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A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits

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Brooktrails expects \$440,000 in state water funds

Barbara O'Reardon
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On September 28 all of the Brooktrails Township Board of Directors met remotely via Zoom as a precaution against the COVID-19 Delta variant.

General Manager Tamara Alaniz reported that the Brooktrails Fire Department has been presented with an opportunity to acquire, for a cost of \$15,000, a Type 3 engine from the Hopland Fire Department that is better than the Type 3 engine that Brooktrails currently has. She said,

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Collision, diesel spill closes bypass on Monday

Submitted by Sgt. B. Walker, for CHP Garberville

On October 5, 2021, at approximately 5:50 am, John Campanile, 41, of San Ramon was driving a 2016 Volvo Tractor with trailer southbound at approximately 55 MPH on the elevated portion of US-101, the Willits bypass, just south of the north end.

Eric Acosta, 51, of Willits was driving a 2019 Peterbilt tractor with a tank trailer loaded with approximately 7,800 gallons of gasoline on northbound US-101 at approximately 55 MPH. Julia Nash, 40, of Ukiah was driving a 2021 Toyota Corolla on northbound US-101, approximately three car-lengths behind the Peterbilt

For reasons still under

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Mendocino County Sheriff's Roundup

Man arrested on multiple felonies after foot pursuit in Willits

By Sgt. J. Wells for MCSO

On September 26, 2021, at 3:25 pm, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy noticed a red Ford Ranger with a camper shell traveling westbound on Highway 20 in Willits.

The deputy had knowledge the truck was possibly stolen from Lake County earlier in the day.

The deputy saw the vehicle make a U-turn on Highway 20 and begin

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Above: Willits City Mayor Madge Strong, left, presents Soroptimist International of Willits President Barbara O'Reardon with a signed copy of the proclamation read at last week's city council meeting.

Soroptimist Semicentennial

Willits charter celebrates 50 years in 2021 as the Soroptimist International organization celebrates 100 years

2021 is a big year for the Soroptimist International of the Americas; back on October 3, 1921 the first club was chartered in the Rose Room of the Hotel Oakland. This started the creation of an organization which now has about 72,000 members and supporters in 122 countries.

Soroptimist International of the Americas is one of five federations around the world (also including Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland, Soroptimist International of Europe, Soroptimist International of South West Pacific, and Soroptimist International African Federation) which all work to help better women and girls around the world.

But it is also present on a hyper-local level, with Willits' own club being chartered on April 3, 1971. This created a 50-year anniversary this year for our local club, while the international organization celebrates its 100th birthday.

Several local members attended the Founder Region District III and IV Meeting on October 2 in Ukiah, and one attended the observance at Lake Merritt in Oakland on October 3, where they celebrated the centennial. All club presidents were invited to take part in a candle-lighting ceremony, where a white candle was lit at each local club to celebrate the birthday.

Those who couldn't attend enjoyed participating over Zoom.

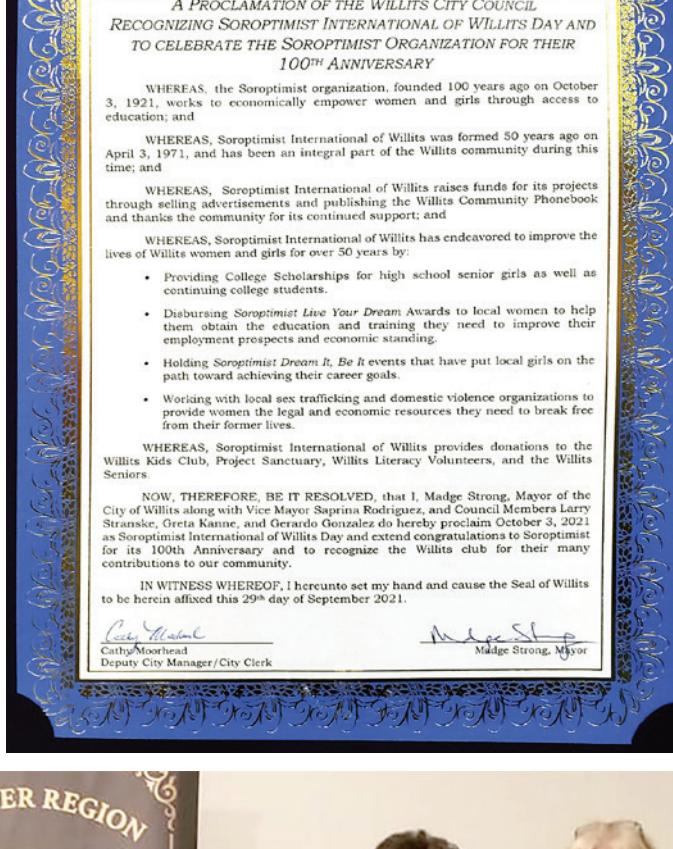
All clubs were also asked to do a proclamation in their local areas, something the Willits club happily was able to accomplish; the proclamation was read at the last Willits City Council meeting, and club president Barbara O'Reardon was recently presented with a signed copy of the paperwork by Willits City Mayor Madge Strong.

The local club is always looking for new members and also for applicants for their Live Your Dream award which is currently accepting applications through November 15. Applicants need to be female heads of households who are looking to continue their education. Applications are posted on the club's Facebook page and online on their website: Soroptimist International of Willits – Investing in Dreams: <http://siwillits.site/>

— Maureen Jennison

At right, top: Soroptimist International of Willits members Kitty Norris, left, and club president Barbara O'Reardon, pose with the 100 year banner on display at the Founder Region District III and IV Meeting held in Ukiah on October 2, 2021. At right: A copy of the signed proclamation recognizing the Soroptimist International of Willits club and celebrating the organization's 100 years.

Below: Soroptimist members and part of the Founder Region Board pose together at the October 2 meeting including, from left: District III Director Colleen Ganaye; District IV Director Vicki Baldwin; Governor Kris Chorbi; Governor-elect Vicki Ham; Secretary Joy Swank; and Treasurer Tess Albin-Smith.



City council hears about COVID at WPD

By B.B. Kamoroff

COVID and vaccination policies, or lack of policies, at the Willits Police Department sparked intense discussion at the September 29 Willits City Council meeting, when Chief of Police Fabian Lizarraga reported that one of the Willits police dispatchers is slowly recuperating from a very serious bout of COVID, and it will be months before the employee can return to work.

The chief added that several people in the police

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11 more COVID deaths

Jennifer Poole

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Mendocino County Public Health released press releases on Wednesday evening, September 29, noting the deaths of nine more county residents that were attributed to COVID-19. With an October 4 press release adding two more residents to the pandemic toll, total deaths in Mendocino County are up to 86.

Of those 11 deaths, 7 (mostly older) were fully vaccinated and 4 were unvaccinated (a bit younger).

Listed in the recent Public Health press releases were:

Death #76: 96-year-old man from Fort Bragg area; fully vaccinated.

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Willits man convicted of patricide

Posted by Mendocino County District Attorney's Office

October 4 – As potential jurors were reporting in Monday morning for jury duty at the Ukiah courthouse, defendant James P. Whetstone, age 30, formerly of Willits, was in an upstairs courtroom waiving his right to trial.

After waiving his trial rights, the defendant withdrew his not guilty plea and, in its place, entered a no contest plea to second degree murder, a felony.

A no contest plea to a felony is the same as a guilty plea for all purposes.

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Willits Creek Cleanup Day

To the Editor:

I am very pleased to announce that the Willits Rotary Club is teaming up with the City of Willits for a Creek and Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 16, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Volunteers are invited to meet us in the City Hall parking lot on the day of the event to sign up and get instructions and locations to clean.

Help keep our waterways clean before the storms, and help keep our city beautiful!

Stephanie Garrabant-Sierra, president-elect, Willits Rotary Club

Thank you

To the Editor:

Thank you Danielle for the generous solution to the double memorial site in Recreation Grove.

