Licensed Vocational Nurse
\$56,076 - \$68,140

Mental Health Clinician I/II
\$60,340 - \$84,843

Senior Program Manager
\$92,705 - \$112,694

Senior Program Specialist
\$62,504 - \$75,982

Staff Assistant III
\$41,142 - \$50,024

Substance Abuse Counselor I
\$46,196 - \$56,160

Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officer
\$61,734 - \$75,046

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
www.mendocinocounty.gov/jobs
EOE

MORE EXPERTISE

Ruth McLarty, MD
General Surgery
AdventistHealth.org/RMcLarty

Cristina V. Cueto, MD
General Surgery
AdventistHealth.org/CCueto

Now welcoming new patients
Adventist Health Howard Memorial
3 Marcela Drive, Willits
707-459-6115

If you're looking for a partner for your complex healthcare needs, look to Ruth McLarty, MD and Cristina V. Cueto, MD, our new general surgeon team.

You were made for more. More knowledge. More compassion. More expertise. That is why we're proud to introduce two new general surgeons and welcome them to our team.

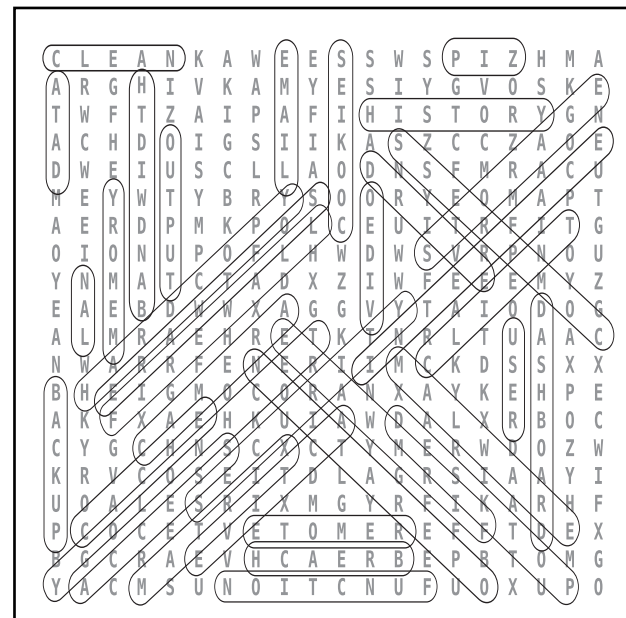
Dr. McLarty, PhD, is a skilled, board-certified general surgeon, caring for ages 2 and older with such common conditions as cholecystitis, diverticulitis, bowel obstructions and hernias. Dr. McLarty also specializes in colorectal surgery.

Dr. Cueto, is a skilled, board-certified general surgeon, and speaks both English and Spanish to best care for patients ages 18 and older. Some common conditions she treats are biliary disease, hernias, benign and malignant diseases of the colon and small bowel, soft tissue conditions and diseases of the breast.

Together, this experienced general surgeon team is available and ready to serve our community.

AdventistHealth
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Willits Weekly
Online & In Print



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CLASSIFIEDS

30 words for \$15 for 2 weeks

Indoor Yard Sale

Giant Indoor Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler). **Saturday, May 18** from 8 am to 4 pm.

Weed Eating

Reliable and efficient. Senior discount. Call Mike at (707) 354-5650.

John Ford Ranch Beef

John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkelian @ 459-5049. (Prices change effective 6/25/23)

Willits Food Bank at new location

Willits Community Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, pantry staples, hygienic products, and more, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, at their new location at 344 Railroad Avenue. Food distribution is available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333.

RV/Trailer Space for Rent

Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 972-4696. See at <http://www.oakvine.net/lp>

'Would You Like to Take Problem-Solving to the Next Level?'

