

Brown water concerns

part of rate increase discussion

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Part of the discussion at the water and sewer rates hearing at the July 26 city council meeting was about Willits' "brown water" problem.

Residents made public comments about recent and ongoing problems they've had with the water coming from their taps; Utilities Superintendent Scott Herman talked about why the brown water happens; and City Manager Brian Bender said citizens who experience brown water should contact the city for a possible credit to their water accounts.

One woman said she'd been worried recently about the water bowl for her cats. "For the last couple months, when I go to clean it, and I clean it fairly regularly, there's a nasty yellow slimy film at the bottom." She said she understood the city was working on replacing water pipes which should help the problem, "but my question is, until they get replaced, is this water actually safe.

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County directs enforcement on illegal cannabis cultivation in Redwood Valley

Submitted by County of Mendocino

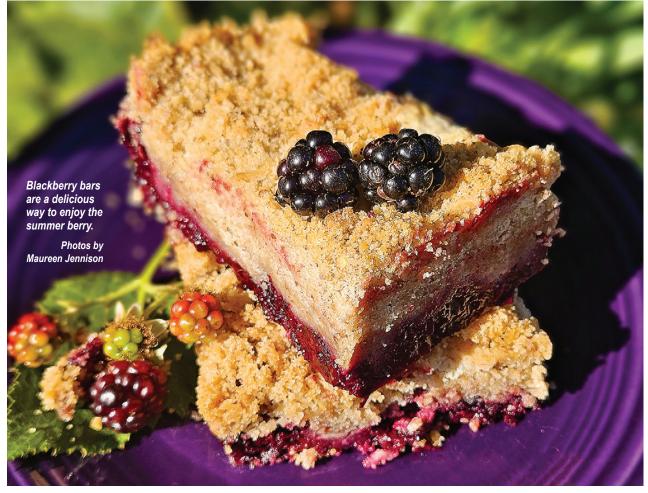
During the July 25, 2023, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors meeting, a Redwood alley Cannabis Prohibition District was considered. Although the board denied establishment of the Prohibition District. unanimous direction was provided to the Mendocino County Code Enforcement Division to assign all of its available resources to address illegal cannabis cultivation within Redwood Valley area.

The purpose of this direction was to address cannabis-related nuisances in the area as demonstrated by numerous constituent complaints of nuisance odor and activities.

As a result of the board's direction, the Code Enforcement Division has proceeded with identifying multiple properties within Redwood Valley as potential non-permitted cultivation sites, including but not limited to the use of aerial imagery.

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Blackberry Bliss

Even if red and ripe tomatoes are still on the horizon, blackberry bushes are here to save the day, offering tasty berries ready for the picking now!

One of our favorite ways to enjoy the summer berry is with a quick crumble. I know, turn on the oven?! Well, if you get it in and out early, there's still the possibility of a tolerable in-home temperature later in the day.

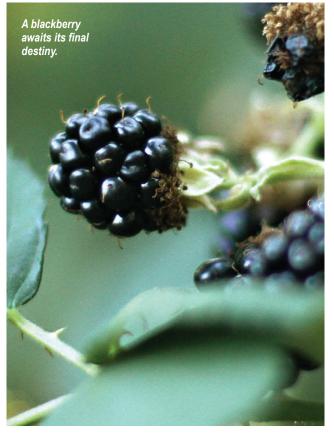
If you can't stand the idea, why not head up to the 40th annual Blackberry Festival in Covelo and let them do the baking for you? The festival includes music, arts and crafts, wine tasting, food, activities for kids, and of course, all kinds of blackberry delicacies!

The two-day event is held next weekend, Saturday, August 19 from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, August 20 from 10 am to 5 pm. Saturday evening will feature a square dance and Sunday, the car show. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library and more information can be found at www.RoundValleyBlackBerryFestival.com

If you need berries in your life this weekend, I offer you the following loose recipe:

Preheat oven to 375°. Toss together 3 cups fresh blackberries with 1/4 cup cornstarch and sugar to taste (depending on how sweet your berries are, add a light sprinkle up to 1 cup). Pour into lightly greased 9x13 baking dish. Mix together 2 sticks of cold butter cut into small cubes with 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of sugar, a pinch of salt, and dash of cinnamon. You can also add chopped nuts, or rolled oats, too. Cut the mixture with forks, crumble with your fingers, or pulverize in a Cuisinart until it's got a loosely uniform crumble texture that will hold together when you squeeze a pinch with your fingers. Sprinkle over the top of the berries, and bake until top is golden brown and berries bubble. Take it out of the oven and LET IT SIT out until cool, to allow filling to gel and set. Enjoy at room temp or cold out of the fridge. Top with whipped cream, ice cream, or just a drizzle of heavy cream.

- Maureen Jennison









Large Item Dump Day

Community brings large items to Solid Wastes of Willits during free event

The lines were long, but it was worth the wait for those who took advantage of the free Maureen Jennison large item Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com Clean CA

Dump Day event held at Solid Wastes of Willits last Saturday.

"Almost 500 vehicles brought 2,463 cubic yards for proper disposal," boasts the Caltrans District 1 Facebook page, which posted stats on the day's events including the disposal of 1,025 tires,

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Meeting discusses shoplifting in Willits

Annie Everts

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The first of what the city hopes will be several community meetings took place on Wednesday, August 2 between local merchants, city officials, and city police. The purpose of the meeting was to allow business owners to gather and discuss their experiences and concerns around shoplifting with law enforcement in an environment facilitated by members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce and Willits City Manager Brian Bender. It was an

Read the rest of Shoplifting

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Howard **Forest** prescribed burn

set for August 10

Submitted by **CAL FIRE MEU**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit personnel plan to conduct a prescribed burn of approximately 10 acres, at CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters, 17501 North Highway 101, in Willits. The burn is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, from approximately 10 am to 3 pm. Smoke and aircraft will be visible in the area.

This burn is to promote natural regeneration, enhance wildlife habitat,

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MCOG to hear rural transportation solutions at August 14 meeting

Submitted by MCOG

The Mendocino Council of Governments is nearing completion of a study transportation needs and solutions for the communities of Covelo, Laytonville, Brooktrails, Potter Valley and Hopland five inland rural communities with little or no public transit On Monday, services. August 14, at 1:30 pm, the MCOG Board of Directors will receive a presentation from the project consultant on proposed rural mobility solutions that have emerged from this feasibility study.

This hybrid meeting will be held both in-person

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers



Thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of myself and Willits Grapplin Pack, I would like to say "Support local businesses that support our youth and our community!"

We want to give a shout out to GlenMark Storage. Cornerbit Excavation. Jake McFadden Selzer Realty, Good Guys Gvm. Commod Bod Clothing. Don & Corner, Collicott Construction, 101 Trailer. Sparetime Supply, Taylor Timber Falling. Harbour Quality Redwood, Jordan Eads Photography, CAL FIRE Parlin Fork, Nick Bertolino Construction, and Northern California Chapter of 7th Day Adventist

Thank you all for your continued support!

What a great start we had to the Jason Nolf Clinic of Champions here at Willits High School! Super excited to have this opportunity for our community and for others that traveled a distance to be here! We all get to learn from one of the best there is - Jason Nolf!

Willits Grapplin Pack Wrestling would like to give a huge shoutout to all of the folks that sponsored this event to make it possible! GlenMark Storage, Jake McFadden Selzer Realty, Good Guys Gym, Don & Victoria Glenn, Cornerbit Excavation, Kure Wellness, and Commodbod Clothing that did our Camp Shirts. Thank you all.

Appeal from the Art Center To the Editor:

Dear Friends and Supporters: We are writing on behalf of the Willits Center for the Arts with a plea from the heart and on behalf of your art center. Our nonprofit organization which has been the cornerstone of the community, has experienced extraordinary growth in recent years. While we are grateful for the process, it has brought upon us tremendous financial challenges that we must address immediately

As you may be aware, the cost of running the Art Center has increased significantly, and our bills have followed suit. The postal services, an essential component of our operations, have tripled in cost. Despite the

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dedication and tireless efforts of our staff, who work passionately for bare minimum wages, we find ourselves struggling to make ends meet. They often go above and beyond, volunteering their time to keep our beloved center running smoothly.

The pandemic, undoubtedly, dealt a particularly tough blow. Post-COVID our bills have more than doubled, placing an even greater burden on our limited resources. The rising cost of utilities like Victoria Glenn, Kure Wellness, Brown's PG&E has created an additional financial strain, making it increasingly difficult to maintain a sustainable operation.

> We are reaching out to you today not only as supporters of the arts but also as members of our vibrant community who have seen the positive impact that our Arts Center has had. Willits Center for the Arts is yours and has long been a haven for creativity, a source of inspiration, and a place where individuals can gather to celebrate the vibrant artistic experience that defines our town.

> We humbly ask for your support whether through financial contributions, volunteering your time and skills, or spreading the word about our cause. Every dollar counts and every act of generosity brings us closer to our goal of securing the future of Willits Center for the Arts.

Your donation will not only help cover the increased costs of postal expenses, PG&E rates, and staff wages but will also contribute directly to the contribution of Wayne Shull, Willits Grapplin Pack our education programs and workshops along with exhibitions that enrich the lives of countless individuals young and old. Your contribution ensures that artists have a platform to express themselves, students have a place to learn and grow, and our entire community benefits from the power of art and culture.

> To donate, volunteer, or learn more about how you can support Willits Center for the Arts, please visit our website at https:// www.willitscenterforthearts.org/donate

> We sincerely appreciate any support you can provide, and no contribution is too small. Together we can overcome these financial challenges and ensure that the Arts Center continues to thrive in our community. Warm regards,

> > Willits Center for the Arts **Board of Directors**

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

August 2023 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

Strike talk is in the air. County employees of SEIU 1021 took a preliminary strike vote, and the outcome was very favorable to a strike. Both sides lose when a strike

How did we get to this point? The county did use \$7 million of one-time-only money to balance this year's budget. The board of supervisors has not offered a cost of living increase for this year, and the rising cost of health benefits will take a

There have been problems with getting timely, accurate financial reports, and this has caused angst all around. The county is going to have to increase revenue and cut costs to achieve a balanced budget in future years.

Beyond these bread-and-butter issues, there have been a couple of agenda items put forth that have been, in my opinion, disrespectful to county workers. There were also comments reported in media that one supervisor said that if county employees went on strike for a week, no one would notice. This is an insult to all public servants and the important work being done.