You were so considerate and gracious in making our tribute to a dear friend possible by your very kind suggestion.

Linda's friend and family send you a heartfelt thank you.

Lena Hofmaister, Willits

Local medical community appeals for covid vaccinations

To the Editor:

We represent the Adventist Health Howard Hospital Medical Staff and the Willits medical community. Howard Hospital has been running for weeks around 140% capacity because of the Covid 19 delta surge. Our ICU is full and deaths are mounting. The cases are overwhelmingly non-vaccinated and increasingly younger. The medical and nursing staff are increasingly overwhelmed and exhausted. Help us.

We see the answer to this community emergency is vaccinations and then more vaccinations. Masking and distancing and hand sanitizing remain important but are dwarfed by the effect of vaccinations. We are presently at 57% fully vaccinated. This crisis has been created by just 7.8% of our population infected in the last 18 months. We have to protect the other 92%. It is not a coincidence that the 3 counties with the lowest vaccination rates

in our state have the highest case rates and the highest death rates--higher than any country on Earth. And the 3 counties with the highest vaccination rates have the lowest case rates.

We will not stop seeing all patients, Covid or not, in our hospital, our ER, and our clinics. But we have had to transfer patients elsewhere. We have had to postpone dozens of elective surgeries. We are tired.

We feel our Covid vaccines are very safe and very effective and long-lasting. Our county Public Health lists 50,500 vaccinated people with 339 documented post-vaccination infections for an average efficacy of 99.3% so far. We the medical community are overwhelmingly vaccinated. We are happy to talk with you about the vaccine. After reading the rumors all around you, talk to a health professional. Protect yourself, protect your family and loved ones, protect your community.

You can always contact me at haschak@mendocinocoounty.org or 707-972-4214.

Senior Center drive-through, walk-up lunches

Willits Senior Center's indoor dining room is closed, but the center is still serving drive-through and walk-up lunches, Monday through Friday, from 12 to 1 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$5 through December.

"We are also providing home-delivered meals to anyone who wants a safe food delivery option via our Meals on Wheels Program," center Director Richard Baker said, noting a 203% increase in demand for home-delivered meals during the pandemic.

Meals on Wheels

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

Thursday, October 7: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Friday, October 8: Monte Cristo, Hash Browns, Fruit

Monday, October 11: Sausage & Potato Casserole, Veggie, Roll

Tuesday, October 12: BBQ Chicken, Beans, Cornbread, Green Salad

Wednesday, October 13: Chili Rellenos Casserole, Rice, Beans

Thursday, October 14: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggie, Roll, Green Salad

Friday, October 15: Hot Dogs, Chili, Mac & Cheese

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



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THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

October 2021 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

I have been working with Senator McGuire and Sheriff Kendall to enhance enforcement against illegal cannabis grows in our county. On September 29, the three of us, along with the sheriffs of Humboldt and Trinity counties, held a press conference to highlight the state funding \$1.5 million for enforcement against the worst of the worst cannabis grows in our region. Mendocino County will get \$600,000 for needed staffing and resources. The goal is to go after illegal water diversions, operations threatening endangered fish species, environmental degradation, or the presence of organized crime.

The state budget includes \$6 billion for broadband in California. The proposed map includes fiber optic lines going up Highway 101 throughout Mendocino County, including a line up Sherwood Road and a line to Covelo. Don't hold your breath, but the money is in the state budget.

The new cannabis ordinance was rescinded by the board. Kudos to the people who worked on the two referendums. This was people power at its best. The people's vision for our county and the concerns over water, environment, and community were not in alignment with this ordinance. After a year of working on this, the other supervisors finally recognized that this wasn't the path that most everyone in our county wanted to take. Now we need to get back to making the existing ordinance work properly.

The Great Redwood Trail which is a 320 mile rail-to-trail project from the San Francisco Bay to Humboldt Bay takes another step forward. Senator McGuire authored SB 69 to transition the North Coast Railroad Authority into the Great Redwood Trail Agency. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law. I have been a director on the NCRA board and will continue on the GRTA. At the 11th hour, it seems that a proposal was put forth by the coal industry to ship coal from Wyoming to Humboldt Bay using this line. I sponsored a board agenda item in opposition to this secretive deal since it is unrealistic, and the environmental consequences of shipping the coal on this line would be detrimental to our lands and climate change in general. The Mendocino County BOS approved my item.

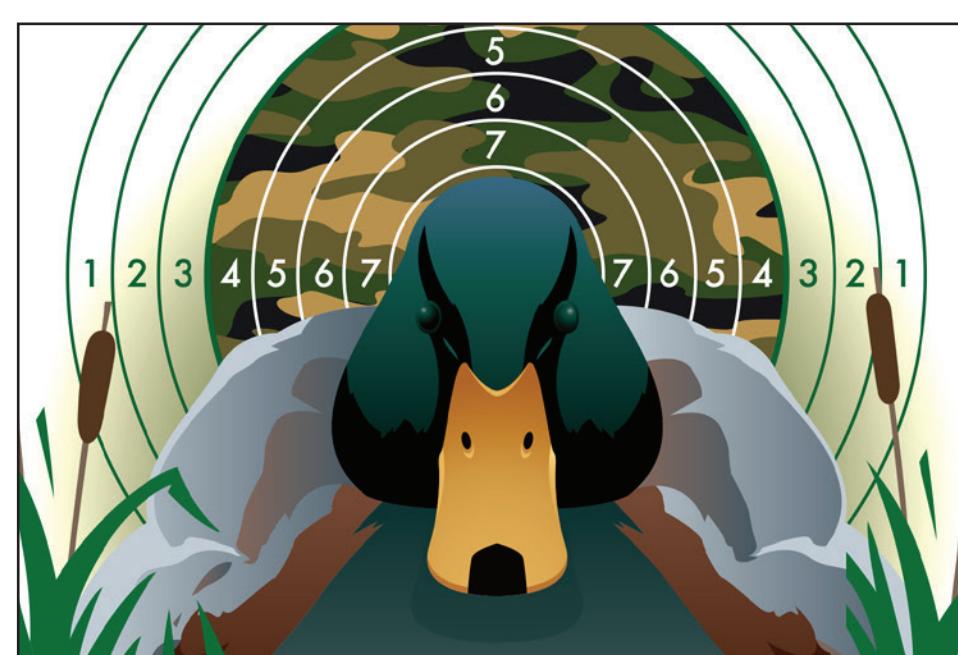
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Above, from left: Homecoming queen and king Lily Barrett and Marco Chavoya get a ride in a white convertible. The concessions team helps raise money for the WHS Boosters: Jaime, Gracie, Madison, and Hannah Bouthillier. Freshman princess and prince Valerie Smith and Caleb Luna are driven around the track in a vintage roadster.

At left: One of the many runs that resulted in a yardage gain. Below: JV player Cole Carbaugh tries to get around a wall of Eagles.

At bottom: The juniors' float wins second-place.



