Brooktrails board honors late director **Santos**

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The October 8 Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board meeting began on a solemn note as Board President Tina Tyler O'Shea read a Proclamation to Honor Director Ralph Santos who passed away recently.

"In recognition of thirteen years of service to the people of Brooktrails; To honor his thoughtful pragmatism toward decision-making; acknowledgement of the valuable contributions he made to bring balance to Board discussions; With gratitude for the time he took to represent the District with the Mendocino County Fire Districts Association; and

For his ongoing generous and caring support to District staff and its leadership, and especially to this General Manager.

The Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District hereby proclaims their grateful recognition upon the passing of Board member, Ralph Santos. This 8th day of October, 2024."

Read the rest of Brooktrails

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Juvenile arrested for criminal threats against Round Valley schools

By Sgt. T. Del Fiorentino, for MCSO

On Saturday, October 12, 2024, at approximately 3:52 pm, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the Round Valley Tribal Police Department. Sheriff's Office deputies were advised of possible threats made toward the Round Valley High School, 76000 block of High School Street in Covelo, and also the Covelo Elementary School.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office takes threats of this nature very seriously, and several assigned deputies the Round Valley area responded immediately and began an investigation into the threats.

Deputies conducted a thorough investigation with the assistance of school officials and the Round Valley Tribal Police Department. **Deputies** learned the threats included plans of violence at the schools, which were to occur during the week of October 10-13, 2024.

The subject who made

Read the rest of Arrested Over on Page 2

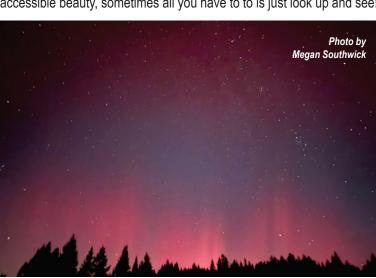


Above: Wednesday morning's view of the misty mountains and raindrops on the windshield made it feel like fall, indeed. Below: The Comet A3 - C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) shoots across the night sky on Monday, October 14 above the Golden Rule Ranch on Ridgewood Grade. Below, right: The Aurora on Thursday, October 10 from Lake Ada Rose in Brooktrails shining pink and purple in above the



The fall sky provides variety of exquisite sights over the last week

Whether it be the colorful rainbow of the Northern Lights, the sparkling tail of a comet, or the rain-giving clouds, this last week or so, the autumn sky has put on quite a show! We're so lucky to live in a place of such accessible beauty, sometimes all you have to to is just look up and see!





Mathew Alaniz.

Photo by

Robin Leler.



Gerry Gonzalez.



Saprina Rodriguez.



Tom Allman.

Willits Weekly's 2024 local election Q&As

It's election time again, and time for another round of Willits Weekly candidate Q&As. Thankfully, we have three

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David Lilker.

contested Willits and Third District races on our November 5, 2024 ballots. We have more candidates running than seats available in the

elections for Willits City Council, for the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees, and for Trustee Area 3 (Willits, Laytonville, Covelo) on the Mendocino County Office of Education Board of Trustees. Thank you to all the candidates who have stepped up to run this year!

In 2022, there were two seats up for reelection on the Willits City Council, and although incumbents Greta Kanne and Larry Stranske had invited others to run for council, only those two incumbents filed.

With only two candidates filed to run for two seats, Voter Registrar Katrina Bartolomie declared Councilmembers Kanne and Stranske as "To Be Appointed," the usual practice for any local election when not enough candidates have filed to make it a contested race.

So we didn't subject Kanne and Stranske to a Q&A in 2022. But when there are contested elections, we're happy to print local candidates' thoughtful answers to our questions – in their own words.

We have five candidates running for three seats on Willits City Council this time: write-in candidate and current Mayor Saprina Rodriguez; current Vice Mayor Gerry Gonzalez; and challengers Mathew Alaniz, Tom Allman, and Robin Leler. See Page 6 for the WCC Q&A.

For Willits Unified School Board, we have three candidates running for two seats: incumbent Dianne McNeal and challengers April Lamprich and David Lilker. See Page 15 for the WUSD Q&A.

For Trustee Area 3 representative on the Mendocino College Office of Education board, a position held by Charline Ford of Willits since 2008, before she retired

this year, there are two candidates for one seat: Michelle Hutchins and David Strock. See Page 4 for the MCOE Q&A.

The Willits City Council portion of the October 8 Willits Candidates Forum put on by multiple local organizations has been posted at the Willits Community Television YouTube page at https:// youtu.be/tCanLfXAKsA

Council proposes

new location for park pavilion

By B.B. Kamoroff

The proposed location of the farmers market pavilion in Bud Snyder Park (City Park) is being changed. At the October 9 Willits City Council meeting the council decided that the pavilion should be located in the middle grassy area of the park, with a concrete driveway in the park from State Street to the pavilion.

previous endorsed by the council after months of staff time and public input, was to build a pavilion at the northeast corner of the park, near the intersection of State and Marin streets, a location that was recommended by city staff and preferred by local residents (those who expressed opinions during the long planning stage). That location was suddenly, and with no prior indications, rejected.

It was a very long and multi-opinionated meeting, with a jolting turn-around at the end. City staff and the public spoke as though the location had long been settled. Vice Mayor Gerry Gonzalez and Councilmember Greta

Read the rest of Pavilion

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Fire board hears an assortment of items

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Last week's October 8 meeting of the board of directors for the Little Lake Protection District topically assorted. The board and the Little Lake crew discussed the progress of their ongoing Nexus study. Ukiah Valley Fire Authority Fire Marshal Matt Keizer, who's assisting with the study and helping Little Lake update its fee schedule, will also be aiding the department in modifying a few of its current ordinances.