Let's explore ways we can use spiritual ideas to unlock the possibilities for effective problem-solving. Join us to share in the discussion or just listen on Saturday, June 1st from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Willits Library, Sponsored by Eckankar in California

Seeking House to Rent

We're an older, professional couple, long-term tenants, seeking a house to rent. Immediate occupancy. For references & info sheet, email: kauaimike@iwe.com or call: 510-395-2667.



Willits Daily Bread presents Deanna California's Variety Show


Sunday May 26, 2024
3:00 - 5:00

SOUP & BREAD DINNER \$5.00

St Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church Commercial & Main Street Admission Donations Accepted

To Help Willits Daily Bread continue to feed the hungry in our community

Willits Daily Bread
P.O. Box 1826 Willits, CA 95490



Mike Oglesby
707-489-0755

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Residential • Commercial • Industrial
mike@3sonselectric.net
CA 1081690
2010 Industry Rd, Ukiah CA 95482 707-462-1660

Willits Mini Storage Giant Yard Sale

Bring a wagon to carry all the treasure you will find! Multiple units participating.

261 Franklin Ave.

Senior Center will be doing hot dogs & soda.

June 8, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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by the dreaded squash bug. Squish the eggs and coat the crown of the plant and the stalks with diatom dust. As fall approaches, spray with compost tea to prevent mildew.

Cucumbers, melons and watermelons are members of the squash family from India, Persia, and Africa. Their vines are on a smaller scale than squash, with less rampant habit. They prefer a lighter, more cultivated soil and work well in large containers or raised beds. Their sparser vines don't shade out weeds like the larger squashes do. I find that cucumbers enjoy a bit of afternoon shade. But melons are sun-lovers, best planted in full sun once the soil is good and warm.

Summer flowers like zinnias, coreopsis, sunflowers, and marigolds are not just the icing on the cake. They are a vital link between the garden and the rest of the world. Pollinators, pest-eating predators, birds, butterflies – and humans – are all drawn into the garden when you add some flowers to each garden row.



Above, left: Dragon Tongue beans are so tender and juicy that they can't be shipped to grocery stores, so they're a home garden treat. This bush variety should be planted every two weeks until the end of June for continuous harvest all season. Above, right: There are melons that have been selected for eating like cucumbers. They are very early, bitter-free, and easy to digest. This is Carosello, available at qualseeds.com. Below, left: Everyone loves sunflowers, including most pollinators and butterflies. This is Hopi Black Dye. The seeds are great for chickens or wild birds all winter. Below, right: Bush beans bear their crop in large clusters in a short period, making them perfect for freezing or canning all at once. For continuous harvest, plant just a few at a time, or plant pole beans. This is the Round Valley (Covelo) bush bean, which is good both green and dry.