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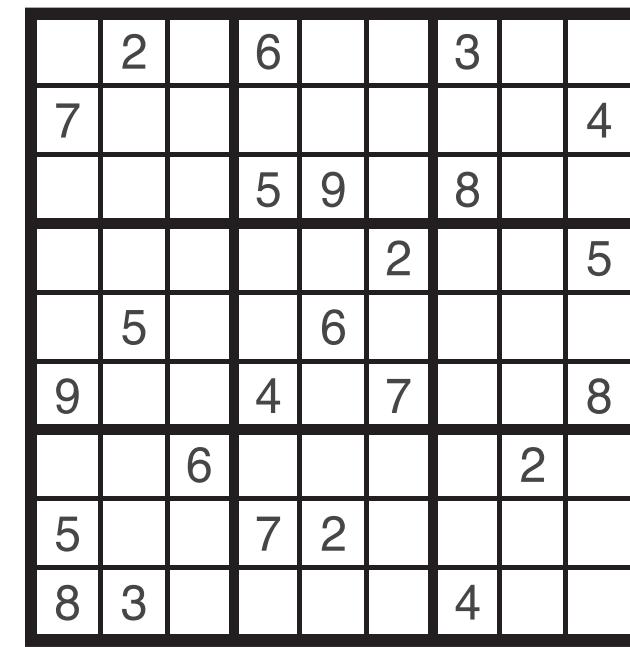
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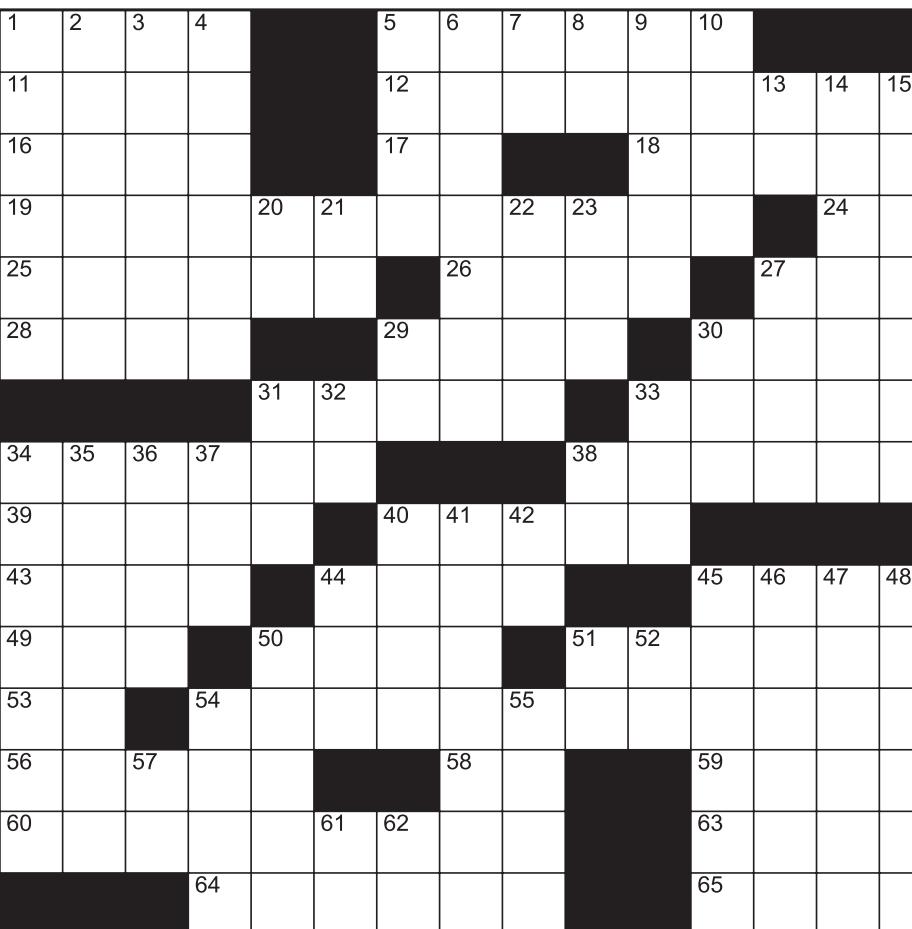
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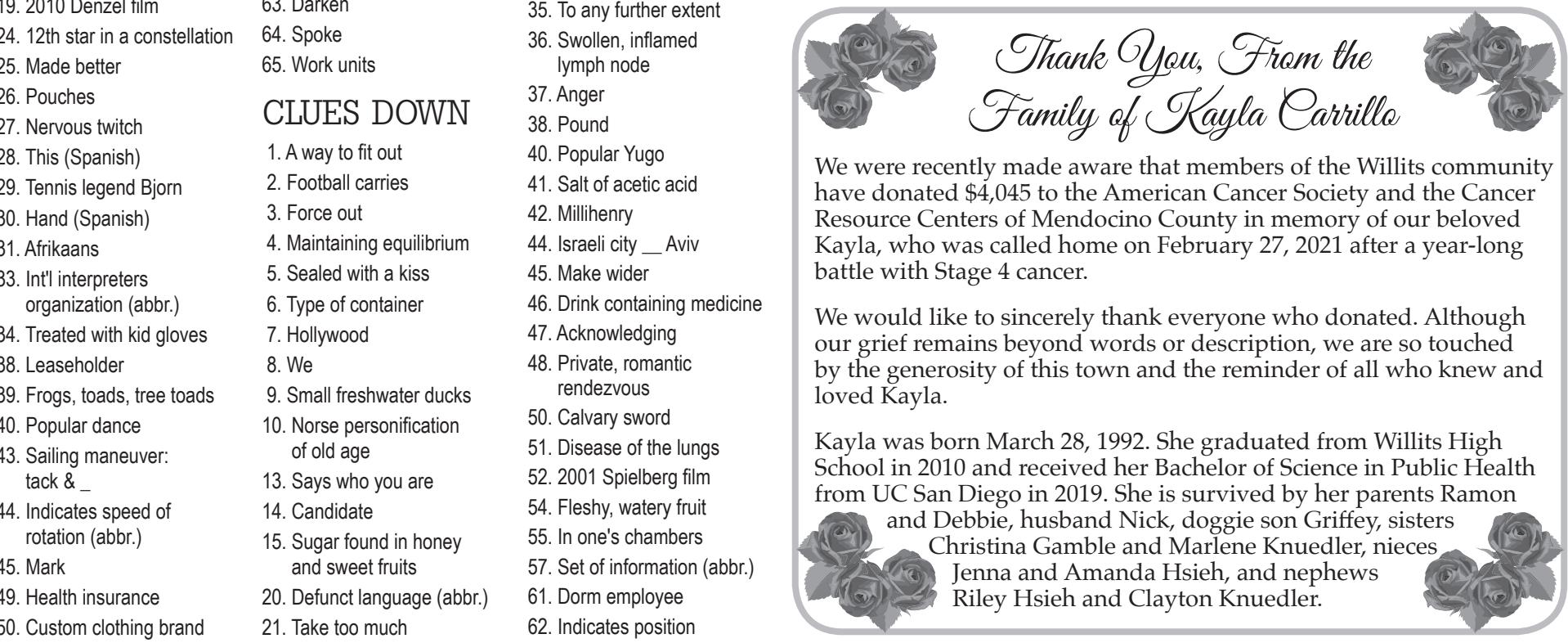


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. A way to recognize
- 11. 'VeggieTales' character
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- 16. Mythological mountain
- 17. Atomic #18
- 18. Viscous liquid
- 19. 2010 Denzel film
- 24. 12th star in a constellation
- 25. Made better
- 26. Pouches
- 27. Nervous twitch
- 28. This (Spanish)
- 29. Tennis legend Bjorn
- 30. Hand (Spanish)
- 31. Afrikaans
- 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- 34. Treated with kid gloves
- 38. Leaseholder
- 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 45. Mark
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Custom clothing brand

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to fit out
- 2. Football carries
- 3. Force out
- 4. Maintaining equilibrium
- 5. Sealed with a kiss
- 6. Type of container
- 7. Hollywood
- 8. We
- 9. Small freshwater ducks
- 10. Norse personification of old age
- 13. Says who you are
- 14. Candidate
- 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- 20. Defunct language (abbr.)
- 21. Take too much
- 22. Iranian province
- 23. Records electric currents
- 27. __ and feathers
- 29. Beloved Mr. T character
- 30. More (Spanish)
- 31. Beverage
- 32. Promotional material
- 33. Green vegetable
- 34. National capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Pound
- 40. Popular Yugo
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Millihenry
- 43. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 45. Make wider
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Acknowledging
- 48. Private, romantic rendezvous
- 50. Calvary sword
- 51. Disease of the lungs
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Fleshy, watery fruit
- 55. In one's chambers
- 57. Set of information (abbr.)
- 61. Dorm employee
- 62. Indicates position



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Roundup

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traveling eastbound on Highway 20. The deputy also turned around and went to conduct a traffic stop on the truck, when it abruptly turned northbound on Pepperwood Way.