One new modification to the fire code will give Little Lake Fire more discretion when requiring businesses opening within the City of Willits to have a fire monitoring alarm system. Right now, all business must have smoke detectors in place, but going forward, some will need additional protection.

Little Lake Fire Chief Eric Alvarez elaborated on the details, saying: "Certain factors would be taken into consideration for a new business, like use, fuel loading, and exposures

Read the rest of **LLFD**



April Lamprich.



Dianne McNeal.

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THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

October 2024 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

With 100 degree weather in October and no forecast of rain, the D word is on my mind. As Chair of the General Government Committee, we worked on the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan. The GGC is the Drought Task Force, and we have to comply with SB 552. This requires a risk assessment and proposed approaches for developing shortterm and long-term mitigation strategies. Whether it rains or not in the near future, we have to look at our infrastructure capabilities such as storage, interties between different water systems, and conservation.

The county was awarded the first phase of the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant for fuel reduction, vegetation management, and home hardening in Brooktrails. County staff has been diligent in submitting a successful application. This will provide \$3.5 million in initial planning for community safety. We are hopeful that subsequent phases will provide additional funding to complete the project.

We live in a rural county hoping to hear birds singing in the mornings and crickets at night as well as enjoying social events. We try to be good neighbors and respect the rights of others. Yet sometimes instead of a peaceful evening eating dinner on the back porch or falling to sleep to the sounds of nature, blasting music, squealing tires, or loud machinery is heard.

Supervisor McGourty brought a proposal to create a noise ordinance for the county. When a raucous party is disturbing a neighborhood or community, people will call the Sheriff's Office, a deputy will come out with few options besides appealing to a sense of propriety. The goal is to have more tools available so that our communities remain livable, enjoyable environments.

I proposed a limit on campaign contributions to candidates. This is to make for good govern-ment by preventing corruption or the appearance of corruption. Currently, Mendocino County defaults to the state limit of \$5,500 per individual. Many counties have adopted limits of be-tween \$500 and \$1,500 per individual and double that amount for committees. The Board ap-proved moving forward with this item. I will be working with Supervisor McGourty and County Counsel to bring back limits and ordinance language.

There monthly Talk with the Supervisor took place October 10 at Brickhouse Coffee in Willits. I am available by email haschaki@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-972-4214.

Farmers Market moves indoors November 7

Willits Farmers Market is moving indoors to Little Lake Grange on November 7. The Grange, at 291 School Street, is the winter home for the market. Expect to see all the same vendors, all the same reat produce, local meat, crafts, and, of course,

Farmers Market takes place every Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 pm (Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays excepted).

- Michael Foley, for the Willits Farmers Market

The Rules: LETTERS

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Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. Deadline is end of day Monday for each Thursday edition. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be



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Senior Center menu for the week

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

Thursday, October 17: Chef Salad, Garlic Bread Friday, October 18: Shrimp Tacos, Rice & Beans Monday. October 21: Stuffed Peppers. Rice.

Tuesday, October 22: Chicken Casserole,

Wednesday, October 23: Beef Stew. Roll Thursday, October 24: Chicken Salad Sandwich,

Chips, Pickle Friday, October 25: Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry,

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm.

Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to

Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday, on November 10 next month, 8 to 11 am

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.

General election ballots mailed October 7

Submitted by Mendocino County **Elections Office**

On Monday, October 7, 2024, the Official Ballots for the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election were mailed to all active registered voters in Mendocino County.

In past elections, the envelopes containing the ballots included an insert notifying voters of our local polling and drop off locations with the Official ballot mailing. However, with this election the inserts were not mailed out with the

The print vendor created and printed a separate mailing with the polling and drop off locations that will be mailed to each active registered voter, at no additional cost to the county. The mailing uses a similar format as our outgoing ballot envelope (blue stripe on the left side of the envelope), so that voters will recognize that the information included was related to the ballot mailing. The outside of this flyer says "IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION" - this mailing is not another ballot, but information as to where you can drop off your ballots and where our local polling locations

Voters should also be aware; if you re-registered, through DMV or elsewhere, after September 20, 2024 (when we sent our voter file to the printer), you may receive an additional ballot. If you receive more than one ballot, please call the Elections Office and we will help you. We are required by law to send a new ballot if there is a new or a re-registration - this can be confusing. Please call the Elections Office if you need assistance.

To save time processing ballots, this election we did not include a perforated stub at the top of the ballot. The stub directed voters to remove it before returning it to us, many voters left the stub on the ballot. The stub had to be removed by staff before the ballot can be tabulated

You can check the status of your ballot by visiting https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessorcounty-clerk-recorder-elections/elections/vote-by-mailabsentee-status, or by calling our Election's Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Election's Office by calling 707-234-6819 or emailing us at mcvotes@ mendocinocounty.gov

October is a great month to share ideas about wildfire resilience

Submitted by Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

As another fire season stretches into what used to be fall, Mendocino County residents have a chance to lay out their priorities for protecting their communities from

The county is updating its Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which is a chance to bring in federal money to pay for fire resilience and recovery projects. The plan was last updated in 2015, well before "defensible space" and "fuel reduction" had become bywords in the age of weeks-long

And that has real ramifications, according to Emily Tecchio, the county coordinator for the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council. "Our last CWPP is from 2015, which is before we had our major fires," she noted. "It's also before a lot of the science started getting solidified around home hardening, especially that Zone Zero, first 5 feet around your home, so none of that is in there.