Instead of having productive conversations, these actions further provoke alienation and strike talk. The board and staff need to find ways to work together to get the county back on track.

The CEO started restructuring departments, which is called "the Golden Gate Initiative." The Cannabis Department has done a remarkable turnaround, and I look forward to greater streamlining, which will save staff and client time and resources. Changes are happening in other departments such as Planning and Building, Animal Care, and Social Services to create efficiencies and save resources.

I have been working on extending renewals for cannabis cultivation permits, increasing the minimum value taxation, and waiving building permit penalties. These improvements will cut costs and increase revenues as more people are brought into compliance with the county's tax system. When we work together, we can get things

Another item to consider is the transient occupancy tax for short-term rentals. Right now it is at 10%. Other counties charge more. Every percent increase will generate about \$250,000. Most of these taxes are paid by people out of county who are staying in short-term rentals. This change needs to be voted on by the residents of Mendocino County. Board discussion will include the county's need to generate money for competitive wages, maintain roads, and provide for public safety.

These items will be coming to the board on September 12. Of course, these aren't quick fixes, but will put us on a better footing in the long term. We need to be more efficient with tax dollars, respect the people doing public service, and avoid a loselose situation that a strike would bring.

I will not be doing a "Talk with the Supervisor" this month due to a planned surgery. I am available by email at haschaki@mendocinocounty.org or by phone at 707-972-

Willits Senior Center 2023/24 Membership Drive

Submitted by Willits Senior Center

The Willits Harrah Senior Center is having a 2023/24 membership drive, for seniors ages 55 and over, and non-seniors, ages 40 and older: A one-year membership is

Members receive a monthly newsletter with \$2 Thrift Store coupon, free birthday lunches, free firewood, free Wi-Fi at the center, and discounts on prepaid mea tickets, select events, and facility rental.

Call or come by, 1501 Baechtel Road, for applications. Or visit http://www. willitsseniorcenter.com/dlm_uploads/5108/ to download a 2023/24 membership

Memberships pay for the many social activities and public services we provide our community: the Senior Center Thrift Store and parking lot sales, in-house lunches and Meal on Wheels delivery, weekly Bingo and monthly Pancake Breakfasts, door to door bus transportation by appointment, out-of-town medical rides, equipment usage assistance, and support groups with daily problems.

Have something to say?

Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor. Please email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com

Good news from WCA

WILLITS CENTER FOR THE

grant funding from the upstate California Creative Corps educational programming, but they do not cover and the California Arts Council for "arts extravaganza" 2023-24 to

pay artists and creators to share the upcoming awesome offerings. We also have sincere gratitude for

our members and volunteers, as well as the City of Willits, who has

kept us here for 23 years in this special historic building. We do not have an endowment yet; we have displayed art monthly and offer educational programming for all

The Willits Center for the Arts is honored to have received Grants, rentals, and memberships fund some of our nearly all our utilities, minimal

salaries and stipends, and basic operational costs, for that, we need our community for support. This grant can only be applied to teaching free classes.

Support the WCA today with a gratitude donation or become a member for just \$30 or more.

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Market Mania

Willits FFA and 4-H members win numerous awards at the Redwood Empire Fair's Junior Livestock Auction

the meat the participants produced, but a chance to celebrate their hard work and achievements raising their auction animal for the past several months.

Their time spent at the fair was also a chance for the kids to say goodbye to their furry, feathery and beefy projects with a mixture of the joy of their accomplishment, the happiness of receiving generous financial compensation for the hours of labor they put into the care of their charges, and the sadness of knowing the short future of the animals they have grown to love and

The bidders, coming from all types of businesses and walks of life, were generous, bidding far beyond what the animals would fetch on the open market, just to help the ambitious hard-working youth of Mendocino County by providing financial assistance for their college educations and / or providing seed money to fund further efforts in livestock vocations. It's not uncommon for many of the winning bidders to donate the meat to various altruistic organizations.

As in the past, Tom Allman was one of those handling the announcer and auctioneer duties, while Lee and Chuck Persico assisted others and acted as "ring men," spotting bidders in the crowd during the frenetic auctions, which were loud and raucous and exciting as the buyers tried to outbid each other in order to help the kids as much as they could afford.

- Mathew Caine

The 2023 Junior Livestock Auction raised a record-breaking total of \$1,135,791.50 with a total of 225 lots including 103 hogs, 35 lambs, 32 steers, 19 goats, 18 rabbit pens, 10 turkeys, 8 poultry pens. Average prices included \$10.49 per pound for steers; \$24.22 per pound for goats; \$19.18 per pound for **exhibitors included:** hogs; \$23.74 per pound for lambs; \$2,160 for turkeys; \$2,106.25 for poultry; and \$2,000 for rabbits. Results listed in order by auction lot number.

Grand Champion animals included:

Rylee Demarta of the Ukiah FFA sold her 277-pound Grand Champion Market Hog to Sparetime Supply for \$26 per pound;

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In the end, the Redwood Empire Fair's Danielle Estrada of the Willits FFA sold her Junior Livestock Auction was not just about 82-pound Grand Champion Market Goat to Mendocino Roofing for \$60 per pound; Whitney Fansler of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her 1,296-pound Grand Champion Market Steer to Donahoo Inc. for \$22 per pound; Hailey Silva of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her 148-pound Grand Champion Market Lamb to Thurston Auto Plaza for \$70 per pound; Sterling Scott of the Willits 4-H sold his 28-pound Grand Champion Market Turkey to Rescue Solutions LLC for \$5,000; Garrett Weaver of the Ukiah Shamrock 4-H sold his Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen to Greg Simpson Trucking for \$5,100; and Chase Vagt of the Ukiah Shamrock 4-H sold his Grand Champion Poultry Pen to Aaction Rents for \$5.100.

Reserve Grand Champion animals included:

Gracen Penry of the Potter Valley 4-H sold his Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog to Defatte Equipment for \$25 per pound; Champ Bolton of the Willits 4-H sold his 98-pound Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat to Northern Aggregates Inc. for \$45 per pound; Rvan Welter of the Fort Bragg FFA sold his 1526-pound Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer to B&B Industrial for \$12 per pound; Bridget Aiello of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her 136-pound Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb to Les Schwab of Ukiah for \$33 per pound: John Brackett of the Ukiah FFA sold his Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey to the Savings Bank of Mendocino County for \$2,500; AJ Osburn of the Potter Valley 4-H sold his Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen to Rescue Solutions LLC for \$3,000; and Addison Helms of the Ukiah Shamrock 4-H sold her Reserve Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen to 101 Trailer for \$3,100.

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Sophia Scott of the Willits FFA sold her FFA Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey to The Munchery for \$1,800; Joycelyn Dennis of the Covelo FFA sold her FFA Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen to Round Valley Indian Tribes TNAP for \$1,000; Tessa Klee of the Willits 4-H sold her 4-H Champion Berkshire Market Hog to GrowWest Farm Supply for \$16 per pound; Walker Klee, an

> independent showman, sold his 258-pound FFA Champion AOB Market Hog to 101 Trailer & RV Supply for \$16 per pound; Aybrie Whitehurst of the Willits



At left: Champ Bolton, with help from his sister, shows his Reserve Grand Champion goal

Above, left: Lee and Chuck Persico have a pre-auction meal with family members. These Reserve

Grand Champion rabbits snuggle in close to their handler AJ Osborn of Potter Valley 4H. Below: Auctioneer Drew McElfresh keeps the auction moving with his machine-gun auction reverie. At bottom, left: Whitney Fansler's Grand Champion steer sold to Donahoo, Inc for \$22 per pound. At

bottom, right: Bridget Aiello of Potter Valley 4-H with her Reserve Grand Champion lamb, Turtle.



Below, left: Sterling Scott of Willits 4-H presents the 28-pound Grand Champion market turkey. Below, right: Danielle Estrada of the Willits FFA shows her Grand Champion market goat to prospective bidders. At bottom: Andrew Hosford, bidding for Sparetime Supply, purchased Rylee Demarta's Grand Champion Market Hoo





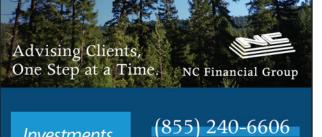












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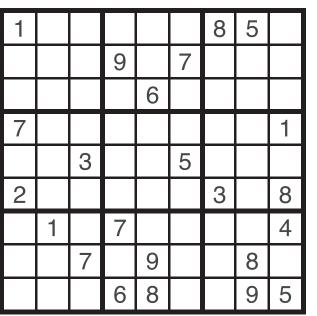
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HOW TO SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3

boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row. column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

BROWN INGREDIENTS STIR **BUTTER SUGAR** LEAVENER CAKE MIXER **SWEET** CONFECTION OIL TASTE **COOKIES** OVEN **TEMPERATURE** DESSERT TEST SHEET WHIP **EGGS**

CLUES ACROSS

BAKING

- 1. A way to pick up
- 5. Presents 10. Type of guitar
- 14. Actor Idris 15. A citizen of Iran
- 16. Creative
- 17. Harness 18. Weight unit
- 19. You better call him 20. Utterly devoted
- 22. Male cat 23. Spiritual leader of a
- Jewish congregation 24. Risk-taker
- 27. A team's best pitcher 30. Cool!
- 31. Women's __ movement 32. Georgia rockers
- 35. Step-shaped recess 37. The princess could
- detect its presence 38. Type of truck 39. Butterhead lettuces
- 40. Angry people see it 41. Lines where two fabrics
- are sewn together 42. Soviet city 43. Carpet
- 44. Traveled all over
- 45. Thin, straight bar 46. Body art (slang)
- - 10. Belonging to a bottom layer 11. Member of a Semitic people 12. Part of a ticket

5. Photo

music

8. Decorated

9. Take a seat

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- 13. Defunct Guinean money 21. Challenges 23. Popular BBQ food 25. Subway dweller
- 26. By way of 27. Shady garden alcove 28. Egyptian city 29. Partner to 'flowed' 32. Widens
- 63. Italian Seaport 64. Ancient Syrian city 33. Old Eurasian wheat 65. Shoelace tube 34. Act incorrectly 66. The Miami mascot is one 36. European pipeline
- 67. South American nation 37. Al Bundy's wife 68. Popular video game 38. Ocean 'Max 40. Root eaten as a vegetable
- 69. Body part **CLUES DOWN**

calendar month

6. Delivered a speech

7. Lute in classical Indian

1. German courtesy title 2. Ancient Greek City 3. Ancient Hebrew

4. Long-legged frog family

47. Congressman (abbr.)

48. No seats available

49. Breaks apart

52. Arabic name

55. Ballplayer's tool

56. Type of sword

60. Baseball team

61. Upper bract of grass floret

47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish 49. Rumanian city 50. Urge to action

41. Sound units

43. Style of music

46. Hot beverage

44. A way to drench

- 51. Vaccine developer 52. Canadian law enforcers 53. Wings
- 54. 'Perry Mason' actor Raymond 57. Small fry
- 58. __ Clapton, musician 59. Take a chance 61. Bland food 62. Consumed

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

July 17 to July 23

9:07 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

10:22 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

10:45 pm: Officers conducted a stop

near the intersection of South Main Street

and Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

2:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

10:44 pm: Officers responded to a

11:18 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street

1:28 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of

9:18 am: Officers conducted a stop near

10:07 am: YADON, David James (52) of Willits was contacted near the intersection

of Blosser Lane and Meadowbrook Drive.