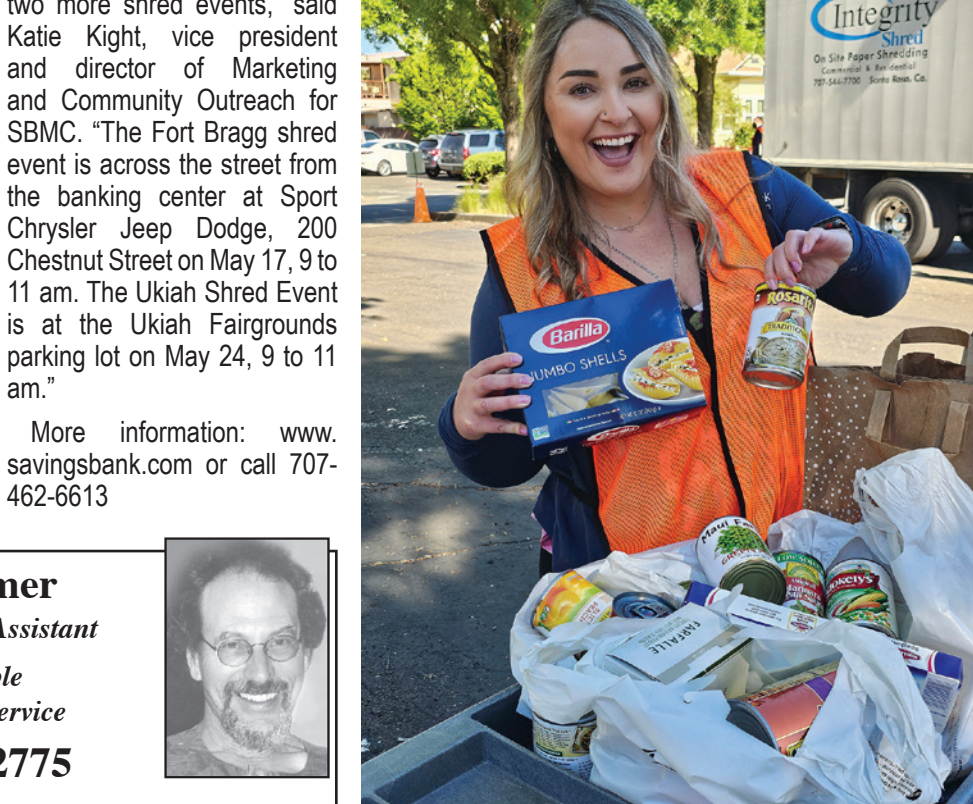
Photos by Jamie Chevalier

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During the event, 9,039 pounds of documents were brought to shred. The team also collected non-perishable food for the Willits and Laytonville food banks, and a total of eight bags were collected for the fundraiser.

"Savings Bank will be hosting two more shred events," said Katie Kight, vice president and director of Marketing and Community Outreach for SBMC. "The Fort Bragg shred event is at the Ukiah Fairgrounds parking lot on May 24, 9 to 11 am."

More information: www.savingsbank.com or call 707-462-6613



Above: Katelyn smiles with bags of food collected at the Willits Shred event. Photo by Katie Kight

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Chapman, at which time Chapman and Cox fled. The victim and his girlfriend went to their residence and contacted the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies were notified that it was unknown if Chapman and Cox were still on the property. The victim and his girlfriend had barricaded themselves inside their residence due to not knowing the location of Chapman and Cox. The victim informed Sheriff's Office dispatch he noticed a dark-colored pickup truck a short distance from the entrance gate to his property when he arrived. The victim believe the pickup truck belonged to Chapman and Cox. The victim told Sheriff's Office dispatch he believed it was the pickup truck was gone if it was possible Chapman and Cox had left the area.

Upon the arrival of deputies at the scene, they located the victim and immediately summoned medical attention from local fire and medical personnel. Deputies checked the property and were unable to locate Chapman, Cox, or the pickup truck.

During their investigation, deputies developed probable cause to believe Chapman and Cox had conspired to go to the property to steal from the victim. Deputies also developed probable cause to believe Chapman intentionally pointed the firearm at the victim and intended to shoot the victim during the incident.

Deputies requested Sheriff's Office dispatch issue a be on the lookout alert for Chapman, Cox, and the pickup truck to all law enforcement agencies in Mendocino, Humboldt, and Lake counties.

On May 11, at about 7 am, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy was responding to a non-emergency call for service north of the Willits area. While responding to an unrelated call for service, the deputy saw a pickup truck pass him heading into the City of Willits. The deputy determined the pickup truck matched the description of the pickup truck believed to have been at the victim's property in Leggett. The deputy then diverted from the unrelated call for service and turned around to find the pickup truck that had just passed him.

While informing other deputies of his observation, the deputy noticed the pickup truck was gaining distance away from him. The pickup truck then turned into a residential area in the City of Willits, at which time the deputy believed the driver of the pickup truck was attempting to avoid

law enforcement. The deputy lost sight of the pickup truck, but after checking the area he was able to locate it.

While waiting for additional law enforcement to arrive, the deputy watched the pickup truck. The deputy saw a female matching Chapman's description go back and forth from the pickup truck to a residence in the City of Willits.

