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Thank you

To the Editor:

The Willits Grateful Gleaners were so excited to see the wonderful community of Willits come out in numbers for our fundraising plant sale on May 21. Thank you for spending money locally for food sustainability.

Of course the numbers of customers wouldn't have been possible without the means of reaching an audience via our community newspaper, so we especially want to thank the Willits Weekly and their staff.

Thanks to the volunteer haulers and drivers who moved 300 plants from Exley Lane to the Gleaners garage on Tuttle Lane. These included Earline Dykes, Orion Dykes and Degan Dykes, Robin

Goldner and Marc Komer, Anne and Monte VanderHorck, Karen Gridley and Wolfgang Ronnefeldt. And to those who spent an afternoon digging up plants in a garden on Muir Mill Road: Kimbal Dodge, Dianne Carter, Candice Clayton, and Carol Cox.

Special thanks to Kimbal Dodge and Mike Adams and the Willits Grange for the loan and delivery of tables for the sale.

In addition to the Gleaners, many gardeners contributed plants to the sale from their gardens, including Marisela de Santa Ana, Tam Adams, Karen Gridley, Anne VanderHorck, Candice Clayton, Commonwealth Gardens, Golden Rule Gardens CSA, Michael Foley, and unnamed others who deserve our thanks.

Cashiers play an important role

that was filled by Barbara Willens, Anne VanderHorck, and Carol Cox. Our youngest volunteer, Degan Dykes, made sure dry plants got watered and also did heavy lifting for customers and Gleaners alike. Many thanks for your help.

Proceeds from this successful sale will be distributed in the form of small grants to farmers who grow food for our local community.

Applications for these grants (or a nomination of a deserving farmer or gardener) can be made to the Willits Grateful Gleaners by emailing gratefulgleanersofwillits@gmail.com or by leaving a message on our voice mail, 707-367-7391.

The Gleaners Coordinating Team, Willits

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT June 2023 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

Frontier Days is coming soon. This is a cherished tradition in the community. Preservation of the history of our county is the role of the Mendocino County Museum. We are fortunate to have the Museum, Roots of Motive Power, and other historical societies in Mendocino County. Connecting the past to the present and into the future benefits all of us in many ways. The Museum will be open on July 4, and on July 1 there will be lots of interesting and entertaining activities at the Museum as part of the East Commercial Street Art Walk.

The county budget will be balanced by the time you read this. That is the good news. The bad news is that about \$7 million of one-time-only monies have been used to balance it. This is not good when ongoing costs have been rising due to inflation while revenue has been down or flat. Proposals to increase revenues (collect all property taxes, short-term rental taxes, increase transient occupancy taxes, etc.) as well as cutting costs (decreasing existing contracts with outside consultants, reducing health-care costs, eliminating positions) are on the table.

Cannabis revenues are coming in higher than expected. Some of the changes we have made are benefitting the county and cultivators. The county continues to work well with the state in creating a workable program and pathways to annual licensure.

After being inundated with rain and snow this winter, summer is right around the corner. I am waiting for the County Counsel's Office to bring forth the water hauling and extraction for commercial purposes draft ordinance. This will go to the Planning Commission for review. Another item is riparian protections. The county has the capacity to generate maps with areas of rivers, creeks, and streams and wetlands. What has been missing is guidance of appropriate setbacks from waterways. Even though we have water in abundance right now, we have to be prepared for the next drought.

My monthly table talk is on Thursday, June 8, at 10 am at Brickhouse Coffee in Willits. Please reach out to me at haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or 707-972-4214.

The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.

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Deadline extended for federal storm assistance

Submitted by Cal OES

June 6 - Supporting California communities impacted by the February and March severe storms, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services has requested from the federal government and received an extension for Californians to apply for federal assistance.

California families now have until Thursday, July 20, 2023 to apply for federal aid. Those eligible include residents and business owners who were affected by the February and March storms under the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

Those in the following affected counties can still apply: Butte, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, San Benito, San Bernardino, Santa Cruz, Tulare, and Tuolumne counties.

Previously, Californians had until June 5 to register for federal aid, but at Cal OES' request, the federal government extended the

deadline by 45 days!