The truck came to a quick stop, and the driver, later identified as Joshua Timothy Colcleaser, 35, from Nice, exited the driver's seat and ran westbound.

The MCSO deputy verbally identified himself and told Colcleaser to stop. Colcleaser did not stop, and continued running westbound.

Other Sheriff's Office deputies along with personnel from the Willits Police Department and the California Highway Patrol responded to the area. After a search of the area on foot they were unable to locate Colcleaser in the brush.

The Ford Ranger was confirmed to have been stolen on September 26, 2021 from a location in Lake County. The registered owner (54-year-old victim) responded to Willits and took custody of his truck. Inside the truck, the deputy located numerous items which did not belong to the victim.

The items included a purse with credit and debit cards in the name of a 36-year-old female from Ukiah. The deputy confirmed the purse and contents had been stolen in Ukiah on September 26, 2021. The incident had been reported to Ukiah Police Department.

The deputy located two plastic bags containing suspected methamphetamine, on the front passenger seat, and two used glass pipes in the vehicle, commonly used to ingest controlled substances. Also inside the truck was a box of ammunition, a cellular phone, a drone, a brown wallet, and a hunting license in another person's name from the Bay Area.

MCSO and WPD began getting calls regarding Colcleaser's location on Highway 20.

WPD officers located Colcleaser and detained him. The deputy responded and positively identified Colcleaser as the person who ran from the truck.

Tuttle was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Colcleaser was arrested on charges including: 496D(A) PC (Possession of Stolen Vehicle), 496(A) PC (Possession of Stolen Property), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation, 11377(A) HS (Possession of a Controlled Substance), 11364 HS (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and 148(A) PC (Resist/Delay Law Enforcement), as well as two out-of-county felony arrest warrants for possession of a stolen vehicle.

While fleeing on foot Colcleaser had sustained injuries and was transported to Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Colcleaser was subsequently transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he was booked and to be held on a No Bail status.

Domestic violence battery arrest

On September 20, 2021 at about 11:25 am, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a domestic violence incident in the 300 block of Pomo Court in Willits.

Upon arrival a deputy contacted an 18-year-old female standing in the roadway. The female had visible injuries on her body, and was not wearing shoes or pants.

The deputy learned the female's boyfriend, Codin Tuttle, 20, of Willits, had reportedly assaulted her and prevented her from calling 9-1-1, by taking her phone and damaging it. She fled their residence and used a postal carrier's phone to call 9-1-1.

During the investigation, deputies learned Tuttle and the female lived together at the residence and have a child in common.

On September 20, 2021, an argument began between the couple, which escalated to a physical altercation. This caused visible injuries to the female and Tuttle. Deputies determined Tuttle had taken the female's cellular phone, had thrown it against a wall, and later placed it in water in the bathroom sink.

Tuttle was arrested for Domestic Violence Battery (273.5 PC) and preventing someone from calling 9-1-1 (591 PC).

Tuttle was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

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dominant against this unbeaten group."

Matt Moratti, the JV coach, expressed optimism for the future of the football program. "They're a great team. They've been a great team for a long time. They've been together since peewee football. If we can keep all these kids together, they're going to be great in varsity."

At halftime of the varsity game, the royal homecoming court was introduced, driving around the track in vintage cars, trucks and roadsters, waving to the crowd, enjoying the accolades and generally having fun. The king and queen, Marco Chavoya and Lily Barrett, rode on the back of a pickup truck while others leaned out windows as they circumnavigated the field.

The rest of the court consisted of freshman prince and princess Caleb Luna and Valerie Smith; sophomore prince and princess Braden Manus and Maci Yokus; junior prince and princess Jadyn Arnold and Aliyah Amador; first senior prince and princess Kacy Adams and Justin Johnson; and second senior prince and princess Tiana Dalton and Eric Rodriguez.

The event was very well attended with cheering, enthusiastic supporters. The new superintendent of the school district, Joe Aldridge, enjoyed watching the junior varsity team. "So far, this game is great. I love seeing everybody out here. It's so wonderful to see this many people after the COVID stuff. Our team is doing great. We're at 26-0. I'm just watching them run it down the field again and again. Our team is being

The night was filled with fun, excitement and pride, and a sense of a return to the normal life that seemed a vague memory for so many months.



'Acoustic Activists'

Earth First! organizer Judi Bari is remembered through music at Mendocino County Museum event

Judi Bari came to Mendocino County from the East Coast bringing with her a tradition of Industrial Workers of the World activism. The Wobblies – as they were sometimes called – developed a strong tradition of non-violent actions with raucous, scathing and humorous music to entertain, educate and emphasize what they saw as the capitalist's crimes against the earth and workers. Bari carried those traditions with her to the country in a cache of songs and infused the local Earth First! movement with her particular form of nonviolence.

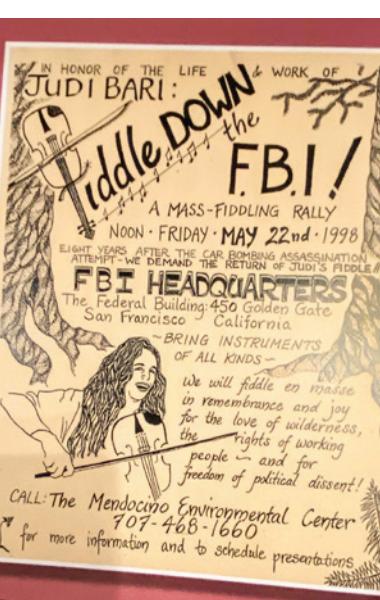
Alicia "Littletree" Bales was new to the scene when she moved here in 1991. "I was an activist in high school in Sacramento working with a group of anarchists and organizing against the first Gulf War. We were Earth First! We had the irreverence and that sense of humor. So my affinity group from Sacramento came up here for Redwood Summer 2." She stayed.

Bales' experiences working with Bari inspired and cemented her allegiance to Bari as a leader in non-violent, transparent actions that support activists, the workers, and the trees.

"Judi was supportive of mentoring me as an organizer and I was already playing the guitar," Bales said. She told of Bari's caretaker, musician Karen Almquist, who she enlisted to teach Bales the blues guitar. During this time, Bales accompanied Bari on speaking and singing tours. Their work relationship and friendship bloomed as they continued their activism until Bari's death in 1997.

In an earlier interview, Bales said she never wrote any songs of note until after Bari died. "Those are very personal ditties," she revealed. "One I wrote is called 'When You Come Home.' It really captures the feeling of being in the house right after she died. It's really sad. I don't know if I'll be able to play it at the event. It's about the moment she died and being with her and what that was like while she was sick and Read the rest of Acoustic

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Below, left: Musician Francine Allen sings "Redwood Summer" written by Nymani, her friend and singing partner. "There's nothing left of those giants in the north, laying all the forest lands to waste, cutting deep into our hearts. Friends, the trees are calling. Thousands falling day and night. Don't let them stop you or distract you from what's right," are the poignant words of her song.



Above: Alicia "Littletree" Bales sings "Talkin' About a Revolution" by Tracy Chapman. It was the theme song to Bari's KZYX show, "Punch & Judi."



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OBITUARY |

Teven Estes

Teven "Onion" Wayne Estes, 29, was born on January 28, 1992, in Willits, California. Teven was a kind and caring son, uncle, nephew and cousin. He kept people rolling in laughter because he could find humor in all life circumstances. His recent hobbies included watching YouTube, playing video games, building RC cars, working on his car, BBQ and cooking.

Tev enjoyed going to Motocross on his birthday and spending time with family and friends.