He was arrested on misdemeanor charges

10:54 am: Officers conducted a stop in

11:08

issued a citation.

the 100 block of East

Commercial Street and

HUMPHRIES. William

Merrill (41) of Willits was

contacted in the 800 block

of South Main Street. He

was arrested on felony

charges of possession of

a controlled substance for

sale and failure to appear

and on misdemeanor

charges of possession of

a controlled substance.

possession of drug

violation of probation.

paraphernalia,

3:42 pm:

of possession of a controlled substance.

the intersection of Mill Street and Coast

disturbance in the 100 block of East

the 1700 block of South Main Street and

the 1200 block of South Main Street and

issued a warning.

issued a warning.

Commercial Street.

and issued a warning.

July 22

July 23

the intersection of South Main Street and

West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly The officers of the Willits Police South Main Street.

Department handled 69 incidents in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

July 17 9:51 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Hazel Street and Locust Street and issued a warning.

10:45 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 6100 block of Canyon Road.

July 18

- 2:16 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road and issued
- 11:14 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

4:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:42 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and Street and issued a citation. issued a warning.

2:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

5:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

July 21

12:54 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Coast Street and West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

2:11 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued William Humphries of Willits.

2:55 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Alameda Avenue and issued a warning.

9:40 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

10:58 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

1:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

4:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of

responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street 8:34 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

the intersection of South Main Street and Hollands Lane and issued a citation

9:25 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Creekside Court and Creekside Drive and issued a warning.

10:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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August 10: Lazy Day, National S'mores Day, National Prosecco Day, National Filet Day, Agent Orange Awareness Day, International Biodiesel Day, International Vlogging Day, National Duran Duran Appreciation Day, National Shapewear Day, National Spoil Your Dog Day, Skyscraper Appreciation Day, Update Your Bio Day, World Lion Day

August 11: Presidential Joke Day, National Son's And Daughter's Day, International Hip Hop Day, National Raspberry Bombe Day, Annual Medical Checkup Day, Global Kinetic Sand Day, Ingersoll Day, National Align Your Teeth Day, National Face Mask Day, National Raspberry Tart Day, Play In The Sand Day, Shop Online For Groceries Day, World Greatness Day

August 12: National Vinyl Record Day, National Julienne Fries Day, Baseball Fans Day, IBM PC Day, International Youth Day, Milkman Day, National Gooey Butter Cake Day, World Elephant Day

August 13: International Left-Handers

Mignon Day, K-Pop Day

August 14: National Creamsicle Day, Love Your Bookshop Day, National Financial Awareness Day, National Navajo Code Talkers Day, National Tattoo Removal Day, National Wiffle Ball Day, Social Security Day, World Lizard Day

August 15: National Relaxation Day, National Lemon Meringue Pie Day, Chant At The Moon Day, I Love Cowboys And Cowgirls Day, National Acadian Day, National Back To School Prep Day, National Check The Chip Day, National Leathercraft

August 16: National Tell A Joke Day, National Roller Coaster Day, National Airborne Day, National Rum Day, National Authenticity Day, National Backflow Prevention Day, National Independent Worker Day, True Love Forever Day, World Bratwurst Day









'This is Willits'

Group show at Willits Center for the Arts displays hometown sites and icons through the eyes of residents

What is Willits? This is the guestion that which Deere left his blue eyes in color while the current exhibit at the Willits Center for bringing the rest of the photo to gray scale. the Arts would like residents to think about as they peruse the work of local artists, depicting familiar or more ethereal visuals

Mathew Caine

The show, running mathew@willitsweekly.com 27, has over 20 participating artists. "We have both photographs and paintings of 'This is Willits,'" said WCA Curator Gary Martin at the opening of the exhibit. "The show reflects different aspects of Willits. You should be able to recognize places that you see. You'll find meaning in every photograph or painting regarding Willits."

Some of the works dealt with noteworthy Willits residents and icons. Natalie Campbell presented a finely detailed breeze, an image of strength, power and beauty.

On a similar vein, photographer Michael Akridge Deere offered a photograph of

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Deere's other images depicted familiar Willits sites that no longer exist, except in the memories of residents, including the old of life in Little Lake Willits hospital which was recently razed.

Members of the Willits Photography Club were very much in evidence at the exhibit. Bruce Haanstra showed two photos of Main Street edifices, J.D. Redhouse and Moon Lady, in an early morning fog, lending an eerie, ethereal tone. Dr. John Glyer had photos of often-seen barns and wildflowers.

Sandy Strong, who is also on the board of directors of the Willits Center for the Arts. exhibited her work. "I have photos and I have watercolor paintings," explained Strong. "I started doing my photography for my watercolor paintings. But photography is easier and so much fun, so I just do colored-pencil drawing of young Danielle that, too. I do landscapes. I do portraits Berry as she galloped her horse, while and animals. Mostly, it's the lighting and holding the American flag curling in the something that makes me feel 'wow.' I think the show is about things we see every day but don't always notice."

Strong had a picture which she called, "Golden Hills of Mendocino," which was the Willits icon Jeff Shipp, an intense look in view from Reynolds Highway and another

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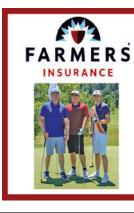
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Above, from left: Dr. John Glyer is displaying several shots of familiar Willits sites including the barn at Emandal. Deanne Bunny entertains passersby with her piano and voice. Steve Eberhard's classic photograph of young cowboys was on display at the show. At left: Natalie Campbell displays her colored-pencil drawing of Danielle Berry at "This is Willits," the August show at WCA. Below, left: Ceramic artist and show participant Bonnie Belt attends the gallery opening. Below, right: This train photo is by Michael Akridge Deere, who showed two other black and white photos of Willits icons. Further below: The gallery opening for "This is Willits," which coincided with the Saturday art walk, was well-attended. At bottom, left: Sandy Strong photographed this scene on the sidewalk in front of Savings Bank. At bottom, right: This photograph, "Near the Pond, Prairie Creek State Park," by Linda MacDonald may not feature a Willits site, but captures the unique point of view that gives Willits its charming character.













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Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org

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."

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

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 Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or call the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

Writer's Block Group: Wednesdays, from 11 am to noon. "Open to young-adult and adult writers to share their ideas and writings in an environment of supportive and creative suggestions and feedback." Willits Library meeting room.

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

Sit-N-Sew: second Saturdays, August 12 this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in - bring your sewing project and have fun.

Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and **Engineering Club:** Every Saturday except the third Saturday of the month, 11 am to noon. "Open to everyone with an interest in open source and everyone who wants to develop their creative and engineering skills."

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

Shanachie Pub Ongoing **Events**

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

Saturday Scramble: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any instrument you can play and sign up to perform a 15-minute set with other local musicians. "Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!"

Bluegrass String Jam: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm – welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which members from out of the area may drop in!"

What's Happening Around Town Thursday, August 10 Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for



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Kyle Madrigal & the purchase at the full bar. Opening Weekend festivities Runabout at BACE: Live improv jam band led by Kyle Madrigal features Lincoln Andrews, Matt Stephens, and Mario Vela, with DJ Trippy Chris playing rare Friday, August 18 and eclectic vinyl. Saturday August 12 at BACE, 109 North Main Street. \$10. 18+. Doors open 9 pm.

Wednesday, August 16 Harmony Keepers at Brickhouse:

Duo Kate Black and Anita Blu perform at Brickhouse Coffee Wednesday, August 16, from 11:30 am to 2 pm, and on the 3rd Wednesday of

every month. Beautiful vocal harmonies, with guitar and keyboard, and some songs with dulcimer or ukulele. Music from Joni Mitchell, Carole King, James Taylor, Phoebe Snow, Laura Nyro, Leonard Cohen, and more. 3 South

Willits Stamp Club: Monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 5 to 6 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial

Street. Bring your collection and enjoy time perusing stamps. Free stamps given away. All are welcome. Refreshments provided. Info: talsofam@pacific.net

Thursday, August 17

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for the season on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales" story time from 3:30 to 4 pm.

Willits Chamber Mixer at The Munchery: New restaurant, The Munchery: A Taste of the Redwoods, opens for dinner Thursday, August 17 at Brown's Corner, 1797 South Main Street, with a Willits Chamber of Commerce Ribbon-Cutting at 4 pm, and Chamber Mixer from 4 to 6 pm. Free non-alcoholic drinks and bites at the Mixer, with alcohol available for

11 am to 12 noon. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Blackberry Festival:

Blackberry Festival set for the festival arounds in downtown Covelo on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20. Fun for the whole family, with arts & craft booths, Mendocino wine tasting, children's activities, and live music both days. An updated blackberry cookbook features sweet and savory treats, and T-shirts with the new logo

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also include live music by Tastes Like Chicken on

Friday, August 18 at 7:30 pm; breakfast, lunch and

dinner on Saturday, August 19; and Sunday brunch

The Funkanauts at Shanachie: longtime SF-based

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funk, soul, and hip hop, with a touch of Afro-futurism

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Senior Center Parking Lot Sale: Harrah Senior

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Saturday, August 19, from 8 am to 12 pm. Clothing

Furniture and more. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 707-

Tech Help at the Library: "Is your

computer on the fritz? Can't figure out

how to open your email? Want to install

a new app on your system? Bring your

questions here to get help from our tech

savvy volunteer." Saturday, August 19,

Street. Info:

specials and dinner on Sunday, August 20.

pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, August 19

available. A dance next to the festival grounds starts at 7 pm on Saturday. Sunday features a car and motorcycle show. Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm; Sunday 10 am to FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH
SUNDAY BRUNCH SPECIALS

Saturday, August 26 The Willits Library offers a Seed Saving helping to keep the Class with Jamie Chevalier of Quail Seeds, doors open to your and Willits Weekly's garden columnist. art gallery. We need Saturday, August 26, 1 to 3 pm. Hands- volunteers to sit at our on class will cover saving, threshing, and desk and greet people. cleaning your own vegetable or flower Shifts are Friday, seeds. Take seeds home from our seed Saturday and Sunday; library to grow year after year. 391 East 11-2 and 2-5. Contact Commercial Street.