Also absent is any mention of the harmful effects of air pollution due to massive wildfires. In August, the US Environmental Protection Agency reported "elevated concentrations of fine particle air pollution" in New England, due to smoke from fires in Canada.

But now, there is a new recognition of the importance of fire resilience. That recognition includes money from the climate change programs contained in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Specifically, a five-year community wildfire defense grant is tied to projects listed in the CWPP.

The Fire Safe Council's Tecchio thinks finding out what your neighbors' safety priorities are can be a great way to build community, too. "The CWPP is really a vehicle for nonprofits and agencies to apply for funding for the projects that are listed in there," she reflected. "It's also an opportunity to bring awareness about the different projects and what your neighbors want. Maybe you guys your neighborhood.

approximately 600-acres of grasslands, chaparral, and understory

vegetation within oak woodlands and mixed conifer habitats, creating

County, east of Highway 101, and southeast of the town of Laytonville.

Friday, October 25, 2024. Burning will start at approximately 8 am,

and conclude at approximately 3 pm daily.

Burning will begin on Monday, October 21, 2024, and end on

This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state

and brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels

reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress

being made, both in your community and throughout California, visit

the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at https://www.fire.ca.gov/

and fuel conditions. Smoke and aircraft may be visible in the area.

have the same goals, and you can partner. The document is about trying to secure funding, but funding for what the community wants."

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is encouraging local people to articulate their needs as clearly as possible, to improve their chances of getting funded for the projects that are most likely to protect them from wildfire. This month, there are two opportunities to learn about the plan in person. People can also share written input through the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council website, at firesafemendocino.org/mccwpp/. There, visitors can peruse the current plan and find a link to a survey, where they can describe a project proposal to any degree of specificity or generality, from type of project and location to methodology and maintenance requirements.

On October 21, there will be a community meeting with county officials and representatives from SWCA, the contractor preparing the new plan. That's a Monday night, from 6 to 8 pm, at the Regional Behavioral Health Training Center at 8207 East Road in Redwood Valley.

On a more festive note, community members can also offer input on the plan at this year's Pumpkinfest in Ukiah. The Ukiah Valley Fire Authority is hosting a Fire and Safety Expo on Saturday, October 19. As kids pretend to be rescued from a staged burning, parents can learn more about how to contribute to the upcoming Community Wildfire Protection Plan. "The purpose of a CWPP is to collect input from the community," Tecchio urged. "Everybody is in danger of burning, whether they

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council's mission is to help communities survive and thrive in a wildfire-prone environment. Visit our website, firesafemendocino.org, to find out how we can help you improve fire resiliency in





Above, from left: Adam Winokur of the band Low Skies and a Willits Area Cyclists member explain how to become involved with WAC. A few of the auction items that helped to raise money to replace the stolen tools. Abigail Sherf helps serve dinner to the attendees. Below, left: Adam Sherf is in charge of plating for the Taco Rampage dinner. Below, right: Brian and Kathleen Ferri-Taylor enjoy a taco dinner while listening to the music. Further below: Dan Beebe filled his plate to brimming with the tacos, beans and rice.





Taco Rampage

Willits Area Cyclists hold fundraising dinner to replace stolen equipment

The tacos at the Willits Area Cyclists' Taco Rampage dinner emerged at a furious pace from the Little Lake

Mathew Caine

Grange kitchen, a competition for the pace of the Red Bull Rampage, which showed continuously on the screen with its depiction of the high-flying, acrobatic moves at

this extreme biking event. The band, Low Skies, played favorites as the athletes on the screen sped through the natural outdoor course with its twists and jumps, flying with reckless abandon, to the delight of the more experienced riders in the audience.

The event, held last Saturday, was organized to recoup some of the losses incurred when thieves stole the trailer which the organization utilized for their many work days and which contained many tools vital to their trail-building and maintenance projects.

"Today, we're putting together a fundraiser," said Vice-President of Willits Area Cyclists Chris Beebe. "We just recently had our trailer stolen and we lost a lot of tools out of it as well as some crucial components for our new excavator. We are trying to recoup some costs and to replace all that equipment and to keep our trails up and running. We share the excavator with the Ukiah Valley Trail Group. Adventist Health bought us an excavator. We recently brought it to them and one of the buckets was still in our trailer when it was stolen.

"Now the trailer has been recovered," said Beebe. "It was at the bottom of Eagle Court in Spring Creek. It was graffitied all on the outside. All of our shovels were missing. Loppers were missing. I think they expected it to have more high-dollar items in it, like expensive mountain bikes. Now we know we can't leave our trailer where we are doing the work. It kind of took a little faith out of humanity for us. Now. area. "We're trying to ramp it up and make it so we don't we plan to haul the trailer in at the end of the day."

WAC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has been dedicated to making mountain biking a reality in the Little Lake Valley community since 2016. They have built and maintained cycling and hiking trails in the Brooktrails area that are enjoyed by many of the local riders and were vital to clearing the trails after a major snow storm destroyed many routes a few years ago. They are currently creating a beginners loop trail between Lake Ada Rose and the Par Course.