Applicants may register in the following ways:
Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov.

Download the FEMA Mobile App
Call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585) between 7 am to 8 pm PST, seven days a week.

Survivors may also visit a disaster recovery center, where they can receive help from local, state and federal agencies in person. Learn more: <https://wp.me/pd8T7h-8er>

For additional information regarding assistance, click the links below:

February and March storms: <https://wp.me/pd8T7h-82o>

What individuals can expect after registering for federal assistance: <https://wp.me/pd8T7h-83L>

What business owners can expect after registering for federal assistance: <https://wp.me/pd8T7h-84f>

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$7.

Thursday, June 8: Sausage Cabbage Casserole, Green Salad, Roll

Friday, June 9: Ground Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans

Monday, June 12: Cheeseburger, Pickle, Chili

Tuesday, June 13: French Dip, Green Salad

Wednesday, June 14: Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry

Thursday, June 15: Sausage Rotini Casserole, Green Salad, Garlic Bread

Friday, June 16: Ground Sirloin, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Veggie, Roll

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

Pancake Breakfast: every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am. Special June Fathers Day pancake breakfast is set

for Sunday, June 11. Menu: Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage, Eggs any style, Grandma's Biscuits, Country Sausage Gravy, Peets Coffee, tea, milk or juice. Complimentary Bloody Mary for 21+ w/ purchase of breakfast. \$10 adults; \$9 seniors; \$6 kids under 8.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Deb at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

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



Above, from left: Train Singer Schindel loves to make the kids smile with his music. Train Singer Greg Schindel entertains with a song. Monte Vander Horck takes a quiet moment to watch the land go by. Below, left: Greg Schindel, the Train Singer, leads the riders in a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday." Below, right: Greg Schindel holds up a picture of himself, pre "Train Singer."



Train Singer

Skunk Train hosts benefit ride to raise money for Greg Schindel's cancer treatments

In each community, there can be found, people who have become, through the sheer weight of their character, talents and effect on others, a part of the ethos, identity and personality of that community.

Little Lake Valley has several of these exceptional individuals. One of the better known and best loved is a man who has become synonymous with the iconic Skunk Train, one of the most identifiable tourist and local attractions in Willits.

Greg Schindel, better known to many as the Train Singer, is one of these humans who defines Willits in a unique and dynamic manner, spinning songs and tales from his robust catalog of memories and experiences, and who infuses each performance with his infectious positive attitude.

On Saturday, June 3, friends and admirers, and some out-of-town tourists, embarked on a special Skunk Train with the aim of supporting this Willits icon in his battle against recently diagnosed stage-four cancer and helping with its costly treatments.

Schindel has been blessed with many good friends in town who have rallied to his side in order to make his future a little easier, whatever happens with the course of the disease, and to show their love and respect for the man which has touched so many with his wit, his voice, and his humanity.

"Greg is a person who is larger than life," said Robert Pinoli, president and CEO of Mendocino Railway, which operates the Skunk Train. "His personality, his spirit. He has given so much, not only to the millions of passengers for whom he has performed over the years, but he has given so much to the community in terms of his talent and his dedication.

"We'll be hosting a train," explained Pinoli, "that will hopefully give several thousand dollars back to him for his medical treatment. It's the least we could do. Saturday is going to be a train ride through the redwoods.

"It's his stage, as it has been for decades," continued Pinoli. "He has received countless invitations to perform at other railroads in other venues. Early on, Greg said 'nope. If you want to see the Train Singer, you'll have to come to California Western Skunk Train.' That is his stage.

"He has kept working and riding since he began treatment," Pinoli said. "He has to pace himself but he has still been hitting it out of the ballpark. In many ways, this is medicine for him. I hope this is part of the cure that is going to kick this cancer in the butt. He just glows when he's on the train. He just has this big smile. His being on the train, surrounded by so many who care about him, who get to ride with him and watch him do his thing, should be pretty spectacular."

It was pretty spectacular. Schindel began to sing at the station, as soon as he had one or more people to listen. His repertoire of train songs seemed endless. The day was perfect. The blue sky and warm temperature made riding in the open-air car the place to be, watching the scenery chug past the train as it wended its way up the 16-mile trip. The train headed to the Crowley stop where people could disembark, stretch their legs, explore, and play games while the engine was re-attached to the other end of the train for the trip back.