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Sunday, August 20

rat named Splinter (Jackie Chan). He tries to keep the wee turtles safe from humans who are pretty rough on any sort of mutant.

But now that they're "grown up" teenagers, the turtles want to go to high school. It looks so cool, and no one has more fun than a teenage high school student because: lockers, dates and dances, the prom! You all know what I'm talking about: freedom kind of stuff where no one tells you what to do.

But wouldn't you know it, there's a gang of mutant creatures (the bad guys) who want to destroy the world and kill all human-type beings. Guess who has to save us all? Of course: (the good guys), the Ninja Turtles. Ultimately the Turtles triumph and eat a lot of pizza.

My Thoughts: The colorful animation is stylized and quite beautiful. The Turtles are all pretty much smart asses, and their dialog is witty. The voice actors very much sound distinctive and varied, their approach to dialogue engaging. They nail their lines. Kudos to all. For a Ninja Turtle movie, this gets four stars (out of four to be specific), and an A+ rating for academic types used to grades and report cards. Beyond my respect for the production, I admire its focus on tolerance and acceptance for everyone, no matter how odd.

Parents: It's a funny movie. Kids will (most probably) love the flick. I think the "very young" could find it scary. It's a "you know your kids" situation. That noted, the good guys win, and folks end up as friends.

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

Ongoing Events

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every week on Mondays, 6:30 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. Game starts at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams of two. winner takes the pot! We'll have the games on all day. Beer, wine, pizza, we've got everything you need!" Flying Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twicemonthly 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.

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

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 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 a free karate program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm. for new students ages 7 and above. Use the back doors to enter. Special small child (Lil Dragons) classes only on Thursdays at 6 pm, ages 3 to 6. There is an annual \$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). For more info call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-354-0565. Program is continuous year-round. Body Works Gym,1511 South Main

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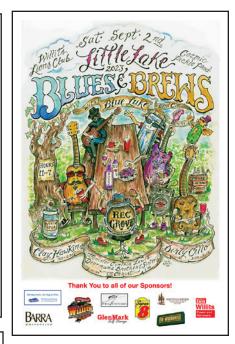
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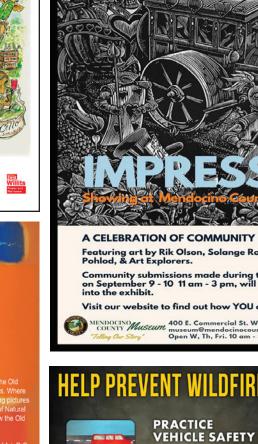


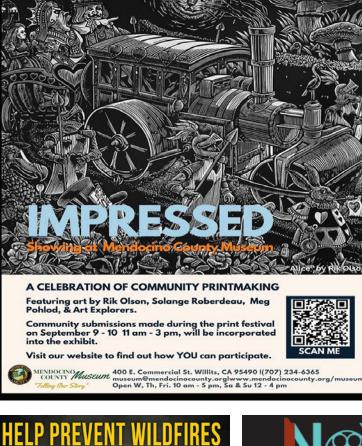


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4-H sold her 223-pound 4-H Reserve Champion Berkshire Market Hog to Sparetime Supply for \$17 per pound; Khloe Neuroth of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 235-pound 4-H Reserve Champion Spot Market Hog to Graviers Chevron for \$17 per pound; and Kaleb Whitehurst of the Willits FFA sold his FFA Reserve Champion AOB Market Hog to Paul Riley Drywall for \$23 per pound.

Carmen Davila of the Covelo FFA sold her 1153-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Health for \$14 per pound; Ember Whitcomb sold her 105-pound market lamb to Anderson Logging Inc. for \$25 per pound; Catie Spackman of the Willits FFA sold her 86-pound market goat to Peterson Tractor for \$42 per pound; Johanna Whitcomb of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 118-pound market lamb to Bodensteiner for \$23 per pound; Wiley Williamson of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 229-pound market hog to Roundtree Glass for \$18 per pound: Landon Demarta of the Willits 4-H sold his 259-pound market hog to J.D. Redhouse & Co. for \$20 per pound; Wyatt Klee of the Willits FFA sold his 232-pound market hog to Bouthillier's Construction Inc. for \$23 per pound; Maxwell Henson of the Willits 4-H sold his 228-pound market hog to North State Investments for \$19 per pound; and Katden Paullus of the Willits FFA sold his 73-pound market goat to Les Schwab of Willits for \$16 per pound.

Hazel Bowes of the Covelo FFA sold her 1,375-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribes TNAP for \$12 per pound; Lisa Arkelian sold her 127-pound market lamb to American Ag Credit for \$18 per pound; Jace Glaum of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 119-pound market lamb to M&M Feed Supply for \$15 per pound; Zeontrey Henson of the Willits FFA sold his 233-pound market hog to Beckstoffer for \$16 per pound; Ivan Estrada of the Willits FFA sold his 111-pound market goat to J.D. Redhouse & Co. for \$20 per pound; Elena Arkelian sold her 134-pound market lamb to Wylatti Resource Management for \$20 per pound; Kylie Neuroth of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 233-pound market hog to Graviers Chevron for \$15 per pound; and Aliciana Davila of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 145-pound market lamb to Keith's IGA for \$18 per pound.

Danielle Barry of the Willits FFA sold her 143-pound market lamb to 101 Trailer & RV Supply for \$30 per pound; Tyler Knight of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 256-pound market swine to Graviers Chevron for \$14 per pound; Kelsey Escobedo of the Willits 4-H sold her 160-pound

market lamb to Les Schwab of Willits for \$24 per pound; Gunner Globe of the Willits FFA sold his 271-pound market hog to Granite Construction for \$12 per pound; Cruz Erickson of the Willits FFA sold his 262-pound market hog to Brown's Corner for \$16 per pound; Grady Cooley of the Willits 4-H sold his 258-pound market hog to Les Schwab of Ukiah for \$20 per pound; Ella Randrup Swinney of the Willits 4-H sold her 241-pound market hog to Healing Herb Farm for \$15 per pound; Tinley Logan of the Willits 4-H sold her 225-pound market hog to the California Deer Association for \$21 per pound; Alejandra Davila of the Covelo FFA sold her 1,177-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribes for \$12 per pound and Dana Arkelian sold her 129-pound market lamb to Factory Pipe for \$15

Wyatt Escobedo of the Willits 4-H sold his poultry meat pen to Paul Riley Drywall for \$1,700; Eli Neuroth of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 258-pound market hog to Family Tree for \$11 per pound; Grady Fonsen of the Willits 4-H sold his 246-pound market hog to Harvest Market for \$20 per pound: Davana Estrada of the Willits FFA sold her 90-pound market goat to Healing Herb Farm for \$16 per pound; Gabriel Bowes of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,235-pound market steer to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$13 per pound; Wade Hosford of the Willits 4-H sold his 141-pound market lamb to Healing Herb Farm for \$24 per pound; Eliana Martinez of the Covelo FFA sold her 242-pound market hog to Keith's IGA for \$19 per pound; Jay Whipple of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 221-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribes TNAP for \$21 per pound; and Wayne Hensley sold his 144-pound market lamb to Odell Ranch for \$20 per pound.

Brett Rountree of the Willits FFA sold his 270-pound market hog to Les Schwab of Willits for \$21 per pound; Chayce Britton of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 1,270-pound market steer to the Round Valley Indian Senior Center for \$13 per pound; Roy O'Ferrall of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,192-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribes for \$14 per pound: Mattea Butler of the Willits FFA sold her 130-pound market lamb to Peterson Tractor for \$14 per pound; Justin Rountree of the Willits 4-H sold his market turkey to Furniture Design Center for \$2,400; Camryn Mitchell of the Covelo FFA sold her 236-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$20 per pound; Connor Martinez of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 223-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Stores for \$18 per pound; Tanner Dudley of the Willits FFA sold his 248-pound market hog to Garman Family Land for \$21 per pound; and Matyah WhippleEagle of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 144-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Stores for \$20 per pound.

Arya Allenbrand of the Willits 4-H sold her 263-pound market hog to Cooley Logging for \$19 per pound; Cailin Kelsay of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 127-pound market lamb to Les Schwab of Willits for \$21 per pound; Landyn Martin-Lundgren of the Willits 4-H sold his poultry meat pen to Mendocino Forest Products for \$1,600; Faith Oliver of the Covelo FFA sold her 256-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Health for \$20 per pound; Rex Davidson of the Willits FFA sold his 243-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Senior Center for \$22 per pound; Ryan Britton of the Covelo FFA sold his 1.364-pound market steer to the Round Valley Indian Tribes for \$12 per pound; Madison Lawrence of the Willits 4-H sold her 265-pound market hog to Naters for \$20 per pound; and Bella Glenn of the Willits 4-H sold her market turkey to Defatte Equipment for

Cole Simpson of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 270-pound market hog to Cooley Logging for \$18 per pound; Bowdy Globe of the Willits 4-H sold his 258-pound market hog to Poor Ranch for \$12 per pound; Emma DeFranco of the Willits 4-H sold her 255-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$20 per pound; Cole Whipple of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 240-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribes TNAP for \$23 per pound; Aamia Carrillo of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 242-pound market hog to Hidden Oaks Casino for \$20 per pound; Tessa Simpson of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 267-pound market hog to Wylatti Resource Management for \$20 per pound; Marcus Glenn of the Willits 4-H sold his market turkey to Brown's Corner for \$1,100; and Logan Merrifield of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 273-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Senior Center for \$21 per pound.