He loved his family and friends, and if you were a friend for any amount of time with Teven, you were family, whether you were a gamer online or you were just down the road. He spent hours at home talking with friends online in between helping out with cleaning and cooking for his mom. He was honored to have been able to help his uncle Art multiple times a week for the past few years.

He loved spending time in the woods just as much as he loved his time in the city. Whenever the city life got to be too much, he would load up, head north to Covel, and straight to Agency Road to auntie Twig's house.

Teven died suddenly on September 12, 2021. He is survived by his mother Karla, father Ricky, aunt Twig, sisters Tiffany and Treasure, brother-in-law Matt and nephew Cannon and niece Maisy.

He is preceded in death by grandmas Angie and Ann, grandpa James and Tut, and uncles Dougie and Leonard.

OBITUARY |

Dorothy Stebbins

Dorothy Marie Stebbins, a longtime resident of Willits, peacefully passed on September 12, 2021 at the age of 85. Dorothy was born and educated in Washington state. She attended Lincoln High School in Seattle, and Washington State University. She was a homemaker and later a Shipping Manager for the iCot Corporation in San Jose, California, while raising her family.

After retirement she and her husband moved to Willits and made it their beloved home. She had many hobbies and loved taking classes. Fiber art was her passion, and she enjoyed spinning and weaving on a floor loom. She

sewed her own clothes, loved to garden, and was an excellent baker.

She is survived by her two children, Lori Fogarty of Boise Idaho (Jim) and Gregg Stebbins of Willits (Laura), a brother Richard Hales of Washington (Cynthia), a granddaughter Christa Cameron (Shawn), and two great-grandchildren Kyleigh and Jayden. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Stebbins, and her parents Howard and Mildred Hales.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Willits in the spring of 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Community Cakes, P.O. Box 44874, Boise, ID 83711 (www.communitycakes.com).

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Bookkeeper wanted
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At far left: John and Sandra Mayfield remain as significant supporters of Leadership Mendocino. At left: Julie Featherston participates at a Leadership Mendocino retreat. Below: Brenda and Lucy partaking in a Leadership Mendocino event.

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Leadership Mendocino thanks its community of supporters

Submitted by Jamie Speka for NCO

The cultural bedrock of Mendocino County is materialized by innovation and connection. These two principles cannot be achieved without the dedication of community members.

Leadership Mendocino, a community leadership program stewarded by North Coast Opportunities, seeks to strengthen the county by building up the local business community.

"We think of leadership as a set of traits that people can work on. We are not endowed with everything we need to be a good leader; it takes collaboration," says Program Director Holly Madrigal. "Our local business community is the economic engine of Mendocino County. So, there is great importance in investing in our local employees and communities."

Established in 1992 - by community members such as businessman John Mayfield - Leadership Mendocino has graduated over 700 leaders throughout the county all with different backgrounds and perspectives. Hundreds of different businesses and organizations throughout the county have participated to build on their skills and utilize their strategies for improvement - internally and externally.

Mayfield has immensely shaped the program into what it is today. Mayfield's recent generous donation helps the program stay well-equipped to educate more business owners and employees.

"My wife and I view this as a critical part of Mendocino County" Mayfield comments.

"We knew that the program was in need of continuation funds, so we immediately helped out."

Across the length of August to May, the Leadership Mendocino annual program begins with skill-building, transitioning into field visits showing leadership in action, includes

panel presentations, class discussions, problem-solving workshops, hands-on experiences, and role-playing modes of education.

The program frames each class session around current issues as well as bringing in active local leaders and experts in those areas to keep the program fresh and fitting for today's challenges as a way to plan for tomorrow.

In addition to furthering the participants' knowledge of leadership, the program offers opportunities for networking to foster connections and support. Diversity is a pivotal proponent in the program.

"It's a way to interact with people on a different level," Director Madrigal explains. "We work to have participants from all regions of the county, from different professions and ages. The more we interact with each other, the more we can collaborate and grow."

The program does not only curate growing mindsets, but it encourages active community betterment by having leaders choose class projects. Alumni have implemented a wide range of changes from promoting the county's mental healthcare to educating the younger generation in financial literacy and job training. Ben Anderson of Class XXVII, joined the Manzanita Project board to provide behavioral health for local adults; while SHN engineer Jason Island has crafted usable, single-unit design plans that can be accessed at the City of Fort Bragg to assist with the housing shortage.

Leadership Mendocino explores strategies for addressing local issues. Lessons taught by professionals on the county's natural resources, agriculture, health, political landscape, education, and culture are all topics to be examined in the next year.

Actively using one's skills to benefit those around them develops a network of highly engaged citizens.

"We get so involved in our own efforts that we forget about the rest of the county," Mayfield says. "Leadership Mendocino is a way to bring us back together and get us involved."

Mayfield's emphasis on the uniting impact of Leadership Mendocino can be extended to its supporters. Consisting of a diverse group of local professionals - including the Mayfields, M&M Feed, and SHN Engineering - to the program's alumni, supporters continue to help Leadership Mendocino educate and connect individuals to pave the way for even more engagement in the future.

"I encourage everyone to participate whether that be by supporting the program or taking a class," Mayfield comments.

To learn more about how to support Leadership Mendocino, reach out to the program director at hmadrigal@mcoinc.org. Additional information can be found at: www.LeadershipMendocino.org.



Brenda and Lucy partaking in a Leadership Mendocino event.

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dying. How I still feel her presence is that house where it's all warm and safe and the lights are bright. She died early in the morning on March 2 and it was raining."

Mokai sang his song "Warrior Woman," a song about Bari who was "takin' the radical stance. Finding the humor where most fear to even look. Shine a light in the dark. Wise crack on her tongue. Somebody got stung." He later said, "She brought the voice of woman and women activists forward. She also brought the voice of social justice into Earth First! with her organizing."

Almost from the beginning, former New Christy Minstrels musician Ede Morris began singing with Bari until Morris had to quit. "That was also the time that Alicia Littletree arrived on the spot," she said. She also sang back-up with David Raftt for Cherney.

Musicians Bear and Mark Dyken talked about how they saw headlines about the day of the bombing that said "Eco Terrorists Arrested for Carrying Bomb, Accidentally Detonated Themselves." "We knew immediately that our friends would never be carrying that bomb," told Mark Dyken. The brothers had been involved in different activist projects and played many years with Cherney and Bari. "We knew them well" he added.

"I wrote a song called 'The Little Guys' as in 'Three Cheers for the Little Guys.' It briefly outlines the story of Darryl and Judi going to speak in Santa Cruz and the bomb going off in their car. It ties in why we need justice for Judi and to hold the FBI accountable. They never investigated the crime," Bear Dyken stated.

Rosebud Ireland, a social activist who, along with her husband, Scott, created "the wackiest, wildest, most poignant, lyrically brilliant and musically genius songs," said Cherney when he introduced Bug Guts, a Willits band.

Ireland never met Bari and heard about her in the Earth First! Journal in 1997. From reading about her and the movement, Ireland said: "Judi and everyone around her really inspired me to take a look at the big picture globally.

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As background, the defendant murdered his father October 9, 2020 on the father's property in Willits as a result of an argument regarding who could or should be using certain garbage cans at the location.

After strangling the 69-year-old victim with a belt, the defendant then buried his father in a shallow grave and attempted to clean up the crime scene in a failed effort to cover up his patricidal act.

A conviction for second-degree murder refers to a conviction for an intentional killing but without premeditation and deliberation. In other words, the underlying facts suggest the defendant's mental state at the time of the killing was a willful, yet impulsive intent to kill.

After the defendant's no contest plea was accepted by the court and entered into the court records, the matter was referred to the Adult Probation Department for a background study, pre-sentence credits report, and other information that will be needed when the defendant is transported to and received at state prison.

The Mendocino County Jail's mug shot of James P. Whistone when he was booked on murder charges in October 2020.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

The prosecutor handling this matter is Deputy District Attorney Luke Oakley.