"There's a bit of a mountain there that Brooktrails gave us, the Anchorage Trail," explained Beebe. "On the upper part of that, we created an eighth-of-a-mile loop. We're going to create a bunch of descents. This is to get beginner

riders familiar with their bikes, more familiar with the terrain. before they get out on the bigger trails."

tacos, two to a plate, rice and beans, and a generous helping of salsa and sour cream. Other beverages could be purchased on a donation basis, as were the donated Auctioneer Billy Hetherington deftly controlled the bidding

The well-attended event included the aforementioned

to obtain the maximum dollar amounts for the items. which included a variety of clothing items, locally made jewelry, backpacks, mushroom gift packs, a gift certificate from The Book Juggler, plants, homegrown and home-produced olive oil, mountain bike parts, a Flying Dog Pizza gift card, kayak trips with sea cave tours, and more. In addition to their trail-building activities, WAC

contributes to a "mountain bike team in conjunction with Fort Bragg and Ukiah," said Beebe. "The team is called 'The Mendo Composite.' The kids are from grades six through 12. We practice once a week. The practice season starts October 15 and goes through May. We compete in all the NorCal races, basically from Redwood City and north.

"We are coaching these kids," said Beebe. "There are 19 teams in all. We compete in Monterey, Granite Bay, Sacramento, Stafford Lake, Novato, four major races and six sigma and they'll do a final grade. My 12-year-old daughter did it last year and got first place. I'm a coach as well. We're getting a big uptick in kids wanting to do it. We have Camp Wente where we can go ride. We ride over in Caspar, on the coast quite a bit, Jackson State Forest."

WAC consists of a group of hard-working trail stewards who love to create an environment where everyone can enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities of the have to travel so far to ride cool stuff," continued Beebe. "We have amazing terrain. We have redwoods. We have rivers. We have creeks. We've recently kind of teamed up with the Ukiah Valley Trail Group with whom we shared the excavator. We have more young blood up here, people who are excited about mountain bike trails. The Ukiah Valley group is more about hiking trails, a more elderly crowd. If we team up together, we can offer something for

"We're not going to let some petty thieves snuff us out. They're the worst species of human," concluded Beebe.

For more information on the Willits Area Cyclists, visit their Facebook page or https://wactrails.wixsite.com/ride.



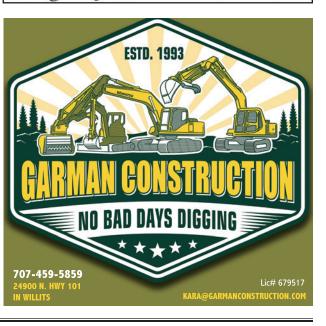




Some young attendees add whipped cream to their pie slices. At left: Fran Gardner displays her Willits Area Cyclists Photos by

Mathew Caine





Shamrock Ranch prescribed burn From page 1 Arrested set for next week the threats toward the schools was identified as Submitted by CAL FIRE MEU a 17-year-old juvenile from Covelo. The subject was located and placed under arrest for 422 PC The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino (criminal threats). The subject was subsequently Unit has rescheduled the vegetation management prescribed burn on transported and booked into the Mendocino County the Shamrock Ranch for next week. This prescribed burn will treat Juvenile Hall for the above listed charge.

Based on the investigation, it was determined the juvenile was acting alone while planning these a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned threats, and there were no other outstanding subjects involved in the incident. The Shamrock Ranch is in the northern portion of Mendocino As of the publication of this press release

> (October 14), the juvenile subject remains in custody, and there is no current threat to the Round Valley High School, Elementary School, students, or faculty. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like

and Round Valley school officials who assisted with

to thank the Round Valley Tribal Police Department

Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Communications Center at 707-463-4086. Information can also be provided This project burn will be conducted under strictly controlled weather anonymously by calling the non-emergency tip line at 707-234-2100.



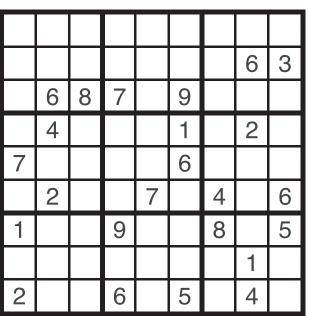




what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction.

Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



BOIL

BROIL

CHILL

CHOP

COMBINE

CREAM

CUBE

CUT

DESSERT

CLUES ACROSS

1. Tall, upright post on a boat

9. Used to refer to cited

13. Former UK PM May

15. Cold region of Russia

16. Standard operating

procedure

21. A way to map out

22. Referee declares

25. Water (Spanish)

of an organism

29. Spanish friends

31. A type of tree

33. Walk heavily

34. About a wood

invertebrate

39. SB19 hit song

27. Non-reproductive parts

36. Free-swimming marine

38. Political action committee

26. Gov't lawyers

17. Separating

19. Particles

23. Beginner

5. Basics

works

11. Folds

DICE

DINNER

DOT

DRAIN

FLOUR

FOLD

FRYING

GARNISH

GRATE

GREASE

INGREDIENT

KNEAD

MEAL

PAN FRY

PASTRY

PEELING

ROLL

MAKE A MEAL WORD SEARCH

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

8:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of Mill Street.

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

October 7

7-day reporting period.

6:02 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Central Street and Oak Street and issued a citation.

7:31 pm: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street. 7:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of East

Hill Road and Sanhedrin Circle.

9:40 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue and issued a citation.

1:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of

10:31 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

SALTY

SAUTE

SIFTED

SIMMER

STOVETOP

SUGAR

SWEETENED

TOSS

WHIP

12. Edible starch

14. Middle Eastern

military title

15. Protein-rich liquids

18. Indian musical pattern

20. Cancer and Capricorn

Arabian peninsula

28. Fishes of the herring

34. Popular music app

35. Cooking material

37. Musical instrument

40. Small amounts

42. Poured

43. Fabric

45. Food option

47. Finger millet

49. The U. of Miami

51. Canadian flyers

mascot is one

50. Alberta, Canada river

55. Dry white wine drink

38. San Diego ballplayers

24. Country along the

26. A bend

family

30. Antelopes

32. Chaos

41. Scorch the surface of

43. Moved quickly on foot

48. Pearl Jam frontman

53. Something requiring

59. Rock frontman Durst

CLUES DOWN

1. One who rides an

2. Absence of bacteria

3. Soviet Socialist Republic

4. Men's fashion accessories

5. 'Honey' actress Jessica

7. Latin term for 'charity'

8. Doesn't smell good

9. Mental health issue

10. Millisecond

11. Hairstyle

6. Round red root vegetable

elephant

52. Irritating person

a solution

57. Taiwan capital

58. Impudence

46. Growl

54. Firing

56. Hazards

44. Sacred state for a Muslim

9:28 am: FARIASVANSICCKLE, Littlefeather Trinidad (23) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of criminal conspiracy, carrying a loaded firearm in public, possession of a controlled

The officers of the Willits Police substance while armed with a loaded Department handled 47 incidents in this firearm, and possession of a controlled substance for sale, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and resisting an officer.

> 5:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

6:12 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Pine Street and Mill Street following a disturbance and issued

October 11

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

October 7 to October 13 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

> 12:33 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of

> 5:50 pm: CAMPBELL JR., Leonard Ralph (52) of Hopland was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

October 12

9:45 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of California Street and South Main Street.

October 13

12:49 pm: JASYTE, Gabriele (34) of Mendocino was contacted in the 500 block of South Main Street following a report of an unwanted subject. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of trespassing

6:03 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Holly Street and Magnolia Avenue.

Q&A for Mendocino County Office of Education, Trustee Area 3

The Mendocino County Office of Education has a seat open for Trustee Area 3 in the November 5, 2024 election. Trustee Area 3 represents Covelo, Laytonville and Willits on the county board. Two candidates filed to run for the open Trustee Area 3 seat, Willits resident Michelle Hutchins, educator and business owner, and Willits resident David Strock, parent and county planner. Willits Weekly sent both candidates our Q&A, and here is

Trustee Area 3 voters about yourself.

for Mendocino County.

My wife and I are both musicians and theater artists. We are passionate about arts education, and have participated in many productions with Willits Community Theatre, I'm running to support teachers, expand vocational training, and ensure

We've had the same representative for Trustee Area 3 on the MCOE board since 2008 (Trustee Charline Ford was first elected in November 2007). As the new representative, are there changes you would

role in decisions that impact all local school districts, from approving the budget to overseeing charter schools. Who represents us on the board directly influences how resources are allocated, how teachers and staff are supported, and the types of programs available to students. Having a representative who understands our local challenges ensures that the board's decisions truly reflect the needs of our schools

Can you talk about one of the top challenges likely to face the MCOE board over the next four years, and how you would approach the

difficult for educators to afford to live here in Mendocino County. I will advocate for

What else you would like the community to know about you with respect to being the Trustee Area 3 representative on the county board of education?

schools because I grew up here and understand the unique challenges we face. My experiences working with students, and my conversations with parents and educators, drive my commitment to advocating for fair wages, expanding vocational programs, and supporting arts and mental health services. I'll always be accessible, open to feedback, and dedicated to making sure all students in Mendocino County have the opportunities they deserve.

the response we received.

Please summarize your background and tell David Strock: I was raised in Mendocino County and

graduated from Willits High School, so I understand the challenges our students and teachers face. I was pursuing a career as a math teacher in 2020, when the pandemic changed my trajectory. I now work as a Planner

every student has the opportunity to succeed in our schools.

prioritize, or current policies you support and would like to highlight?

David Strock: Charline Ford was actually my leadership teacher in high school, and I deeply respect the work she's done for our schools. If elected, I would prioritize ensuring fair wages for teachers and school staff, expanding vocational programs, and supporting arts education. I also want to focus on improving access to mental health services for students. I'm committed to continuing that work while addressing the evolving needs of our community.

Why should voters care about who represents us on the MCOE board? What affect do the board's decisions have on the local school districts?

David Strock: The Mendocino County Office of Education board plays a key

David Strock: As housing prices continue to rise, it's becoming increasingly fair wages and push for policies that create more affordable housing options. If we can't keep our teachers due to housing costs and low wages, our students lose that consistency and quality of instruction. I believe in advocating not just for fair wages, but also for better support systems like professional development, mental health resources, and a positive work environment. Ensuring our teachers can live and work in our community benefits everyone.

David Strock: I want the community to know that I'm deeply invested in our









Above, from left: A colorful floral quilt is one of the many finished pieces that hang on the walls of The Fat Quail Quilt Shop. Pre-printed panels can be utilized in a quilter's designs. This Amish-inspired quilt is done with fusable appliques. Purses can also be made with quilting techniques. Below, left: Two regular regular customers, Becky Smith and Sherry Keys, come to work and play and talk. Shop owner Debbie Bowles is in the back corner.. Below, right: Patterns also come in three dimensions for the avid hobbyist.