Not only did the Train Singer entertain, but he also was an inspiration. Although he describes his current medical life as "being on a dimmer switch," with

Read the rest of Schindel Over on page 9



At far left, top: The grounds at Crowley is the perfect place to explore and stretch one's legs. At far left, bottom: It's hard to keep young ones out of trees at the Crowley stop. At left: Irie plays Jenga in reverse at the Crowley stop. Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: Malakai Schindel, son of Greg, is conductor for the ride. Below: The open-air car allows mingling and a party atmosphere.



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Meet the Sweetheart

Willits Frontier Days welcomes 2023 candidate for crown Hazel Cooke

16-year-old Hazel Cook will be selling tickets and showcasing her riding, speaking, and modeling skills to become the 2023 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart.

A junior at Willits High School, Cooke enjoys riding her 9-year-old, blue roan horse, Saige, competing in barrel and pole events at local rodeos. When not on horseback, she enjoys playing volleyball and basketball and plans to attend nursing school in the future.

"I am running for Sweetheart because it's something I've always wanted to do, and I want to carry on the tradition," explained Cooke. "I will be in town all of June and can meet anytime anywhere for tickets to this year's upcoming events."

Contact Cooke at 707-354-0985.

—Maureen Jennison

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Above, left: Young and more mature riders compete against each other in most of the events. Above, right, top: The Stick Horse Race is silly and that is the point. Above, right, below: A contestant rounds the last pole and heads for home. Below: Teams compete in the cornhole tournament.



Photos by Mathew Caine

Play Day

Grilling, roping and racing at Willits Horsemen's Association annual gymkhana and barbecue

There was much going on at the Willits Horsemen's Association arena the weekend of June 3 and 4. On Saturday, the Willits Junior Horsemen's Association had its gymkhana for the youth to show their horsemanship, roping, etc. The next day, the adults had their annual Play Day Barbecue with heaping helpings of tri tip and ribs, cole slaw, beans, and salad.

During the time of the barbecue, Paul and Bonnie Riley staged a cornhole tournament to raise money for the association along with a supplemental contest utilizing a skinny cornhole board and a limited number of throws. Eight teams of two paid \$100 to compete in the double-elimination tourney.

At the end of the contest, organizer Paul Riley and his partner Steven Spackman had bested all the other opponents to win back their \$100 entry fee after beating Brian and Mark in the final round. The supplemental contest was won by Kolby Berry who took home a DeWalt ice chest, filled with equestrian-related goodies.

The rodeo featured competitors of all ages, vying for prizes in various contests, some even against brothers or sisters.

"They're going to start with 'Breakaway,'" explained photographer Ali Arteaga, who had two girls in the rodeo, a 10-year-old and a 15-year-old, "where they rope the cattle, they stop their horse and the rope breaks off the saddle.

"Then they're going to do Barrel Racing, Team Roping, Pole Bending (like a slalom for horses with seven poles)," said Arteaga. "Stick Horse Race (hobby horses), Steer Daubing (touch the steer with a paint pole), Goat Tying, Steer Stopping, like Breakaway but the rope remains tied

- All Around Cowgirl Senior**
Bethany Grieve
- All Around Cowboy Senior**
Mark Lucchetti
- All Around Cowgirl Junior**
Alexandra Hundley
- All Around Cowboy Junior**
Anthony Lucchetti

Breakaway: 1st place: Taylyn Arteaga; 2nd place: Alexandra Hundley

Team Roping: 1st place: Mark Lucchetti and Fred Niesen; 2nd place: Shenna Gayski and Lori Niesen

Steer Daubing: 1st place: Bethany Grieve; 2nd place: Kathryn Grieve

Barrel Racing: 1st place: Pam Ivicevek; 2nd place: Shenna Gayski

Goat Tying: 1st place: Kaylee Wilson; 2nd place: Alexandra Hundley

Hide Race: 1st place: Nicole Kunke; 2nd place: Meghan Lopez

Steer Stopping: 1st place: Bethany Grieve; 2nd place: Mark Lucchetti

Pole Bending: 1st place: Alexandra Hundley; 2nd place: Brian Grieve

Jackpot Barrels 1D: 1st place: Shenna Gayski; 2nd place: Amelia Specials; 3rd place: Shenna Gayski (2nd horse)

Jackpot Barrels 2D: 1st place: Alexandra Hundley; 2nd place: Pam Ivicevich; 3rd place: Taylyn Arteaga (2nd horse)

to the horse and the cattle. You have to 'dally' and stop the steer.