Upon the arrival of additional law enforcement, Chapman attempted to flee from the residence and was observed climbing a fence. Chapman was apprehended on the other side of the fence. Cox attempted to hide inside the residence, but eventually surrendered after the residence was surrounded.

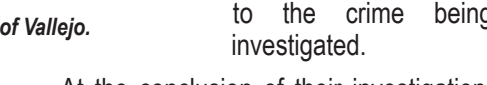
Deputies authored a search warrant for the residence Chapman and Cox fled from, as well as the pickup truck. The search warrant was signed by a Mendocino County Superior Court judge. Upon service of the search warrant, additional evidence was obtained relating to the crime being investigated.

At the conclusion of their investigation, MCSO deputies placed Chapman under arrest for the following charges: 664/187 PC (Attempted Murder), 664/212.5(c) PC (Attempted Second Degree Robbery), 182 PC (Conspiracy), and 12022(a)(1) PC (Committing a Felony While Armed with a Firearm). Cox was arrested for 664/212.5(c) PC (Attempted Second Degree Robbery) and 182 PC (Conspiracy).

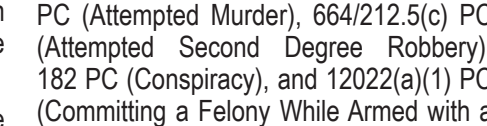
Chapman and Cox were then transported to the Mendocino County Jail, where they were booked on the above listed charges.

Editor's Note: As of press time on May 15, the Mendocino County Jail booking log reports Amanda Chapman is in custody on \$535,000 bail, with no release date listed. The booking log reports that Gregory Cox, who had been held on \$75,000 bail, was released on May 14.

A May 15 story in the San Francisco Chronicle has the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office confirming that the Gregory Cox, 59, from Vallejo who was arrested in Willits last week, is the former NFL defensive back who played for the San Francisco 49ers and the New York Giants between 1988 and 1991. The Chronicle story did not report this, but a quick google finds multiple reports of charges against former NFL player Cox in subsequent years.



Amanda Chapman of Ukiah.



Gregory Cox of Vallejo.

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to make sure the mission of responsible government is met. Topics for investigation may come from the grand jurors or referrals from the previous grand jury or may arise from complaints, including anonymous complaints from citizens.

To be selected, applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, reside in Mendocino County, and be fluent in English to communicate both orally and in writing. Applications and related information are available at www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov/general-information/court-operations/civil-grand-jury.

The application may also be obtained in person at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Room 303 in Ukiah or by calling the Grand Jury at 707-463-4320. The deadline this year is Friday, May 31.

Typically, civil grand jurors will spend 10 to 20 hours per week performing the oversight fieldwork and drafting public reports of findings and recommendations that are delivered to the target organizations. Jurors often spend the first month of their term deciding what topics will be investigated.

Local agencies are required to provide relevant information to the grand jury to ensure a thorough review and must respond to findings and recommendations contained in the reports. Reports from the last two years have included reviews of county Human Resources, Family and Children's Services, Ukiah School District's Special Education Program, Mendocino County Jail, and many other topics.

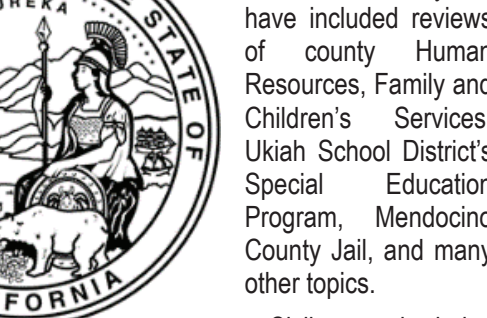
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Ukiah middle-schooler arrested for online threat

By Lieutenant Andrew Porter, for MCSO

On Friday, May 10 at 7:39 am, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received communications from a citizen of Ukiah, who had concerns about some social media posts his child had received. The posts were shared from one child to another and shown to the parent. The post disclosed the potential of a violent attack involving firearms at Grace Hudson Elementary School on today's date (May 10).