Waylon Williamson of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 263-pound market hog to Wylatti Resource Management for \$20 per pound: Caeleb Hanover of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 242-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Stores for \$21 per pound; Isaiah Hoaglen of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 235-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Tribes for \$22 per pound; Alissa Randrup Swinney of the Willits 4-H sold her 257-pound market hog to Bouthillier's Construction Inc., for \$13 per pound; and Leibel Firks of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 257-pound market hog to Graviers Chevron for

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Corrections Deputy \$54,184 - \$65,873 **Deputy District Attorney I/II/III**

\$76,419 - \$122,824

Deputy Probation Officer I/II/III \$51,937 - \$76,772

Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II \$62,628 - \$87,214

Director Environmental Health \$62.628 - \$87.214

Eligibility Specialist II/III \$47,132 - \$63,232

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council will hold a Public Hearing on August 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Chambers, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA to consider and take action on closing out grant, 20-CDBG-CV2-3-00249.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the City's performance for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV Program. All persons are invited to attend.

The City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City of Willits to submit for funding in the amount \$541,551 for the 2020/21 funding cycle of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act funding (CV2-3). Said application included the following activities:

City of Willits Business Assistance Program \$470,000 General Administration \$71,551

All documentation is available for review in accordance with Agenda Scheduling Deadlines at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial St. Willits, Ca 95490. If you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Community Development Director Dusty Duley at 707-459-4601 or by email at dduley@cityofwillits.org.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City Clerk, at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490, or dpedersen@cityofwillits.org. In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM on Monday through Thursday.

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact the City Clerk. The City of Willits promotes fair housing and makes all its programs available to lowand-moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, social preference, marital status, or handicap. s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

Publication date: August 10, 2023

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CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING FORMAL BIDS

PROJECT NO. 2023-06 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled: **CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT** PROJECT PLANS

Rodeo Grounds Bathoom and Concession Stand Repair Project - Project No. 2023-06

Repair two tree damaged buildings, bathroom and concession stand located at the Willits Rodeo Grounds Remove and dispose of all damaged material including roofing, framing, plumbing and electrical. Repair damaged interior and exterior walls. Install new roof and truss systems to both buildings. Install new interior finishes including FRP, epoxy floor and paint. Remove and replace all noted plumbing fixtures, including toilets, urinals, sinks, hand dryers, garbage cans, soap dispensers, including all required plumbing. Install new 200-amp service at the concession stand.

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California

The work described in the:

CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET

Rodeo Grounds Bathroom and Concession Stand Repair Project - Project No. 2023-06

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 p.m., September 6, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Interested parties can join the meeting at City Hall, 111 E. Commercial St. Willits CA, 95490 in Council Chambers.

THE ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$200,000. The contractor shall possess a Class B license at the time this contract is awarded

Key Dates:

• Pre-bid Meeting: Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 10 a.m., Rodeo Grounds.

• Final Questions from Bidders: Monday, August 28, 2023, by 5 p.m. • Final Addendum Issued: Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

•Bid Opening: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 2 p.m. • Project Completion Date: December 30th, 2023. Project length: 90 Calendar Days.

Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department at 707-459-4605 or by emailing engineering@cityofwillits.org

CITY OF WILLITS: s/Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

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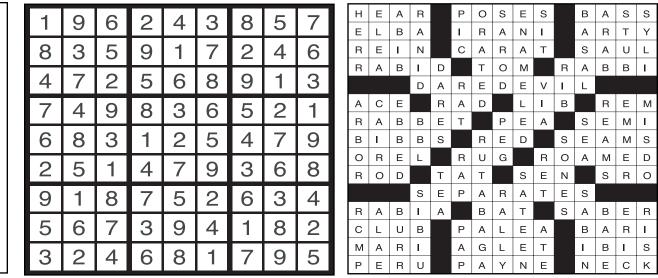


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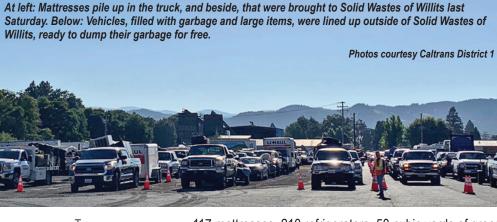
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Vehicles were arranged in rows with cones and flaggers to help things run as smoothly as possible. Many vehicles were lined up prior to the event's start time of 9 am, and shortly after, vehicles were seen lining Blosser Lane, and even stacking up onto Highway 20 waiting to turn south on to Blosser Lane.

A 9:49 am post by Caltrans District 1 noted that they were already at capacity for the number of tires they were

The success of the event prompted many community members to suggest the idea of additional similar events, helping keep the garbage off the streets and disposed of properly. In promoting the event on Facebook, Willits Mayor Greta Kanne replied that the city and Solid Wastes, and partners, were hoping to make Dump Day a regular event in Willits. "We're working on it!" Mayor Kanne said. "But this is a start."









Above, from left: Flower arrangements in tropical themes were on display in the Floristry building. Ribbon-winning jars and plates dotted the jungle tablecloth in the Home Arts building, including Sara Travis' "Stewed Tomatoes" which won Best of Division. Davna Reynold's small arrangement "Creating Fun" in the Floristry building won a Best of Division and first place award. Below, from left: Michele Briggs' produce characters are always a joy to see in the Horticulture building – these two included a hula dancer and a bird. The top winners in the Fine Arts building were displayed together at the back of the room. Someone with a fun sense of humor and a memory for lyrics added this card to the "I Wish" tree in the Fine Arts building









Flowers, Arts, Crafts and More

Redwood Empire Fair displays prize-winning projects

from adult and youth exhibitors in halls around the grounds

Even though many think of the Redwood Empire Fair in terms of cotton candy, pigs up for auction, and monster trucks, the four main exhibit halls also feature entries from Mendocino County residents in a variety of skills. Fine Arts shows off paintings, photography, beading and jewelry, woodworking, sculpture and more; the Home Arts building showcases quilts, clothing, baked goods, canned goods, collections, tole paintings and more; the Floristry and Horticulture building showcases all things grown from flowers and arrangements of fruits, veggies, herbs and more; and the Junior building is an all-in-one space for all of the above, but for junior exhibitors, bringing in projects through FFA, 4-H or as an independent entry. Below are the results from north county residents who entered exhibits this year. There's no fee to enter, and cash prizes are awarded for ribbon-earning entries. Next year, join the fun! Entries open in July every year and can be seen on the fair's website: www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com.

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Alice Kroh Ford won a first-, second- and third-place award for her three photo entries of children in the Fine Arts building. Alicia Logan won a first-place award and Best of Division for her sunrise/sunset photo in the Fine Arts building. Alissa Randrup Swinney won a first-place award for her acrylic entry in the Junior building. Allegra Rose Silveira won a first-place award and Best of Division for her macro/ close-up photo entry in the Fine Arts building along with two other first-place awards, two second-place awards, and four third-place awards for additional photos entered, including some of children, still life, people, night scenes, and a natural phenomenon. Amy A. Ford won two first-place awards, three second-place awards and a thirdplace award for her photography entries into the Fine Arts building, including those featuring sunrise/sunset, animals, architecture, and macro. Carrie Lambert won a third-place award for her unfrosted drop cookies in the Home Arts and brownies entries; a first-place award for his decorated

Chris Ceresa won a first-place award and two secondplace awards for her quilted entries in the Home Arts building. Christina Graham won three first-place awards, three second-place awards, and two third-place awards in the Fine Arts building for her photography and creative presentation entries featuring birds, patterns, wild animals and macro, and also received one first-place, one secondplace and one third-place award for her perennial flower entries in the Floriculture building. Christina Orozco won three first-place awards, three second-place awards, and a Best of Division for her handspun yarn and crocheted items; two first-place awards for her shawl and baby afghan entries; a second-place award for an advanced crochet entry; and another first-place and Best of Division award for her crocheted toys – all entered into the Home Arts building.

Destiny Henson won a first-place award for her preserved foods entry, two second-place awards for her cookies and quick bread entries, and a third place award for her pie entry in the Junior building. Dianne McNeal won two first-place awards for her carrot cake without nuts and cookie entries in the Home Arts building. Grady Fonsen won a first-, second-, and third-place award for his animal photography entries, a first-place award for his floral entry, and three first-place awards for his pickle/relish entry, his jam/jelly entry, and vegetable entry, and a first-place award and Best of Show for his art entry in the Junior building. **Gretchen Moore** won six first-place, three second-place, and two third-place awards for her watercolor and art entries featuring animals, still life, flowers, landscapes, and plant life in the Fine Arts building and a second-place award for her child's dress entry in the Home Arts building.

Haley Kvasnicka won a two first-place awards for her artwork entries in the Junior building. Jennifer Randrup won a first-place award and a third-place award for her mixed media and acrylic entries in the Fine Arts building. Joe Ford won two first-place awards for his photography and acrylic entries, a first-place and Best of Division award for his metal sculpture, two second-place awards for additional metal sculpture and acrylic entries, and a third-place award for his seascape/marine life photo entry – all in the Fine Arts building. Josephine Lockner won a first-place award for her floral arrangement, and two second-place awards for her plant collection and container gardens in the Floriculture building. Karen Oslund won two first-place awards for her LAYTONVILLE advanced quilting entries in the Home Arts building. Kathy **Lebert** won a first-place award and Best of Division for her coffee cake in the Home Arts building, and a third-place award for her garlic entry in the Agriculture building.

Kathy Lundgren won five first-place awards, a Best of Division (for her jam), and one second-place award for her preserved jams, veggies and fruits entries, including corn.

beans and jams; six first-place awards for her pickles, relishes and sauces entries, including another Best of Division (for her beets), including entries for salsa, spaghetti sauce, barbecue sauce, pickles and more; a second-place award for her orange marmalade; four first-place awards, and another Best of Division (for her single layer cake), and one second-place award for her frosted and Bundt cake entries, a first-place award for her brownies, and a firstplace award for her muffins. Lundgren also won two firstplace awards, two second-place awards, and another Best of Division award for her guilted entries – all in the Home

Kelsev Escobedo won a first-place award for her birthday party table setting, and a second-place award for her pie entry – both in the Junior building.

Landyn Martin-Lundgren won three first-place and two second-place awards for his cakes, quick bread, cookies birthday cake: five first-place awards, three second-place awards, and two third-place awards for his preserved foods including veggies, fruits, dried foods, nuts and jam/jellies; three first-place awards and two second-place awards for his watercolor, crayon and pencil art entries; two first-place awards, three second-place awards, and one third place award for his craft entries, including origami and sculpture entries, and two first-place and one second-place awards for his hobbies entries including models and Legos. Martin-Lundgren also received two first-place awards and a Best of Show award for his quilt entries all in the Junior building.