"They're going to do a Hide Race, which is where somebody will jump on a hide being pulled by another rider. Then they'll do the Boot Scootin' Boogie where they take the kids' boots, they mismatch them and distribute them everywhere and they have to run and find their boots, put them back on, and run back," Arteaga said.

Several of the contests would not be found in regular rodeo settings. The Hide Race is one such contest. There were two competitors for this event. The horse and rider got a running start and at a certain point, the hide rider (small and light) hopped on for a short ride to the finish line. It was a bit difficult to see with the great amount of dust thrown up by the horse and hides.

The Boot Scootin' Boogie featured a bunch of cute kids running to find their shoes and racing back to the finish line. The Stick Horse Race was an exercise in extreme silliness with the contestants racing a course with a kid's stick horse between their legs. Silly but very entertaining.

Willits Horsemen's Play Day, which has been an annual event for many, many years, is a great chance for these longtime friends with mutual equestrian interests to get together, see some old friends, and enjoy good times together.

"This thing started out years ago but they began using the rodeo grounds, but split with the Willits Frontier Days, and ended up buying this property," mused rancher and real estate agent Lee Persico. "A lot of people turn out for this Play Day. I was probably 15 when they moved over here. Yesterday, they had the gymkhana. My great-granddaughter won third."



Above, left: Jeff Yukum and Andrew Hosford help cut and dish out the tri tip and ribs. Above, right: The annual Play Day Barbecue is well-attended and, as usual, is a great opportunity to meet up with old friends.

At left: A group photo of the High Point and Reserve High Point for the Willits Junior Horsemen's Play Day. The next Juniors event is Saturday, June 24.

Photo by Mary Fonsen

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Galen Hathaway, aka Galen R. Hathaway, Decedent

Case No. 23PR00080

- To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GALEN HATHAWAY, aka GALEN R. HATHAWAY
- A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Steven P. Hathaway in the Superior Court of California County of: Mendocino
- The Petition for Probate requests that: Steven P. Hathaway be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
- The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
- 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 15, 2023, Time: 2:00 p.m. Dept: TM** Address of Court: 700 So. Franklin St., Ft. Bragg, CA 95437
- If you object to the 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: Christopher J. Neary (#69220)/ Jennifer M. O'Brien (#278821), Neary and O'Brien, 110 So. Main St., Ste C, Willits CA 95490. Telephone: 707-459-5551 Publication Dates: May 25, June 1, June 8, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Karen Lorene Thrillkill, aka Karen L. Thrillkill, Decedent

Case No. 23PR00093

- To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: KAREN LORENE THRILLKILL, aka KAREN L. THRILLKILL
- A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Christine Thrillkill in the Superior Court of California County of: Mendocino
- The Petition for Probate requests that: Christine Thrillkill 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: July 13, 2023, Time: 2:00 p.m. Dept: TM** Address of Court: 700 So. Franklin St., Ft. Bragg, CA 95437
- If you object to the 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.
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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.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): **Mendocino County Superior Court 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):
Alexander C. Rich, Esq.
Carter Rich PC
305 N. Main Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Date: (Fecha) November 18, 2022
s/J. Lozano/Clerk (Secretario)
s/Kim Turner/Deputy (Adjunto)
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARTHA MAGALINE ANDERSON AKA MARTHA M. ANDERSON

Case No. 23PR00084

- To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: MARTHA MAGALINE ANDERSON AKA MARTHA M. ANDERSON
- A Petition for Probate has been filed by BENJAMIN SCOTT ANDERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that BENJAMIN SCOTT ANDERSON 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 23, 2023 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: MARGARITA S. RICE, ESQ., CARTER RICH PC, 305 N. Main Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Telephone: 707-462-6694
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The rest of **Schindel** | From page 3

high and low energy / pain cycles, as soon as he has a guitar, a harmonica, a squeezebox, or one or more listeners, he becomes the legendary high-energy, zany and warm entertainer that people have come to know and admire.