Below: Built in an old house, The Fat Quail has many rooms nooks and crannies to explore. Further below, left: The Fat Quail Quilt Shop's owner, Debbie Bowles, loves this fat quail quilt. Further below, right: Bolts of fabric line several of the walls in The Fat Quail. At bottom: The Fat Quail Quilt Shop is in a house on lighway 101 in Laytonville

Sewing Wonderland

The Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville celebrates 20 years of providing fabric, supplies and guidance to local quilters

"I think a lot of the allure of quilting is generational," opined Debbie Bowles, owner and proprietor of The Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville, as she was celebrating her first 20 years in business. "People who come in talk about how their grandmother guilted and

Mathew Caine

how they have a quilt from them, and they are sure they inherited the same genes. Also, I think it's something that people like to do to give to someone else. It's like giving of your heritage. Art is very

The Fat Quail, named after a rather rotund male quail that lives with his young charges in a woodpile in back of the shop, looks like an unassuming house on Highway 101, but inside is a wonderland of quilts and colors. An avid quilter can get lost for hours amongst the materials, soft sculptures, and educational material. But one cannot order any of Bowles' goods online as one of the reasons she goes to work every day is to meet and talk with the guilt hobby artists and enthusiasts.

"I'd rather wait on my customers that are here than have people order online," continued Bowles. "If someone comes in and picks something out and wants me to mail it to them, that is something I'm happy to do because they've come in and picked it out. I did this store because I like people. I enjoy talking with them. It's not because I want to sit in front of a computer all day.

The Fat Quail Quilt Shop is more than a place to buy materials. It is a place to gain ideas, techniques and friends. When Willits Weekly was in the shop, two friends, Becky Smith and Sherry Keys, were working diligently on their creations as they talked and laughed and generally enjoyed the atmosphere and having a place to meet and work on their craft.

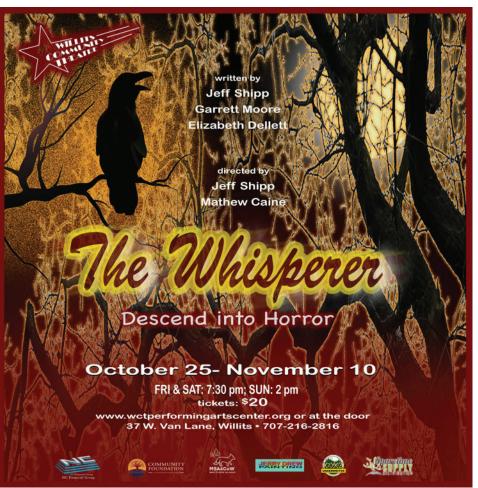
"Oh, I love it here. I love coming up every week," said Smith. "They're so friendly and nice, and we share everything in common. We have lunch together. We talk. We're not cliquey. It's like a social club. Debbie helps us out a lot. She's very patient with us."

Although Bowles is not an avid quilt show goer, she participates in an annual quilt show, called "Quilty Pleasures." "We have been making a quilt every year and auctioning it off at our outdoor quilt show. The community has been so supportive of our raffle that we have been able to award about five scholarships each year." She also vends at the Laytonville Christmas Bazaar.

The Fat Quail has been honored on several occasions, one time by "Quilt Read the rest of Sampler Magazine."

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Q&A for Willits City Council

Willits City Council has five candidates running for three open seats in the November 5, 2024 election. The candidates are: write-in candidate and current Mayor and challengers Mathew Alaniz, teacher / educator; Tom school teacher. Only voters who live inside City of Willits limits will see the Willits City Council race on their ballot.

Willits Weekly sent all five candidates our Q&A, and here are the responses we received.

Please summarize your background and tell City of Willits voters about yourself.

Mathew Alaniz: I'm a native Californian. I grew up in Phelan – a small town in the deserts of San Bernardino County between LA and Vegas. My father was a decorated USMC Vietnam vet disabled from the war and has since passed; my mom worked as a homemaker and still tends to her family across the state.

I teach Mathematics at Willits High and have been in education for over 24 years including time as a school administrator. My wife, Tamara, is the Brooktrails Community Services District's General Manager, and this Halloween we'll celebrate our 29th anniversary. Our faith is a big part of our lives, and we are active in our local parish. We love going to see live concerts, especially for a metal show, and are strong supporters of our local WCT. Our son, Xander, lives on his own in SoCal and works in mental health services helping families with autistic members.

Tom Allman: I have lived in the Willits area for approximately 40 years, moving into the city limits earlier this year. I retired from the Sheriff's Office in December 2019, after being elected to the Office of Sheriff/Coroner four times. My wife and I raised two sons who graduated from Willits High School. I was raised in Garberville, graduating from South Fork High School. As Sheriff, I have led our county through numerous disaster operations, including the 2008 and 2017 fire disasters. I have also led large and intense investigations which were successfully concluded. I managed a \$25m+ budget for 14 years.