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Keith Faulder accepted the defendant's change of plea this morning and will be the judge who imposes the life sentence on November 2.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2021-F0506

The following person is doing business as Ruthie's Doll Museum & Teahouse, 1195 "A" South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Catherine Lober, 1195 "A" South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2016.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 20, 2021.

/s/ Catherine Lober

Publication dates:

October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2021

WW 337

Docket No.: 21CV00647

In the matter of:

JOSEPH DOMINIC JIMENEZ and ADONAI ORION CAMPBELL of Willits, CA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition described:

A petition has been presented by Joseph Dominic Jimenez requesting that: Joseph Dominic Jimenez and Adonai Orion Campbell be allowed to change his/her name(s) as follows:

JOSEPH DOMINIC DARROW and ADONAI ORION CAMPBELL DARROW

The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court of the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing

Date: October 29, 2021

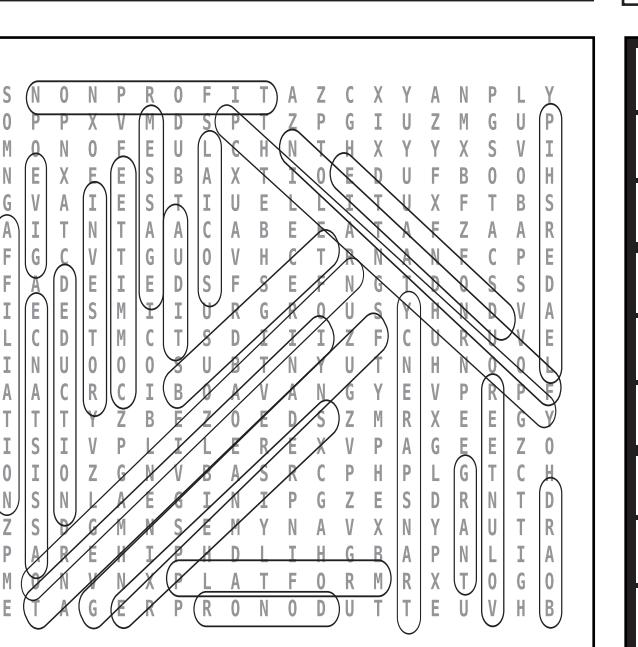
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Dept.: F. The address of the court is 100 North State St., Ukiah, CA 95428.

WITNESS, Hon. Patrick M. Pekin, Judge of the Superior Court.

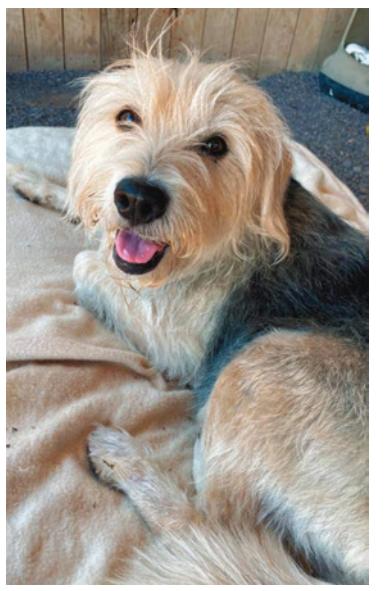
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LEGAL NOTICES



Cuddly Duchess

The Duchess has arrived! This sweet girl is 7 years old and lived with her previous owner since she was born. Duchess and her owner were originally living in New Orleans. Sadly they were there during a hurricane. After this devastating event, they moved here to be with family. Duchess' owner recently passed away, leaving Duchess in need of a home. Of course we said yes. Duchess is a sweet, mellow dog who loves getting cuddles from volunteers. Meanwhile, we are busy working away to get this sweetie available for adoption. Apply to love her today at www.mendohumanesociety.com.



The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Currently we are open by appointment only on Wednesday through Friday, and open to the public Saturday through Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, no appointment needed on the weekends! You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

Loyal Banks

Banks is a special boy who is looking for a reasonably quiet home in a rural area where he can get lots of love, some playtime in a yard, and go for walks. He will thrive in a single-dog home, although he does have dog friends with proper introduction. He is a beautiful dog with a silky white coat and handsome build.

Banks can initially be unsettled by strangers, but once introduced, he does fine. Once he knows you, he will jump and play with you, but he is a bit particular about his people and can take time to open up, more so with men.

Banks would be an easy keeper in a rural environment, he'd provide protection and warnings about intruders, but will also be a loyal and loving companion!

To learn more about Banks or view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

Frisky Annie

Annie is quite playful with her siblings and with people. This 2-month-old, sweet girl would love to be a part of your family.

For more info about Annie or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the

inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.

Good Farm Fund celebrates local farms at new Harvest Picnic event

Submitted by Good Farm Fund

Good Farm Fund is excited to announce a new family-friendly event this year, the Harvest Picnic happening at BARRA of Mendocino (7051 North State Street, Ukiah) on Tuesday, October 12 from 4 to 7 pm.

This COVID-safe event includes a pre-packed, picnic-style farm-to-table dinner developed by a team of top local chefs, including Caroline Radice from Black Dog Farm Catering, Olan Cox from Mendough's Catering, Bridget Harrington from Patrona Restaurant, and Nicholas Petti and students from the Mendocino College Culinary Arts Program, all of whom are donating their time and talents.

The menu will feature locally raised fried chicken, sweet-potato biscuits, side dishes made from fruits and vegetables from local farms, and seasonal pies baked by Kemmy's Pies, starring heirloom Mendocino Grain Project flour.

People can take dinner to go, or enjoy their meal on the beautiful grounds while enjoying live music by the Back Porch Trio plus lawn games and a kids' arts and crafts table. Local beer from Anderson Valley Brewing Company and wine from BARRA will be served at the event, and a wheelbarrow donated by Mendo Mill full of prized local goods will be raffled off with tickets available for purchase at the event or online for those who can't attend.

Proceeds from the evening will support Good Farm Fund's farm mini-grant program and the farmers market Food Stamp Match program.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Venom: Let There Be Carnage'

The Story: Marvel Universe buddy picture, comedy action spectacular.



Dan Essman
Columnist

Eddie Brock (Tom Hardy) is having a tough time. He's an investigative reporter, but stories are scarce, so that ain't working out. His gorgeous sweetheart Anne (Michelle Williams) has dropped him after a series of disasters (see first flick "Venom" for details). She's taken up with safe, reliable nice guy Dan Lewis, a doctor.

Finally, Eddie's body is host to Venom, an unhappy man-eating alien symbiote who acts like a petulant spouse. The bickering odd couple, Eddie and Venom, share their low-rent San Francisco apartment with their two chickens, Sonny and Cher. Then, Eddie gets a prime gig. He's to interview serial killer Cletus Kasady

(Woody Harrelson). Seems like Eddie's luck is turning. But no. This interview sets off mass mayhem and mass murder; it's hellish shelter in San Quentin,

and only the lucky survive. Along the way, Eddie and Venom argue like a married couple pretty much non-stop.

My Thoughts: "Venom: Let There Be Carnage," a sci-fi action melodrama, is quite funny. The flick is uplifted by superb acting. Tom Hardy is great. Naomi Harris, Michele Williams and Woody Harrelson: ditto! All the secondary actors hold the screen, as well. How good is the acting? I've seen it twice, and I'm still

talking about it.
Parents: The second time I saw "Venom..." there were youngsters (9- or 10-year-olds) in the audience. They seemed to enjoy the flick. The slapstick action is well over-the-top, which is thrilling and silly, but major and minor characters suffer, and some die. The flick could lead to bad dreams. On the other hand, having an all-powerful creature like Venom living inside you who triumphs over evil is kind of neat. A guardian angel. You know your own children. Frankly, when I was 10, I wanted to see this movie despite the fact it hadn't yet been made.
Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.



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department have been sick with COVID.