"A lot of people give up and give in to the fear of cancer," expressed Malakai Schindel, Greg's son, a talented musician himself, as well as a painter and conductor on the Skunk Train. "If anything, it's showing him how much he's cared about. It's usually not until we pass away that people express that. It's beautiful that he's getting to hear people and feel their love. He can see how this community has been touched so much by him."

The Skunk Train donated 100 percent of the ride's proceeds to Schindel's medical expenses.

We'll never know why cancer chooses who it does. It's not a punishment, for even the best people can be afflicted. We just know that we can help when someone we love and respect is thrown into battle with the disease. Anyone wishing to help can send a check, payable to Greg or Donna Schindel, to PO Box 1376, Willits, CA 95490.

"I think all these people coming out for the ride is wonderful. I'm amazed. I'm embarrassed. On one hand, I'd like to just be left alone to adjust to my new life. It's a different perspective I have now. I love the fact that everybody loves me so much. I think it's healing," mused Greg Schindel, who then began another song.

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Mendocino County Museum summer activities include stories, games, STEAM program

Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

This summer, join us for special editions of History Makers! inspired by our exhibit "Gadgets Galore!"

Create and explore every Wednesday from 1 to 3 pm. Program attendance is free with the cost of admission to the Mendocino County Museum. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays when you show your Mendocino County Library Card at the Museum.

History Makers programs June through July 2023:

Story Time & Tinker Tables: June 7, June 14, July 5, July 19

This story-filled program is especially designed for ages 3 to 7. Listen to stories read aloud by staff. Afterward, explore and play at the "Gadgets Galore!" tinker tables, enjoy matching games, and get mixing in our vintage kitchen. Stories will be read at 2:30 pm.

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Off the Grid! DIY Gadgets & Crafts: June 21, June 28, July 12, & July 26
This hands-on STEAM based program will encourage and challenge young inventive minds! Each program will offer participants the opportunity to build with Grid-beam and will also feature a special DIY activity. This program is ideal for children ages 7 - 12.

History Makers! explores historical themes through stories and hands-on activities; be sure to check back as themes and activities change regularly. "Gadgets Galore!" is a traveling show from Exhibit Envoy and will be showing at the Mendocino County Museum through August 13, 2023.

For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Museum.

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You are invited to a community gathering of Friends and community members interested in supporting the Mendocino County Museum.

Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 at the Mendocino County Museum

Meet board members, check out the Museum exhibit area, meet County Supervisor John Haschak, share delicious food and drink and learn about Friends activities. An opportunity to actively support our wonderful Mendocino County Museum.

This project was funded by the Community Enrichment Grant of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County.

CELEBRATE SUMMER! CELEBRATE WILLITS!

#3 BUILDING COMMUNITY EVENT

Sunday June 18th 4pm

At Willits Methodist Church (Pine & School St.)
SUMMER SOLSTICE CEREMONY
Walking the Labyrinth

Review Progress and Next Steps on Housing, Health, Local Food & More

Help build the resilience of our community!

Hosted by WELL
Info: Janemccabe1944@gmail.com or mstrong@willitsonline.com

Celebrate summer at 'Building Community,' June 18

By Madge Strong

All are welcome to join in projects to build resilience in our Willits community and in celebrating the arrival of summer. This "Building Community" event is on Sunday, June 18, at 4 pm, at the Willits Methodist Church, School and Pine streets.

This will be the third gathering of "Building Community" – initiated by WELL (Willits Economic Localization) but open to all groups and individuals working to build an even better Willits. At past meetings, we identified topics to address and set up working groups, including:

- Housing/Warming Center
- Health
- Local Food/Farming
- Business, Senior, and Youth Resources
- Land Use Planning

At this next meeting we'll hear about accomplishments, progress underway, and identify next projects to work on. Explore opportunities to get involved so that, together, we can build the health and sustainability of our community!