I shop local, I work local (from my house), and I encourage my family and friends to help our local merchants. I am accessible, visible, and I listen. I assist in raising money for county each year

Gerry Gonzalez: I am Gerardo "Gerry" Gonzalez, and towards its next steps by working together. I was born and raised in the City of Willits. I attended school in Willits and graduated from Willits High School. I earned an A.A. in Business from Mendocino College and a B.A. in Business Management and Criminal Justice Administration from Sonoma State University. I worked my way through college as a police dispatcher for the Willits Police Department. I later attended the Police Academy and worked for the Police Department for 30 plus years. I was an officer, Sergeant, Captain, and ultimately became Chief of Police, which was a position I held for 13 years until I retired in 2016. I met my wife, Barbarie, at Sonoma State, and she later moved to Willits after she graduated from college. I have served on the local school board and Little Lake Fire board. I have worked as a substitute teacher for Willits Unified.

Robin Leler: I am the daughter of a blond Nebraska farm girl who taught at a historically black college in the deep south in the 1940s, and a shy Jewish boy from Chicago, who used his WWII G.I. benefits to become an electrical engineer, technical writer, and poet. I grew up in a culturally diverse neighborhood in Palo Alto; 30 homes of Black, White and Asian families, who were active in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. I stayed in Palo Alto when my family moved east, put myself through senior year of high school (class of 1969), and started college. I joined Ecology Action/Common Ground in 1971, volunteering at one of the first recycling centers in the country, comanaging an organic garden supply store, and teaching classes in food self-sufficiency. I came to the Willits area in to expand housing while limiting sprawl, are: 1) live/work 1982, with EA's research farm.

Saprina Rodriguez: I've spent half my childhood and over 30 years of adulthood in Willits, raising my family with my husband and best friend, Martin Rodriguez. Together, we are local business owners, deeply connected to our community. I currently serve as Mayor on the City Council, focusing on growth and the well-being of our residents.

With degrees in Business Management, Accounting, and Child Development, I approach leadership with a strong foundation in problem-solving. Community service is at my core, and I dedicate 10 to 20 hours a week to volunteerism, including running a non-profit from my home for Foster Youth and families in crisis.

My advocacy covers youth programs, financial accountability, government transparency, and support for the Senior Center. As a leader, I strive to make decisions based on logic and research, always prioritizing the best interests of Willits.

Why are you running for election or reelection to the Willits City Council?

Tom Allman: In August, several city employees approached me and asked me to run for city council. I ride my bicycle around Willits 5-6 evenings a week and I have discussed the possibility of running for city council with many friends and residents who live in Willits. I was encouraged to run for several reasons. I enjoy working on fresh ideas which are solutions to existing problems. While sitting on the city council is a team effort, each councilperson must be an independent thinker and offer thoughts and ideas to issues facing the city. Willits is a unique city, and as such, often requires unique solutions. My three top priorities are: Improved Public Safety, Safer Streets and treating City of Willits employees as the important people which they are. Improved Public Safety includes an improved working relationship with Mendocino County. Increasing services for Mental Health clients has always been a priority for me.

Gerry Gonzalez: I have made a career out of public service in government related organizations and on the local level with nonprofits and volunteer work with the opportunity to live and work in this country and he asked for it.

instilled a strong work ethic and the need to give back to our community. There is a lot of work still left to be done. Our local community facilities were long ignored and maintenance was deferred. Measure K funding will allow us to deal with aging city facilities, provide matching funds Saprina Rodriquez; current Vice Mayor Gerry Gonzalez; for roadway improvements and bolster public safety. I made a promise that I would not take my Council stipend Allman, retired sheriff / realtor; and Robin Leler, public if you voted for Measure K and I continue to hold on to that promise. The audits are still not finished but we have turned a corner fiscally due to the council's steadfast fiscal

Robin Leler: I was asked to run for Willits City Council a year ago - Madge Strong decided to retire from her seat when her first grandchild was born. I have experience running small businesses and nonprofits including Common Ground in Palo Alto. Wild West in Willits, and the Sierra Club. Mendocino Group, Redwood Chapter. I attend City Council meetings regularly, and have attended a variety of WELL's working forums addressing economic development, local agriculture, education, health, homelessness and helping local small businesses and volunteer projects. More than 30 years as a teacher with the Willits Unified School District and the Mendocino County Office of Education gives me vast experience bringing people together as a community.

Saprina Rodriguez: I am running for reelection to the Willits City Council to continue advancing a vision that enhances our city's ability to live, work, and raise a family. I have worked hard to ensure that Willits remains a community where everyone's voice is heard. As a good listener and advocate. I put myself out there daily to represent all perspectives and bring practical solutions to the table. During my time on the City Council, I've focused on improving essential services, advocating at all levels of government for the betterment of Willits. building community relationships, and ensuring financial accountability. I believe in making decisions that are based on logic, research, and community input. My goal is to foster an inclusive, thriving city that values its people and

Mathew Alaniz: I am running to support democracy. There are hundreds of caring, well educated, and wellrounded citizens in our community, and it doesn't have to be the same people repeatedly representing our town. During the last election, no one ran, and a councilmember was appointed from the same small circle of people that were already on the council. If this town is going to continue approximately 25 non-profit organizations throughout our to be a place to work, play, pray, and raise their families, we need qualified council members who can take this city

> Many community members work hard every day and don't have the time to sit in four hour city council meetings, or read through a 200 page packet - they care, they work hard, and they deserve just as much representation as those that are friends with councilmembers. I am the working person's joyful, qualified, independent-minded

How could the City of Willits help encourage more housing for those seeking to live, work and raise a family in Willits?