Councilmember Greta Kanne expressed her "deep concern" about the COVID situation at the police department. Kanne, pointing out that the city council "has made every effort to show how much we value our police department," went on to say, "What we need back is a police force that is taking this pandemic seriously and is protecting themselves and our community. We need a police force that is taking all precautions possible to prevent them and their coworkers from getting sick."

Police Chief Lizarraga responded that he is making efforts to change the attitudes of police officers who have refused to be vaccinated, and that he is starting to see "a change of heart." The chief said that the police department is now "stressing" social distancing and wearing masks, and that when interviewing potential new officers, COVID vaccination is now "part of the conversation." Councilmember Kanne made it clear that she did not want to get in a discussion about mandatory vaccinations, and it appears from Chief Lizarraga's response that he also didn't.

Water trucks

The council continued an ongoing and still unfinished discussion of the Park well, the city-owned well just east of the rodeo grounds – and Ground Zero for hundreds of water trucks that fill up there every day, kicking up dust, endangering children walking to the ball fields (all four councilmembers present said this was a major concern), and angering enough people to become a waterlogged problem for the council.

Public Works director Scott Herman said water sales from the well are slowing, and that he expects sales, and the parade of water trucks, to drop significantly in October. The council, while agreeing not to cut off water sales, decided to wait until spring to make any further decisions.

New housing

The council gave final approval to a new residential subdivision off of Baechtel Road. Bemcore Enterprises, owned by local developer and genial rancher Ed Mitchell, is building eight single-family homes and two four-plexes on the site. Mitchell previously built the Haelh Creek subdivision behind the new hospital.

Councilmember Larry Stranske pointed out that there is a drainage problem at the new housing location during the rainy season, rainwater cascading across Baechtel Road and down Shell Lane. Stranske voiced concern that the runoff will be worsened with the elimination of open fields that absorbed much of the water.

Dusty Duley, the city's director of Community Development, said that Bemcore is adding retention ponds to catch some of the rainwater, and that the city does not think the runoff will be a significant problem. The council approved the subdivision unanimously.

Hazmat out of money

The city received a request for financial assistance from the county's Solid Waste Management Authority (also called Mendo Recycle or MSWA) to help bail out the Hazmat operation, which regularly comes to Willits to collect, at no cost to residents, hazardous waste – old tires, batteries, paint cans, used motor oil, expired prescriptions, and garden poisons and chemicals – that the county's trash haulers, including Solid Wastes of Willits, do not handle.

Since COVID started keeping many people at home and finding lots of time to clean out their garages, Hazmat pickups and costs have more than doubled. Hazmat is funded entirely by grants from environmental organizations and a "tipping fee" of \$6.50 per ton that all of the county's trash haulers are required to pay to MSWA.

This past year, Hazmat's annual cost of operation went from \$100,000 to \$220,000. Income has not increased, and the result is that the Hazmat operation is out of money, and hazardous materials, mostly old batteries, are piling up at the Hazmat yard in Ukiah until more money is available to process them.

MSWA requested a one-time financial contribution to the Hazmat fund from Willits, Ukiah, Fort Bragg, and the county, for a combined total of \$160,000, to keep Hazmat operating. Willits, with a smaller population than the other three jurisdictions, was asked to contribute \$9,280. The council unanimously approved the request.

'We're doing OK'

Public Works Director Herman reports that the city still has adequate water ("We're doing OK") despite the extreme drought. Also doing OK, and receiving a commendation from the city council, is Soroptimist International, a worldwide society of women celebrating its 100th Anniversary, and the local Willits chapter celebrating its 50th year.

The Soroptimist's mission – in addition to publishing the indispensable Willits Community Telephone Directory – is: "Providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment." It seems that the local Soroptimist also sometimes empowers boys as well, as Councilmember Gerry Gonzalez proudly mentioned that he received a Soroptimist scholarship when he graduated Willits High in 1982.

"If you have questions about

Code Enforcement News

Submitted by Mendocino County Code Enforcement Division

Between September 14 and October 1, 2021, the Mendocino County Code Enforcement Division conducted investigations regarding non-permitted commercial cannabis cultivation at the listed locations below in the Calpella, Redwood Valley and Willits areas. Any cannabis cultivation over the Medical or Adult Use exemption limit (as defined in Mendocino County Code Section 10A.17.030) is considered to be commercial cultivation. Please see the Mendocino County Code (MCC) Section 10A.17 for additional information.

Code Enforcement investigations confirmed that commercial cannabis cultivation was taking place at these locations without either a Mendocino County cultivation permit or a state cultivation license, and/or cultivation was taking place in violation of MCC Sec. 10A.17 requirements. It was determined that there were significant community quality of life concerns in these neighborhoods.

The responsible parties abated the cannabis plants after Code Enforcement engagement.

9/14/21 - 1800 block of Oak Grove Drive - 99 cannabis plants abated

9/21/21 - 15000 block of Ridgeview Road - 26 cannabis plants abated

9/22/21 - 7800 block of Uva Drive - 31 cannabis plants abated

9/23/21 - 6500 block of South State Street - 6 cannabis plants abated

9/27/21 - 2300 block of Rancheria Road - 72 cannabis plants abated

9/29/21 - 7400 block of Sems Lane - 12 cannabis plants abated

9/29/21 - 9800 block of East Road - 247 cannabis plants abated

9/30/21 - 8500 block of Pinecrest Road - 241 cannabis plants abated

10/1/21 - 6700 block of Third Gate Road - 25 cannabis plants abated

Code Enforcement intends to take additional action as needed to achieve compliance with any non-permitted structures at these locations.

The Code Enforcement Division receives all cannabis and General Code violation complaints within the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County. Complaints can be made by visiting our website at <https://www.mendocinocoounty.org/government/planning-building-services/code-enforcement> and filing an online complaint. You can also file a complaint by email at codeenforcement@mendocinocoounty.org, or by phone to 707-234 6669. Cannabis-specific complaints can also be filed by calling the Cannabis Complaint Hotline at 844-421-WEED (9333).

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Death #77: 96-year-old man from Fort Bragg area; fully vaccinated.

Death #78: 66-year-old man from Ukiah area; not vaccinated.

Death #79: 70-year-old woman from Covelo area; not vaccinated.

Death #80: 79-year-old woman from Ukiah area; fully vaccinated.

Death #81: 82-year-old woman from Fort Bragg area; fully vaccinated

Death #82: 84-year-old woman from Fort Bragg area; fully vaccinated

Death #83: 68-year-old man from Willits area; not vaccinated.

Death #84: 86-year-old man from Fort Bragg area; fully vaccinated; deceased 9/17

Death #85: 81-year-old woman from Fort Bragg; fully vaccinated.

Death #86: 51-year-old man from Ukiah; not vaccinated.

"Public Health asks all Mendocino County residents to think about the ways they are protecting themselves and their families from COVID-19," the WUSD site explains. "if contact tracing determines that the positive COVID-19 case may have been contracted outside of school."

The data from the September 20 to 24 school week on the dashboard reports 1 community-based case at Brookside Elementary, and zero other cases.

The data from the September 13 to 17 school week reports 2 community-based COVID cases at Blosser Lane Elementary and 1 community-based case at Sherwood School, and zero other cases.

The data is updated weekly, and can be viewed at www.wusdunified.com/o/wusd/page/wusd-covid-dashboard

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"This is a good and exciting acquisition for Brooktrails."