We also hope to organize tabling at the upcoming Hometown Celebration (June 30) and a potluck family picnic tentatively planned for Sunday, July 23, at 4 pm at Rec Grove Park.

Following the meeting, at about 5:30 pm, all who wish are invited to join in welcoming Summer by walking the labyrinth at the Methodist Church.

For more information or to get on our email list for future events, contact mstrong@willitsonline.com or janemccabe1944@gmail.com.

Redwood Medical Clinic welcomes local psychologist

Submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Adventist Health Howard Memorial is pleased to welcome Dr. Joseph Beeny, psychologist, to the Redwood Medical Clinic—located at 3 Marceia Drive, Suite A in Willits.

A clinical psychologist and practicing since 2008, Dr. Beeny was raised in Mendocino County, even attending middle school and high school in Fort Bragg as a longtime local to Mendocino County.

He then went on to graduate from Humboldt State University with a bachelor's in Psychology and then to Pennsylvania State University for his master's and PhD in Clinical Psychology.

Dr. Beeny offers services to help treat such common conditions as developmental trauma, depression, anxiety, personality disorders, and borderline personality disorder, treating adolescents to adults, ages 12 to 65.

Patients with concerns they would like to focus on will find a healthcare provider who understands the important role he plays providing a partner to work through their concerns in a welcoming environment.

"My job is to truly listen, understand and empathize with people,

which is a wonderful role," Dr. Beeny said. "I usually begin working with folks when they are struggling most, and I get to be a partner in their journey toward finding relief from symptoms, greater self-compassion, and self-understanding to help them find new ways to thrive."

Dr. Beeny was inspired to practice psychology through the intuition he has long had for helping people to have great relationships and the critical aspect it plays to patients' mental and physical health. "Research shows that having high-quality, close relationships in which we feel supported is among the most important factors in thriving emotionally and physically. Helping patients realize those benefits feels like an amazing privilege," he said.

In his spare time, Dr. Beeny loves music, enjoying singing, playing piano and guitar as well as traveling and enjoying great food. He resides in Fort Bragg with his partner, their son, two miniature Australian shepherds and two cats which they adore.

To learn more about Dr. Beeny and all Adventist Health providers, visit AdventistHealthHowardMemorial.org. To schedule an appointment, please call the Redwood Medical Clinic at 707-456-6115.



Above, left: Ed TePas, CalRTA Division 55 president, left, and special ed teacher, Scot Lamon, who is the longest-employed teacher at the Willits school district.

Above, right: Construction teacher Ken Pedersen, left, the newest teacher in the Willits district, and CalRTA Division 55 President Ed TePas.

At left: Jeff Ivy, left, gets an \$100 appreciation award from retired teacher Allen Garcia at the California Teachers Association meeting.

The rest of **Lawsuit** | From page 1

acquire through eminent domain a 20-acre parcel owned by Meyer," Nadel wrote in her June 2 document. The property is located along Highway 20, west of Willits.

In the June 2 "Entry of Judgment" document, Judge Nadel confirms points she had made in her "Decision After Trial" document filed April 19. "Plaintiff MR has failed to meet its burden of establishing that it can acquire Meyer's property by eminent domain pursuant to constitutional and statutory powers. Accordingly, MR cannot acquire Meyer's real property by eminent domain. Plaintiff MR shall take nothing by its complaint, and judgment is in favor of Defendant Meyer."

Mendocino Redwood argued that as a railroad corporation and a "common carrier" it was a "public utility," but Judge Nadel's analysis did not support that argument. "MR claims that it is entitled to avail itself of the eminent domain statute because it is a railroad corporation, a common carrier and through its activities it qualifies as a public utility.... but court is not convinced that such status is appropriate at this time based on the evidence provided by MR at trial."

In the June 6 Press Democrat story that broke the latest ruling, "Legal setbacks dog Skunk Train owner Mendocino Railway," Meyer estimated his legal costs at around \$250,000.

The story also quotes Mendocino Railway President Robert Pinoli as saying "I think we're going to continue to pursue all of our options, both in federal and local court."