Linda Ann Hill won two first-place, two second-place. and one third-place award for her succulent and cactus entries; a first-place award for her cactus plant collection entry; a first-, second-, and third-place award for her geranium entries; and a second-place award for her mini arrangement in the Floriculture building. Hill also won a first-, second- and third-place award and a Best of Division award for her craft entries in the Fine Arts building. **Madison Lawrence** won two first-place awards and a Best of Division award for her leather entries in the Junior building. Matthew **Jennison** won a first-place award for his zucchini entry in the Horticulture building, and a third-place entry for his collection in the Home Arts building. Maureen Jennison won two first-place awards for her lavender cut flowers and fresh herb bouquet entries, and a first-place award for her table setting in the Floriculture building and a second-place award for her tomato entry in the Horticulture building.

Michele Briggs won six first-place awards for her produce characters, including birds, flowers, animals and human figures; two first-place awards and two second-place awards for her squash and cucumber entries; two secondplace awards for her herb entries; and a third-place award for her gardener's delight entry in the Horticulture building. Mikela Cameron won a first-place and Best of Division award for her pencil drawings in the Fine Arts building. Tamara Alaniz won a first-place award for her syrup entry and three second-place awards for her strawberry rhubarb jam, relish, and fruit butter entries in the Home Arts building. **Tinley Logan** won three first-place awards for her photography entries and one second-place award for her preserved foods entry in the Junior building. Wyatt Escobedo won a first-place award for his trading card collection in the Junior building.

Anna Vittoria Murphy Vernocchi won two first-place awards for her apron and pillow sewing entries entered in the Junior building. Arabella Doyle won two first-place awards for her placemat and apron sewing entries entered in the Junior building. Austin Zuffinetti won a first-place and a third-place award for his leather entries, a first-place award for his quilting entry, and a second- and third-place

award for his sewing entries in the Junior building. Daya Maguire won two first-place awards, a Best of Division, and a second-place award for her photography entries; a first-place and a second-place award for her sewing entries including an apron and a placemat; a first-place and a second-place award for her tole painting entries; and a first place award in both her crafts and arts entries in the Junior

Eli Neuroth won three first-place awards for his photography entries, a first-place award for his tie-dye entry, a first-place award for his hobby entry, three first-place awards and one second-place award for his sewing entries, two first place awards for his tole painting entries, and a second-place award for his leather entry all in the Junior building. Ember Whitcomb won a second-place award for her leather entry in the Junior building. Henry Arkelian won a third-place award for his apron sewing entry entered in the Junior building. Johanna Whitcomb won a first-place award for her acrylic entry and a second-place award for her leather entry in the Junior building. K Paintedfeather **Sequeira** won a first-place award for her animal skull ar and five more first-place awards and two Best of Division awards for her professional art entries in the Fine Arts

Khloe Neuroth won two first-place and two secondplace awards for her sewing projects, a first-place and a second-place award for her tole painting entries, two firstplace awards for her art and clothing entries, a first-place and a second-place award for her photography entries, and a first-place award for her tie-dye entry – all in the Junior building. Kylie Neuroth won two first-place, one secondplace, and one third-place award for her sewing projects; three first-place awards for her photography entries; firstplace awards for her tie-dye, craft, Legos and quilted entries; and two second-place awards for her tole painting entries - all in the Junior building. Leibel Firks won three first-place awards for his photography entries, a first-place award for his woodworking entry, two first-place and one second-place award for his origami and craft entries, a thirdplace award for his table setting, and two second-place and two third-place awards for his sewing projects – all in the Junior building. The Long Valley 4-H club won first place for their Window Display in the fair theme "Jungle of Fun."

Natalie Campbell won two first-place awards, a Best of Show, three second-place awards, and one third-place award for her professional artworks featuring people, animals and figures entered in the Fine Arts building. Samantha **Deleon** won a third-place award for her pencil entry in the Fine Arts building. Shelly Whitely won a first-place award for her crocheted afghan in the Home Arts building. Wendy Delawrence won a first-place award for her mixed media entry in the Junior building. Zoey McGuire won three first place awards for her crafts and tole painting entries; a firstplace and a second-place award for her sewing projects; two first-place awards and one second-place award for her photography entries; and a first-place award for her acrylics entry – all in the Junior building.

Davna Reynolds won four first-place awards and five second-place awards for her photography entries featuring trees, animals, patterns, and hearts in the Fine Arts building; eight first-place awards for her zinnia, marigold and sunflower entries, a first-place award for her table setting, and a first-place award for her planter entry. Reynolds also won nine first-place awards, one second-place award, and five Best of Division awards for her small and mini arrangements; a second-place award for her floral design class; and a third-place award for her scented rose - all in

Results provided by Redwood Empire Fair.

Willits Weekly | August 10, 2023



10th year of 'Claws for a Cause' celebrates Seabiscuit Riding Center's 30th anniversary

Submitted by Claws for a Cause

The Willits Rotary Club and the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center are gearing up for the 10th year of "Claws for a Cause," a fundraising event to be held on Saturday evening, September 2, 2023.

This is STRC's 30th anniversary, and we look forward to celebrating with you! Proceeds from this event will benefit STRC, with 10% to the Willits Rotary Scholarship Fund. STRC is a therapeutic horsemanship program dedicated to providing equine-assisted activities to children and adults who are challenged physically, developmentally, socially and/ or emotionally.

"Claws for a Cause" will be located at the Howard House on the historic Ridgewood Ranch, home of the famed racehorse Seabiscuit, just south of Willits. Guests will enjoy this beautiful setting with an evening of fine dining planned and prepared by Chef Adam Celaya of Willits.

The evening begins with live music by the Ed Reinhart Band, while guests enjoy appetizers, socializing, and viewing auction items. The dinner menu includes live Maine lobster, filet mignon steak, dessert, gelato, wine, beer, and soft drinks. We are hoping you may be able to attend and/or be one of our

As a sponsor, we would like to offer you free tickets, and acknowledgement in the media and on a banner at the event. Sponsors will also have satisfaction knowing they are supporting a very beneficial program serving individuals with disabilities in Mendocino and Lake counties.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or simply attending, please note the amounts below. Of course, any amount you may wish to contribute or any items you would like to donate for our auctions, will be much appreciated. Contributions can be anonymous as well.

Sponsorship and ticket offers

\$2,750 "Diamond Tier Sponsor"; 3 tables, seats 24

\$1,100 Special Sponsor: table, seats 8

\$550 Sponsor: seats 4

\$275 Sponsor: seats 2

Individual tickets are \$100 each.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you would like your donation to be tax-deductible, we can provide you a letter of receipt from the Willits Rotary Charitable Foundation or the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center which are both 501(c)(3) organizations. Your donations will help raise money to ensure the future and quality of this wonderful program.

As mentioned above, 10% will also go toward the Willits Rotary Scholarship Fund. Please note the contact information below if you would like to become a sponsor or attend this The rest of

Lydia Colvig, co-president, Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, 707-513-7155

Riding Center, 707-354-0714

Mike Smith, Willits Rotary Club event volunteer, 707-972-

Jolene Carrillo, Willits Rotary Club event volunteer, 707-

Please make checks payable to the "STRC" and write "Claws 2023" in the memo. Mail to Kyle Brandon, Willits Furniture Center, 775 Central Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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protect watershed values, and to provide training for fire personnel. Fire is an essential ecological process in firedependent ecosystems, such as California wildlands. However, over a century of fire suppression has led to wildlands, woodlands and rangelands that are unable to withstand normal droughts, insect outbreaks, or wildfires. The purpose of any fuel reduction project is to change the size and composition of the fuels in the forest, creating a break in fuel

The burn will be conducted under very tight restrictions for the personal safety of firefighters and area residents. If there are any indications that the burn cannot be conducted in a safe manner, such as high winds or local fire activity, the burn will be cancelled. CAL FIRE reminds all residents that their safety is of the utmost concern

For information on how to create defensible space, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org

Report from Sherwood Firewise

Posted by Sherwood Firewise Communities

At 1:47 pm on Saturday, August 5, the Sherwood Firewise Communities Safety Net Alert team was activated by a report of a telephone pole burning with fire moving into the vegetation on Highway 101 and Ryan Creek Road.

This would pose a direct threat to residences in The Gates and Brooktrails. Seven volunteers monitored the activity of first responders from Little Lake, Brooktrails, and Ridgewood fire departments and CAL FIRE. The fire was quickly put out by locals, and the

"Slim Incident" was terminated at 2:07 pm. The team determined that there was no threat to our subscribers and did not send out an alert via email, text and voice. the Sherwood Firewise Communities/Community

Foundation Broadcastify channel www.broadcastify. com/webPlayer/30829 or call your SFC Neighborhood Coordinator!

Visit www.sherwoodfirewise.org to learn more.

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. Lunches are \$8; \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members.

Thursday, August 10: Salisbury Steak w/Roll, Green Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Friday, August 11: Teriyaki Chicken Stir-Fry Monday, August 14: Tuna Sandwich, Pickle,

Tuesday, August 15: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Wednesday, August 16: Carnitas Burrito, Wet w/

Thursday, August 17: Sausage & Olive Mini Pizza, Green Salad

Friday, August 18: Western Bacon Burger, Baked Beans, Pickle

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

Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am. August 13 this month. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. \$10; \$9 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides \$2: 3 slices bacon, 2 sausage links. Breakfast includes Peet's Coffee and orange juice or milk.

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

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

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.

From page 1 Cultivation

Code Enforcement will be completing thorough investigations to assess for illegal cannabis Aimee Swearengin, co-president, Seabiscuit Therapeutic cultivation and its related infrastructure. While in the field. Code Enforcement officers will also be actively seeking to identify additional unpermitted cultivation sites to include in this directed effort.

> Code Enforcement is seeking voluntary compliance by responsible parties to abate all illegal cannabis cultivation in violation of Mendocino County Code, Chapter 10A.17 and obtain appropriate building permits to address nonpermitted infrastructure associated with cannabis cultivation. If voluntary compliance is not achieved, Code Enforcement will elevate enforcement action on non-compliant sites.