This threat caused an immediate and visible law enforcement response to the Grace Hudson Elementary School, 251 Jefferson Lane, in Ukiah, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office patrol personnel as well as detectives coordinated with administrators from the Grace Hudson Elementary School and Ukiah Unified School District. The Sheriff's Office maintained a visible presence at Grace Hudson School while Sheriff's Office detectives began investigating who was responsible for the threats made on a popular social media platform.

While this was occurring, numerous parents responded to the school and removed their children for precautionary measures, indicating the effect these threats have on our community.

In approximately 1.5 hours, Sheriff's Office detectives determined the possible identity of the person responsible for the threats by working with the security division of the social media company. MCSO detectives used the information obtained from the social media company along with assistance from the Ukiah Unified School District to identify the user name from the online post, the phone number used to make the post, and ultimately the person responsible for publishing the threatening message online through social media.

The offender was identified as a male juvenile who attends Pomolita Middle School. The juvenile was arrested by MCSO detectives for Criminal Threats, a violation of section 422(a) of the California Penal Code. The juvenile was transported to the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall where he was booked. Additional follow-up investigation was conducted to include interviews with the parents of the juvenile and a search warrant of the juvenile's residence for firearms or weapons.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office wishes to assure the community that these threats are investigated seriously and immediately. Any threat to schools will be investigated fully regardless of the intent of the person making the threat. The fact that this incident resulted in a measurable amount of terror and concern for parents, students, and school staff alike is a stark reminder of the seriousness of these types of offenses.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Ukiah Unified School District staff, Grace Hudson Elementary School staff, and the Ukiah Police Department for their assistance during this investigation.

Anyone with additional information related to this matter or any other threats to schools, is encouraged to reach out to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office by contacting the Dispatch Center at 707-463-4086. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the Sheriff's Office non-emergency tip line at 707-234-2100.

Workshops on local Road Safety Plan updates

Submitted by MCOG

The Mendocino Council of Governments has hired a consultant to update Local Road Safety/Action Plans for the County of Mendocino, and the cities of Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, and Willits.

These updated safety plans will enable local jurisdictions to enhance safety for all modes of transportation for all ages and abilities, and will aid in seeking state and federal grant funding to implement priority safety projects.

MCOG invites the public to two in-person public workshops.

The first workshop will be held on Monday, May 20 from 5:30 to 7 pm, to hear a presentation on the project and offer input. The workshop will be held at the Fort Bragg Town Hall, 363 North Main Street. The presentation will cover collision profiles, draft emphasis areas, and draft safety projects.

The second workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30 to 7 pm and will be held at the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center, 1640 South State Street #3, in Ukiah. The presentation will cover collision profiles, draft emphasis areas, and draft safety projects.

In addition, for those who cannot attend the in-person workshops, a virtual public workshop will be held on Thursday, May 23, from 6 to 7 pm, to hear the same presentation on collision profiles, draft emphasis areas, and draft safety projects.

For Zoom meeting access and additional information, visit the project website at www.mendocinoroadsafetyplan.com. This project is funded with state grant funds provided by Caltrans.

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can dramatically reduce their risk of fire damage. At CAL FIRE, we are deploying firefighting resources throughout the state to keep families and communities safe this upcoming fire season."

With more than 25 percent of Californians living in areas considered at risk of very high or extreme fire threat, the need to get fire-ready is more important than ever.

Visit www.fire.ca.gov/prepare to see tips from CAL FIRE on hardening your home, creating a defensible space, and more.

To watch a recording of the May 8 town hall, visit <https://sd02.senate.ca.gov/video/virtual-town-hall-wildfire-prevention-preparedness>

Mike McGuire is President pro Tempore of the California Senate. He represents the North Coast of California, which stretches from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border, including Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin counties. Website of Senate Leader McGuire: <https://sd02.senate.ca.gov/>

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On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, American Legion Post 174 members will conduct memorial ceremonies at the Willits Cemetery at 10 am (Highway 20 - West), and at the Little Lake Cemetery at 11 am (East Hill Road). Please join us as we pay tribute to our departed comrades in arms.