The rest of **Accident** | From page 1

overturned, and both involved vehicles came to rest, blocking US-101. Debris from both vehicles was scattered along the roadway, which caused all lanes to become temporarily blocked for approximately 35 minutes.

The driver of the Chevy truck sustained major injuries, and the driver of the Ford Transit van sustained minor injuries, and both parties were transported to the hospital.

This collision remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol -Garberville Area.

The rest of **Parade** | From page 1

Street and then head west towards the Blosser Lane area before coming back north and traveling around the western neighborhood area by Brookside School before retuning up Commercial Street at the end. (See map at right.) This is the same route as last year.

As the procession begins, cars will pull into the road one at a time from the front parking lots at WHS, the staff parking lot, or from the school farm.

Please be careful of pedestrians, family and friends gathered on the sidewalk, and cars parked along the roads waiting and ready to wave to the grads.

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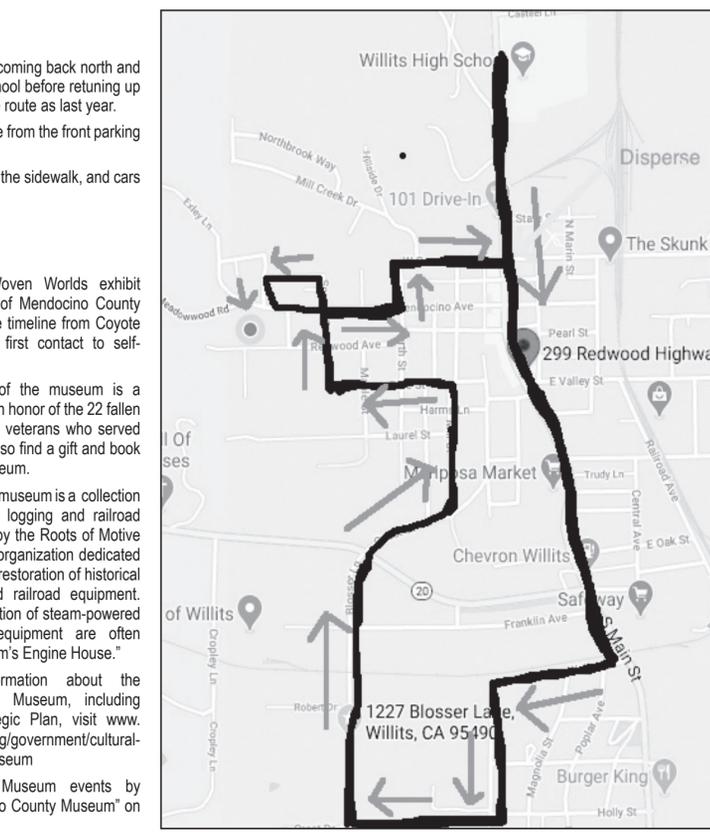
An opportunity to actively support our wonderful Mendocino County Museum.

As per the Museum website, current members of the Museum's board of directors include: James Eddie, representing District 1; Neeka Aguirre, representing District 2; Brent Walker, representing District 3; Vacancy, District 4; and Vacancy in District 5.

Also on the museum board is Greta Kanne, representing the City of Willits; Rebecca Montes, representing Mendocino College; Bruce Patterson, representing Roots of Motive Power; and David Poma, representing the Mendocino County Historical Society

Mendocino County Museum collects, conserves and celebrates the stories, artifacts, and archives of the people and places in Mendocino County, the museum website explains.

"Exhibits and displays include a 10,000-year-old Clovis Point, actual storefronts of historic businesses, 19th century stagecoaches, and a 'new settler' hippie van," the website states. "We also have memorabilia from the famous race horse,



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Japanese Cuisine

Hatake Farm Kitchen chefs teach how to make sushi and miso soup at library cooking demonstration

No matter how one might feel about the delicious sliminess that is sushi, it is nonetheless a staple of modern Japanese cuisine, as popular as it is enigmatic. The casual consumer of this delicacy probably has many questions about the proper preparation of every aspect of the fare, including the most basic question of how to make sushi rice so that it is at the same time, tasty, tender and sticky.