> It should be noted that many properties located within Redwood Valley are zoned RR1 (Rural Residential 1) and do not qualify for cultivation beyond the personal adult use exemption. However, it should also be noted that for the adult use exemption, the use must also be in compliance with Mendocino County Code section 10A.17.040 to meet all required setbacks.

> A copy of the 10A.17 ordinance can be located by searching for "10A.17" at https://library. municode.com/ca/mendocino_county/codes/code_ of_ordinances and

> The Mendocino County community is highly encouraged to review the above-noted ordinance to ensure their properties are in compliance.

For any questions or concerns, community members can reach out to the Code Enforcement Division at: (707) 234-6669 or email codeenforcement@mendocinocounty.org

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like it.... I actually feel bad giving it to my cats."

Mayor Greta Kanne asked Utilities Superintendent Herman to speak to the safety of the city's water. "We're heavily regulated by the state Water Resources Control Board." Herman replied. "We have weekly tests, we have monthly tests, and throughout town we do bacteriological tests, two to four a week, at designated sample stations, so we're constantly monitoring. If we had a violation, the city council would know, and the city would know, and the community would know," he said.

because it really doesn't look like it, and it really doesn't smell

Mayor Kanne asked how long it had been since the city's last water violation. Herman said the last violation had been

He also spoke about how sudden changes in pressure in the water system, as occurs with big water leaks, can affect the way water comes out of the tap. "On June 22, I think If you want to know what's going on, listen to everyone's aware, we had two major water leaks in town that actually stirred up the whole system. I've never experienced that, but we're still seeing the residual effects from it.

> "Those two big leaks also contributed to 10 smaller leaks throughout town, so basically, when you get discolored water, it's a change of velocity, so it's like a mud puddle that sits clear until you step in it. It's going to stir up the interface with the walls of the pipe, which is called 'adsorption,' so these minerals stick to the interface of the wall - they don't absorb to it, so it can become ... it's called a 'biofilm' on the inside.

"When we do our annual flushing, we scour the pipes to remove that, so that's the residual of that - we don't get it all, but we get the majority of it," he said.

City Councilmember Madge Strong asked about the taste of the water after the recent leaks, whether the water treatment had been changed during that time: "The water tasted differently," she said. "It didn't taste like chlorine," she said. "It tasted more almost metallic. Was that a correction that was made because of the leaks causing problems?"

Herman said no. "That taste is probably your naturally occurring iron and manganese - it's naturally occurring in the lakes – that we oxidize and filter out at the treatment plant. It's a secondary standard so it's

not a maximum contaminant level, it's not a health concern, it's more aesthetic and discoloration. Don't do your laundry - if it's brownish, it'll stay in your whites. That's how the EPA and the state regulate that."

"But this was only recently that I've ever noticed that," Strong

"Yes ... and we've had a lot of conversations about this," Herman said, "but when you lose the system pressure ... and then you blow 3,500 gallons a minute through those pipes, it's going to take the weaker chunks off, and then they're going to float down the pipe, and then they might dissipate two weeks later, and you might get a little shot at it for a day because they're nodules, they're "carbuncles" we call them, like iron manganese concentration, maybe a little rust from inside the steel pipes, and they'll stay hard until they dissipate, and so you might get sporadic areas throughout town that will get it and some won't."

Councilman Gerry Gonzales asked if sometimes a water problem could be from a home's own pipes, not from the water system. Mayor Kanne commented that in her own 100-year-old house, "we used to have a lot of rusty water. We replaced our pipes and we're not seeing rusty water any longer."

"Yeah, and there's ways to check that," Herman said. If the brown water is coming only out of the hot tap, "it's most likely coming from your hot water heater," he said, "and you can flush that with the hose bib on the bottom." If you're seeing brown water coming out of the cold tap, "what I recommend is to go out to your hose bib before it comes into your house, run it and see if that's clear, and then you can do a process of elimination' to see if the brown water is coming from the system."

Mayor Kanne commented on the current plans to replace steel water mains with industry standard plastic piping. "I will say that as far as replacing water lines, there were several around town that were slated for replacement over a period of years, and the council brought the brown water concern strongly to staff last year, who then agreed to push all of those

"So the goal for this year," she continued, "is to work on all of those main lines at once and get those replaced, get the oldest steel main lines out of here, so that is the plan recommended by staff, supported by council, and that's what we're moving

Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez asked the city manager: "I know this may be hard to answer but I was curious, I know we're addressing the pipes that are most problematic as it relates to brown water, and we know that a portion of these rate increases will address that problem. Do we have a sense of how many years it will take of infrastructure Improvement to replace all of the city water supply lines?"

"I've been asked this question several times," Manager Bender replied, "and I don't know the answer.... There's a lot of lines out there that are relatively new and in good shape, so we may have to deal with them in 15 to 25, or 50 years, but we're dealing with the worst case offenses right now.

Bender said staff planned to come back to the council. hopefully within the next month or two, with an expanded plan "to deal with the worst offending steel line segments and some of the segments that have depressions or don't have the correct gradient where the sediment can collect."

But he said he wanted to be very clear that, even with moving forward with the proposed projects: "There's still going to be incidences of brown water. It's not going to go away. It's in our infrastructure legacy, it's in our environment, it's how we produce water, it's how we distribute water," he said. But the proposed utility project "is going to severely or drastically reduce the incidences of it."

Councilmember Gonzales and Mayor Kanne asked that residents experiencing brown water issues, call the city at 707-459-4601 and make a report. The reports help track brown water problems, and are reported to the state water board

"And if we can determine that it was a ... legitimate brown water incident," we will credit the accounts," Bender said.









Above, from left: A bounce house is set up for the kiddos to enjoy. This young lad is thrilled to sit in the driver's seat of one of Willits' patrol cars. The well-attended National Night Out event brings together people from around Willits. A colorful array of freebies for the kids to amuse and remind them who to call in an emergency. Below, from left: The probation department provides information and tons of kiddie swag. The Bud Snider City Park is abuzz with townspeople, law enforcement, and first responders. Willits Police Chief Fabian Lizarraga helps one of the kids put on a tactical helmet.









At top: Bounce houses provide fun for the kids for hours. Above

everyone's favorite oldies at the event. Below: Engineer Alyssa Alvarez and Battalion Chief Jeff Donaldson are two of the Little

DJ Mike Tobin smiles with Sergeant Ray Brady - Tobin spun

Lake Fire volunteers who helped serve the dinner.

National Night Out

Fun event to promote positive relationships between community and law enforcement

"We are pleased with the turnout from the community for National Night Out," stated Chief Fabian Lizarraga. "It's the first venture for the Willits PD to do this. Our intention is to keep this going every year and hopefully get more and more people involved, coming out,

Mathew Caine and enjoying it." Even though the event at Bud

Snider City Park didn't have a lot of advance publicity, there was high visibility, with the police car lights flashing, the Little Lake Fire Department spraying the kids, a bouncy house, cornhole games, and lots of food provided Smokin G's and Big D's BBQ and served by members of the fire department. Loud, familiar music was provided by DJ Mike Tobin. People from Willits all sat together at a long table, creating more community involvement and interaction.

"It's a time for families to come out," explained Dawn Tipton of the probation department. "It's sponsored by law enforcement, Willits Police Department. Probation is joining along. We are just having some food and we're giving away swag and there's a bouncy house. The fire department's here. Everybody is getting outside and

wet from being sprayed by the fire department

"We have Carlos Viserdo playing football over there with the kids," said Tipton. "This is a gathering to have people come out and enjoy the day and meet their law enforcement and get to know who we are and ask questions and not think of us as the bad guys. We want to build a great rapport with the community. This has been going on for about 40 years, but this is the first time that the Willits Police Department

National Night Out was begun in 1984 through a network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crimeprevention associations, and volunteers across the nation, to "promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live," per the National Night Out website, https://natw.org.

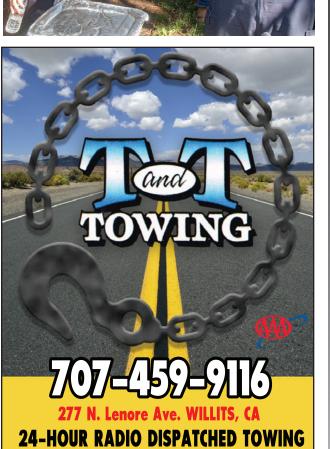
"National Night Out," the website continues, "enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."



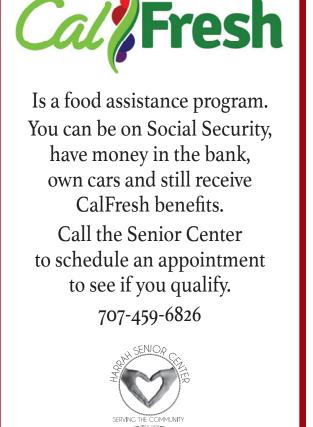




bove, from left: Willits PD Officer Gale of the Willits Police runs the cornhole games. Officer Gale spends some time with his daughte at National Night Out. Junior policeman Arlo grabs a hotdog before heading out on his rounds.









attempt to begin a conversation on what shop owners describe as consistent and costly theft, with outcomes that seem to have little to no impact on the thieves.

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Being the first meeting, the group was relatively small, but of the folks who attended as representatives of their businesses, their points were made very clear. Misty Gonzales of Willits Power put it like this: "My frustration is that there are no consequences for the people shoplifting. I'm not blaming our local law enforcement for that. I understand they can only do so much. I've reached out to our local Congressman Jared Huffman with no response. Calling the cops and showing them the video and sometimes having the person's name doesn't go far. The person just comes back and does it again."

Both Gonzales and David and Karin McKinney of Grocery Outlet say they lose about \$1,000 (that they're aware of) a month to shoplifters - oftentimes to repeat offenders, or someone who's made the rounds to multiple stores in one day. But it's not so simple for merchants and their employees to just dial 911 and stand by while the bad guys are hauled away to jail.

Chief Fabian Lizarraga and WPD Officer Steve Gray attended the meeting on behalf of the Willits Police Department. Lizarraga explained some of the challenges officers face when responding to shoplifting calls. He said, first and foremost, the person who makes the call to authorities needs to be present when police arrive. They need to be able to speak to the person who actually witnessed the crime.