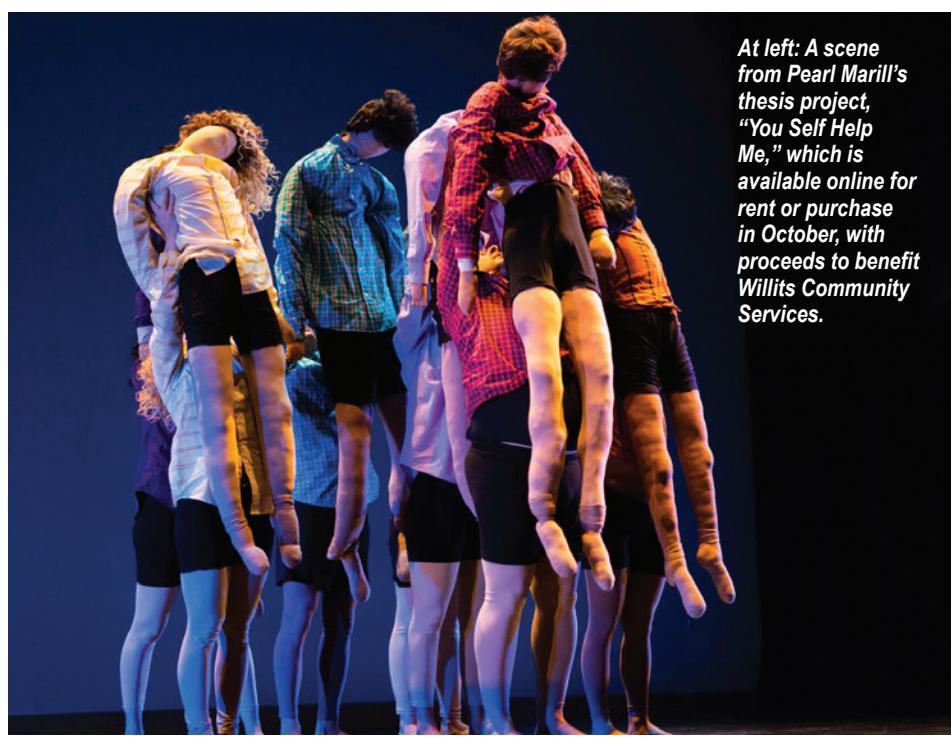
The general manager further reported that Assembly Bill 148 required the State Water Resources Control Board to conduct a survey to administer the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program and distribute \$985,000,000 in arrearage relief and revenue-loss funding to water and wastewater agencies. Under the law, if the total funding isn't enough for all of the arrears, the distribution of the funding will be on a proportional basis.

Brooktrails staff has completed the survey and submitted a claim amount of approximately \$440,000, including arrears and estimated lost revenue from late fees and administrative charges. The total amount of arrears and lost revenue submitted to the SWRCB survey is \$349,065,489 (35 percent of the total legislative allocation). It is likely that districts who reported will receive their full claim, including Brooktrails Township.

"Is that \$440,000 amount," asked Board President Rick Williams, "what we are talking about? So, if we recover this amount from the state, I take it that our customers are forgiven their debt. Is that correct?"

Alariz responded: "There will be a programmatic approach that will have to be taken. We, fortunately, have electronic records available that specifically has the individuals that were included in the calculations. I expect to have a very clear understanding by the end of October of how we will have to set up a program and what will be the ways that we implement the spending of the arrearage funding that we are going to receive from the state."

Williams asked, "Is this \$985 million state money or federal money?" Alariz responded that it is state money. Counsel Chris Neary remarked: "California has, I think, a \$72 billion surplus this year due to unexpected tax revenues. A large part of this is capital gains paid by Silicon Valley mergers and acquisitions."



At left: A scene from Pearl Marill's thesis project, "You Self Help Me," which is available online for rent or purchase in October, with proceeds to benefit Willits Community Services.

'You Self Help Me' video honors Jim Marill and benefits WCS

Submitted by Pearl Marill

October is my dad Jim Marill's birthday month - October 27, 1951 was his precise birthday, and I was thinking how I really want to do something special in his memory. I decided I wanted to use my art to honor my dad and support the community he loved so dearly and that I was lucky to grow up in.

The last few years of my dad's life coincided with the completion of my MFA at UCLA. My thesis project, "You Self Help Me," is a show that confronts fear, grief and loss through dance, comedy, and poetry. This show is very much about my dad and the deep love and grief I was feeling at the time the show was being created.

I'd like people to know that my thesis performance, "You Self Help Me," is available for all of October to rent or buy on this video platform and that proceeds will go to the Willits Community Services and Food Bank, where my dad served as director for 23 years. Specific programs that video sale funds will support include the local "Homeless Shelter Motel Nights" and the "Elder Food Delivery Program."

My dad was one of the most generous people I've known. His mischievous smile, twinkling eyes and booming laugh lit up the room. He had the ability to make people feel at ease, not judged, calm, and comfortable. I miss him every day and know how much his community misses him too. It would mean so much to me for my art (which was truly a collaboration between me and my dad) to help support an organization and community where my dad dedicated so much of his time, love, creativity, and vital energy.

Here is the link to the video and a trailer. People have the option to rent the full video performance for \$7.99 or buy it for \$19.99.

<http://pearlmarillexperiences.vhx.tv>

From the video link: "Pearl Marill's M.F.A Thesis Show, "You Self Help Me" is a show that confronts fear, grief and loss through dance, comedy, and poetry. It is a raw, from the heart, tender collaboration with and for one of the HUGEST loves of Pearl's life, her father, Jim Marill.

"Kind and Gentle warning: This show contains large amounts of love, and also large amounts of sadness. Laughter and tears may likely coexist. Tissues are advised."



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M-F 9am -11:30am 1:30pm-4:30 pm	Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic 1245 S. Main Street, Willits	Pfizer 4 days a week Moderna 1 day a week	Best to make an appointment. Do not need to be a patient 459-6861
M-F 9am -11:45am 12:45pm-3pm	Little Lake Health Center 45 Hazel Street, Willits	Pfizer & Moderna	Best to make an appointment. Do not need to be a patient. 459-9600
M-F 10am -12pm 2pm-4 pm	Adventist Health Redwood Medical Clinic 3 Marcela Drive Suite C Willits	Moderna and J&J	Walk ups welcome. Do not need to be a patient. 459-6115
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We love our Willits healthcare workers! We know that you are stressed, overworked, and frustrated at the state of things. We understand that you may be stretched to your breaking point and we want to acknowledge how much you mean to us, the residents and visitors of Mendocino County.

Our community wants to thank you, the Willits healthcare workers, administrators, and staff who go above and beyond to care for us. In addition to being vaccinated we want to help provide just a little respite. To that end we are raising money so that any employee of Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital can get a free massage, chiropractic adjustment, or other form of self-care on us. All community donations raised will go towards this small token of appreciation.

To the Willits community, please consider donating to this effort to thank our healthcare workers. The goal is \$8,000, and at press time, \$6,215 has been raised. To contribute, visit gofundme.com/f/we-love-our-willits-healthcare-workers

Below is a partial list of local providers that will participate in this gift. Interested healthcare workers only need to make an appointment and show that you work at Howard. If a healthcare provider wants a massage or service not listed here

(pedicures, meal delivery service, etc.) they can reach out to mshollymadrigal@gmail.com and we'll arrange it. This gift will run through December 10 and will be on a first-come-first-served basis with unspent funds donated to the hospital staff.

Our community supports all our health care workers including the amazing staff at Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic and Little Lake Health Center. They have gone above and beyond to get our community vaccinated, working far past regular hours to keep us healthy. We're encouraging a second fundraiser to offer thank you gifts for these wonderful clinic staff. If someone wants to help with this we are happy to share tips on how to do it. We want to extend our thanks to the whole healthcare community.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to health care providers in Willits and beyond for your courage and heart. Thank you.

Healing Central Chiropractic: Shawna Handschug and Israel Perry 707-456-1030

Shannon Gillespie: 707-459-8800

Kelly Foutz: 707-354-2045

Lucy Sharp: 707-367-2622 (limited availability)

Mara Welker: 707-272-5312 (vaccinated clients, in their homes)

Talia Holley: 707-367-2523 (limited availability)



Above: Three of Willits' local Howard Hospital staffers: Director of Emergency Services Amy Buckingham, left, with nurses Linda Prestly and Deena Kirkwood Yadon.



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