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On Saturday, May 17, the Willits branch of the Mendocino County Library held the third and final installment of their grant-funded series of lectures / demonstrations on food, this one from Ryo Muto and Tony Melchor of Hatake Farm Kitchen, a small ghost restaurant behind Shanachie Pub.

Muto and Melchor told the well-attended standing-room-only crowd about the history, the place in Japanese culture, and proper preparation of sushi rice, vegetable rolls, miso soup, and a bit about the true nature of sake in the country.

The first talk in the series was by Caroline of Flying Dog Pizza, called "How Long Does it Take to Grow a Pizza?" The second talk was from Simone of Smokey's BBQ on Main Street and dealt with the creation of a sustainable business plan for food businesses.

The lectures were funded by a grant "supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the California State Librarian," explained Denise Jessie, branch supervisor of the Willits library. "This is part of our 'Mendocino County Reads.' The grant gave us money for speakers and it gave us books that we can give away. I get to announce that even Muto can have this free cookbook.

"Also, with the grant money we bought culinary kits for people to check out from the library," said Jessie. "We have a pasta-making kit that has everything you need to make homemade pasta. There's even a gluten-free version of the pasta kit and a kid's baking kit."

Muto, in addition to showing the attendees how to make sushi rolls, explained the history of rice and its importance to Japanese culture. He also spent time teaching about how to make miso soup.

"The dashi culture is very important for Japanese cuisine," said Muto. "We make this with kombu, a type of dried kelp. And we use dried bonito [fish] flake. We don't use any animal bone stock." The audience seemed fascinated by each step that Muto and Melchor performed, as well as the stories of the cultural significance of each.

"Our sushi is almost entirely handmade," explained

Melchor. "We brought the rice. We have our homemade vinegar that we season the rice with. We use organic vegetables and try to buy local as much as possible. We use our own knives as well. We pretty much make everything from scratch, from our sauces to ramen."

Muto showed how to blend in the broth to the rice, made from seaweed, kombu, a kelp which is harvested after three years and allowed to dry for a couple more years. "Dashi is the number-one important flavor/seasoning for Japanese food," stated Muto.

"Dashi, or fish broth, is an essential element. Umami taste is the number-five taste, mostly broths that are boiled a long time to bring out the flavor. Basically, we have five tastes: sweet, salty, bitter, sour, and pungent. Umami taste is from kelp and dried bonito. This time, I'm only using kombu dashi, not the fish sauce. Umami is a natural amino acid.

"Kelp, in Japan, is harvested from summer to early autumn. Once harvested, the kelp is cleaned with seawater. Then, it is dried using natural wind and can take anywhere from a few hours to a week. After drying, the kelp is left to mature from seven months to over a year."

In addition to the food demonstration, Muto told of his plan to return to Japan for a few months to learn the art of making sake. He stated that in Japan, only unfiltered sake is legal, mostly served cold, and that sake is becoming almost a craft product with many variations of tastes and blends. Muto plans to return and, when feasible, open a craft sake brew pub, a sit-down facility with all of the fine food for which Hatake Farm Kitchen is becoming known for in Willits.

Muto and Melchor additionally explained about the proper knives to use at each step, along with a short aside about how samurai knives are able to cut through bone. After the demonstration and lecture, each of the attendees was invited to try a piece of the veggie roll and a taste of the miso soup (which is made from a form of soy paste).

Hatake Farm Kitchen food can be found at Mariposa Market, delivered fresh, or directly through several methods of ordering from the kitchen. Check out their Facebook page or <https://hatake-farm-kitchen.square.site/>. They can be reached at mutoryo@me.com or 707-510-1151.



At top, left: Ryo Muto and Tony Melchor answer questions as they finish creating veggie rolls. At top: Each attendee was able to have a piece of veggie roll to taste. Above: A capacity crowd came to learn how to make sushi rice, veggie rolls, and miso soup. At left: Ryo Muto started Hatake Farm Kitchen a couple years ago during the pandemic.



At top: Purple radish is placed on the ends of the rolls before rolling and cutting. Above, left: Ryo Muto adds traditional broth to the sushi rice. Above, right: Tony Melchor demonstrates the proper method of rolling the sushi. Below: Hatake Kitchen uses only fresh organic vegetables in their cooking.



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