Chief Lizarraga continued that for a shoplifting situation, the crime will generally be a misdemeanor. The threshold for a felony theft is \$900. If the crime isn't committed in the presence of law enforcement, officers can't actually make an arrest. It would need to be what's called "a private person's arrest," aka a citizen's arrest. If no one is willing to sign the paperwork to make a private person's arrest, police can't detain the

According to the California Penal Code Section 837: "A private person

has committed a felony, although not bag in his presence. (3) When a felony has been, in fact, committed, and he has reasonable cause for believing the person arrested to have committed it."

Lizarraga lamented that after an arrest is made, private or otherwise, the reality is the person arrested will likely be out of jail in just a few hours. He cited overcrowded cells as one of the main reasons for this, in addition to needing space in the jail for violent crimes and

If a shoplifter is arrested, they're given a citation and a court date before they're released. If there's not enough evidence after paperwork is sent to the District Attorney's Office in Ukiah, the DA won't prosecute, and no charges will be filed. Which essentially means the shoplifter won't see any significant ramifications.

Filing trespassing charges on a shoplifter or a loiterer as a way to remove them from a business is also pretty tricky. The police would first need to warn the person that they aren't welcome at the be filed by police as a trespasser.

Ony if there's a subsequent event, can authorities officially remove someone for trespassing, after which they would also receive a citation and a court date. If they miss their court date, it results in a warrant being issued, and police can remove a person based on their warrants. Lizarraga describes this process as a "repetitive, frustrating

Both Chief Lizarraga and Officer Gray said they do see an uptick in shoplifting over the summer months because school is out, and kids are bored. According to Gray, kids tend to mostly steal alcohol, but he says it's not an extreme problem compared to other steal alcohol and food.

Though Willits Power's Gonzales says she's cautious about profiling folks as shoplifters, but lots of people come to her store off of the mountain. If she does suspect someone is up to no good, she tries to make them as uncomfortable may arrest another: (1) For a public as she can without actually confronting information email info@willits.org.

offense committed or attempted in his them. If she's very sure they've stolen presence. (2) When the person arrested something, she'll ask to see inside their

> Under California law, Penal Code 490.5: "A merchant may detain a person for a reasonable time for the purpose of investigating reasonably whenever the merchant has probable cause to believe the person to be detained is attempting to unlawfully take or has unlawfully taken merchandise from the merchant's

Although Chief Lizarraga stressed that even if a lot of times it's the same people doing the same types of theft, attempting to detain them could escalate pretty quickly into physical violence. Objects aren't worth one's personal

One of the best ways to make sure shoplifters have a chance at being prosecuted is for local businesses to have a good camera system installed. The McKinneys of Grocery Outlet said their system has been incredibly useful, and good camera systems are relatively inexpensive these days. Officer Gray reiterated that clear video footage is one specific location. The person would then of the most effective pieces of evidence he can take to the District Attorney's Office. A camera system is also a visible deterrent for shoplifters.

As for what can be done in the immediate future to combat the issue of shoplifting in Willits, Susan Mahoney, coordinator for the Willits Chamber of Commerce, suggested that all folks in business join together on a social media platform for the purpose of exchanging information. She says she'd like to see one, easy place where everyone can go to find things out. It could potentially be hosted on the Chambers website

Karin McKinney said she'd like to receive something like an email blast as soon as a shoplifting crime occurs, so that the community is instantly informed. cities. Gray said transients also tend to A business watch forum was also suggested by Chief Lizarraga that would go out specifically to business owners.

Subsequent community meetings are in the works to further these discussions. A possibility for the next meeting would be to invite a representative from the District Attorney's Office. For more

at the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, in Ukiah, and virtually via Zoom/teleconference. Please visit MCOG's website at www.mendocinocog.org for agenda and meeting link information.

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to hear the study's results, including recommendations for potential life-line transportation services for these unserved rural communities.

For further information, contact project manager Loretta Ellard at lellard@dbcteam.net or 707-234-

MCOG Anuncia Reunión Pública Presentado por MCOG

El Consejo de Gobiernos de Mendocino está cerca de completar un estudio sobre las necesidades y soluciones de transporte para las comunidades de Covelo, Laytonville, Brooktrails, Potter Valley y Hopland - cinco comunidades rurales del interior con pocos o ningún servicio de transporte público.

El lunes 14 de agosto de 2023, a las 1:30 p.m., la Junta de Directores de MCOG recibirá una presentación del consultor del proyecto sobre las soluciones de movilidad rural propuestas que han surgido de este estudio de factibilidad. Esta reunión híbrida se llevará a cabo tanto en persona en la Cámara de Supervisores del Condado de Mendocino, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, como virtualmente a través de Zoom/teleconferencia. Por favor, visite el sitio web de MCOG en http:// www.mendocinocog.org para obtener información sobre la agenda y el enlace de la reunión.

Se alienta al público a asistir a esta reunión para escuchar los resultados del estudio, incluyendo recomendaciones para posibles servicios de transporte de línea vital para estas comunidades rurales no atendidas.

Para obtener más información, contacte a la gerente del proyecto Loretta Ellard en lellard@ dbcteam.net o al 707-234-3434.





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in which she photographed a single colored leaf she found on the sidewalk in front of the Savings

Lucy Acero, another member of the photo club, offered two black and white photos of readily recognizable Willits scenes, one of the annual Willits Frontier Days Truck and Tractor Pulls and the other of the firefighters in the July Fourth

"This show is beautiful," said Acero. "There's so much talent. I think it's very important to do a show about Willits. We don't normally get to see the art in the community. This place," she said, motioning to the WCA gallery, "gave us an open door as an artist to show what we can do with a little bit of the beauty in Willits.'

Those who came to see the show expressed their delight at the depictions of life in town. "This exhibit is amazing," stated author Jed Diamond. "Everything here is generally incredible but I'm partial to photography. I've always loved the photographic art. I just saw Sandy's beautiful work. There are some others here that I want to delve into more deeply.

"To me," said Diamond, "Willits is not just the place and the scenes that say 'Willits,' but it's the people and their sensibilities. So, even if I don't see something that's in Willits or close by, you can feel the unique sense of community about the people who come here, and the art."

Eric Hart, WCA board member, was impressed by the connection the show brought to Willits. "I love the idea of this show," said Hart. "This show really says 'Willits' to me. I like the interpretations and the people's visions. You can recognize little bits and pieces of the area in the artwork. Even if it's something you don't recognize, it's got the Willits feel to it.

Bonnie Belt, a well-known ceramic artist, sold a small statuette of a Lake Emily otter. "I love this show," said Belt. "It's really fun to see how people have either photographed or painted things that are very familiar around here. I also think it's wonderful to have such a good turnout. These are just really good examples of Willits at its brightest. I think if someone with no knowledge of Willits came to see the show, they would get a good idea of what Willits is."

"This is Willits" runs through August 27. The gallery, located at 71 East Commercial Street, is open Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more information, call 459-1726, check out their Facebook page, or visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org.



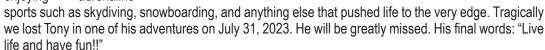
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Anthony Sasso

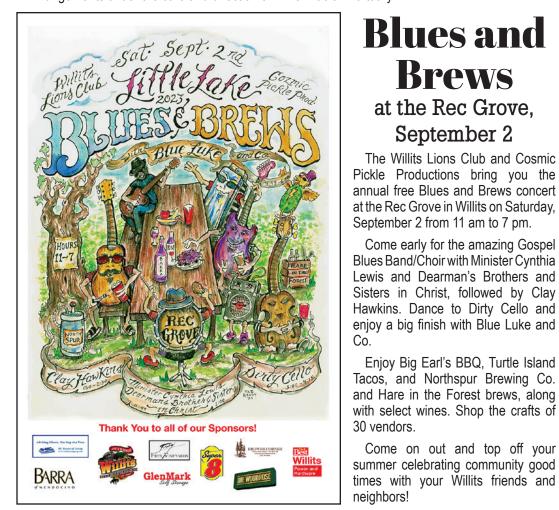
Tony Sasso was born on December 4, 1968 in Watsonville, and moved to Mendocino County in 1970, where he grew up. In his lifetime he was a cultivator, equipment operator, and owned a trucking company.

Tony was a naturalthrill seeker, enjoying adrenaline



He is survived by his wife, Yanmie Yan-Sasso; his children, Ayla, John, Shayla, and Imagin; three grandchildren; his brother Paul, sister Debbie, brother Joe and wife, Sharon, sister Sioux, and Sister Lorena. He is also survived by niece Micheline King, nephew Nick King, Kirsi, Joseph, and Taylor Sasso; Tina and Jared; and far too many friends that he considered family to mention.

Services will be held on Saturday, August 12, at Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street in Willits. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

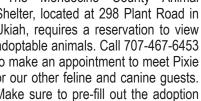


Affectionate Pixie

Pixie came in with her sister, Whiskey, when they were surrendered due to no fault of their own. This girl takes a little time to warm up to you, and may

even be a little hissy at first. However, once she decides she likes you, she turns into the sweetest, most loving cat. Although she came in with her sister, she seems to only like her and would do best in a home with no other cats.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Pixie or our other feline and canine guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption



application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com.



Pixie

Snuggly Forrest

Forrest is a very friendly dog that loves to cuddle. This 4-year-old Alaskan

malamute enjoys car rides and is good with other dogs. Forrest will need to go to a home with no cats.

To learn more about Forrest 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 510-900-2275.



Forrest

Blues and

Brews

at the Rec Grove.

September 2

Pickle Productions bring you the

September 2 from 11 am to 7 pm.

The Willits Lions Club and Cosmic

Come early for the amazing Gospel

Blues Band/Choir with Minister Cynthia

Lewis and Dearman's Brothers and

Sisters in Christ, followed by Clay

Enjoy Big Earl's BBQ, Turtle Island

Tacos, and Northspur Brewing Co.

and Hare in the Forest brews, along

with select wines. Shop the crafts of

Come on out and top off your

summer celebrating community good

times with your Willits friends and

30 vendors.

neighbors!

Loveable Garden Litter

Meet our Garden Litter! These adorable pups were found abandoned in a tub on the side of Covelo Road on a hot day. Thankfully a kind community annual free Blues and Brews concert

member stopped to look and saved them from a tragic fate. These puppies were quickly scooped up into foster homes where they grew up and are now ready for adoption. We are excited that they were saved and despite their troubled beginnings, they are the sweetest pups ever! They love people and are getting plenty of socializing and we can't wait for you to meet them!

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



One of the pups from the Garden Litter

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.mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.



Cheers to a better future with clean energy.