Blosser Lane students hold up their Student of the Trimester certificates at the school's April Assembly.

BLOSSER STUDENTS OF THE TRIMESTER

At Blosser Lane Elementary School, we recognize Students of the Trimester. These students are exemplar and showcase outstanding citizenship. We want to recognize, from left to right: Petra Vandenberghe, Piper Valentine, Kloe Smith, Isabella Chavez Mendoza, Sephora Maciel, Joel Calderon, Chelsea Ferrer-Lopez, and Oliver Babcock.

– Margaret Duran, principal, Blosser Lane Elementary School

Acoustic rock with the Clay Hawkins Duo at Willits Community Theatre May 18

By Steve Hellman

Local acoustic rock guitarist Clay Hawkins and bassist Andrew Robertson will play the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm. Blending rapid-fire finger-style slide guitar and honest, heartfelt songwriting, Hawkins creates his own unique brand of acoustic rock. With longtime co-conspirator Robertson on the upright bass, the pair performs what's been described as, "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart," or, as the band calls it, "Mountain House."



Bassist Andrew Robertson and local acoustic rock guitarist Clay Hawkins play together, creating their unique sound described as "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart."

Count in the influences of Neil Young, John Fahey, The Black Keys, Nick Cave, and even Radiohead for the duo's well-worn, lush style. Hawkins' music unfolds naturally, taking the listener on a ride that is entirely his own. Whether it's backyards, back alleys, barns, barrooms or banquet halls, these Mendocino County boys have been there at the center of whatever crowd has formed.

Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door. Season sponsors for Willits Community Theatre are the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, NC Financial Group, Sparetime Supply, and KZYX Radio.



Easy-going Wobbles

Wobbles is the best dog! He is currently in a foster home of one of our staff, so we're getting lots of good information about this young guy. Wobbles is good with cats, chickens, ducks,

horses and kids! He needs a proper introduction to new / unknown dogs, but warms up quickly. In fact, he has several canine housemates! Wobbles has an old injury to one of his hind legs, and our clinic staff is taking good care of him, and in the near future, the leg will be amputated. Wobbles has wonderful indoor manners – he's quiet, mellow and house-trained! And an extra-added bonus: Wobbles is the perfect medium-sized dog.

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.



Cheerful La Moo

La Moo has an infectious happiness you can't get enough of. She loves people and shows it with her many kisses. She is an excellent listener and fast learner. Her recall is immediate; she sits, shakes, and is house trained. La Moo is very good in her crate. She is a beautiful soul looking for her match!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 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.mendohumane.com, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.



Bonded Claudia and Evan

Claudia and Evan are a bonded pair that were rescued together. Claudia is not as outgoing as Evan, but since she's food motivated, her foster mom rewards her with treats when she's getting pets, brushed, or doing something new. Claudia loves her foster dad! She'll come running up to him when he gets home from work and rubs her tail against his legs. She'll also happily

adorn his lap for as long as he lets her. Claudia also loves to play, which is a great way to engage her.

Evan is very curious and playful. He runs around with his tail high up in the air ... a sign of a very happy cat. He'll look to his people for pets and gives out a big purr as a "thank you." He's great with the resident cats and makes the cutest little chirping sounds when playing with them.

Evan and Claudia absolutely adore each other. They snuggle up together,

rub heads and make the cutest love sounds. They both need each other for comfort and security. That's why they can't be separated.

These two need an adult family that has the time and patience to take things slow with them and let them evolve on their terms. A quiet environment with low activity level would be ideal. We think, in time, with the right people by their side, they will continue to blossom and bring a lot of joy and love to their new home.

Can you give Evan and Claudia the loving home they so deserve? The adoption fees for this bonded pair are discounted \$50.

To learn more about Evan and Claudia, or to 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. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.

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