Gerry Gonzalez: Continuing to work on the General Plan update, which in turn means updating our zoning. For too long prospective builders, contractors, and people looking to develop their parcels in town have complained about our outdated zoning and general plan. We need to set clear rules for what housing or development is allowed in town, while at the same time looking at realistic uses of the land inside our city limits so people looking to build know what is allowed and where it is allowed. I have heard that government does not build housing but instead encourages and lowers barriers where we legally can. I am open to exploring continued use of CDBG funding in order to encourage housing construction or continued rehabilitation of existing aging housing stock. We need to be proactive in this area, otherwise the state will set the rules and we lose local control in the process.

Robin Leler: Four ideas city staff is already working on units like the one in planned for the old John's Place lot. Windsor is a great example of the success of live/work units; 2) building tiny homes; 3) allowing more granny flats; and 4) cluster housing that preserves open space and/ or farmland. Any expansion of housing must work closely with implementation of water conservation incentives to be successful. A detailed review of our MOUs with Pine Mountain and Sherwood Valley is in order so as to ensure wise use of our actual water resources as we expand

Saprina Rodriguez: The City of Willits has adopted a multi-faceted approach to housing, but there is still more work to be done. I have actively advocated for a streamlined permitting process to expedite housing development and promoted affordable housing elements during the general plan update. Encouraging developers to consider Willits as a prime investment opportunity is crucial.

I strongly support constructing granny units, businessresidential combinations, and infill projects that enhance our neighborhoods while ensuring safe, walkable communities. Additionally, continuing our efforts to hold derelict property owners accountable for repairs is a priority, as it directly impacts the quality of our neighborhoods.

Supporting and educating a strong builder's pathway will also create competition, encouraging further growth in housing. Together, we can build a vibrant, inclusive city where everyone has access to safe and affordable

Mathew Alaniz: Staff have been working on the Land Use element of a new General Plan and that will help encourage housing. We also need to continue working on getting grants for housing and utilities.

What I think is really missing is a certain level of transparency. The draft General Plan talks about 2500 new houses but this isn't realistic. Moreover, we are told that we aren't going to annex the regions added by our expanded Sphere of Influence but expanding the SOI is literally listed in the city's 2024 Work Plan under "plan to annex properties" adopted in 2021; goal #4.2. The truth is, there are enough areas within the city to in-fill our empty local groups. As an immigrant my father was grateful for lots without expanding into neighborhoods that never

Building housing requires money and utilities, but it also requires community trust, and we need to be honest about what we are doing and why.

Tom Allman: Increasing local business growth equates to a family having more options of working in Willits without the need to commute to Ukiah or Santa Rosa. As we have a thriving hospital, and a new CCC Center about to open, we need to look for new businesses which can support larger organizations. The Skunk Train continues to attract thousands of tourists each year, and attracting new businesses to offer new tourist opportunities is essential. We have learned, post-bypass, that our city can still thrive and grow, in spite of the dire warnings which were often stated during the Bypass construction. Our motel and restaurant industry must be respected and listened to. because of the hundreds of employees which depend on these industries. Our history shows us that we survived the logging downturn, the cannabis downturn and now we must strive to increase tourism.

Please choose an issue under the Willits City Council's jurisdiction and give us some brief insight on the issue, and/or where you stand.

Robin Leler: 12 years ago Willits received several notices of cancer-causing compounds in our drinking water. Along with Dr. Mills Matheson and others, successfully lobbied for better equipment, practices, and management. I will continue to advocate for water quality as our city meets new challenges. We should be talking about two potential future problems. Our overextension of water supply agreements and understandings is one. The likely (some say inevitable) intrusion of arsenic into our underground aquifer if we keep pumping groundwater is another. Not planning for these issues now could result in water supply deficiencies for all of us in Little Lake Valley.

Sabrina Rodriguez: Public safety is a vital issue for the Willits City Council, directly affecting our community's well-being. I believe that ensuring resident safety requires collaboration between law enforcement, community organizations, and local leaders. I work closely with constituents to tackle various issues, including the urgent need to remove the train cars from our community. I have also advocated for a comprehensive emergency plan for flood and fire preparedness.

As a member of the transportation committee, I prioritize swift action on emerging problems. I support our police department in maintaining a strong community presence. It is essential for fostering trust and transparency. This includes advocating for adequate funding, training, and resources to empower our officers.

Moreover, I recognize the importance of community programs that address underlying issues like mental health and substance abuse, as these contribute to crime.

Mathew Alaniz: Regarding policy, the city is preparing to stick homeowners and business owners with the bill to repair sidewalks in the public right-of-way. That may be legal, but it isn't the Willits way. If homeowners are forced to pay when they sell their homes, that'll only raise the cost of housing. We should not be fixing our sidewalks piecemeal. We should be focusing on the areas most in need, covering the cost of some of the cheaper repairs if several can be done at once, and working with businesses to aggregate their costs over time.

Regarding staff, we are losing too many good, hardworking staff members at the city as the result of poor management. Finding quality and qualified employees is hard enough, we should not be driving people away as the result of a manager unwilling or unable to listen to the needs and concerns of his staff.

Tom Allman: Frontier Days is an economic and social event that should be strongly supported by our city council. However, over the past several years, there appears to be an ongoing deteriorating relationship between the Frontier Days Committee and the City of Willits. I strongly suggest that we mend this relationship immediately and work together, along with the Chamber of Commerce, to improve this vital relationship and work much more collaboratively. Frontier Days is seen by many as an annual "Homecoming" for many families who have moved out of the area. Let's celebrate our history each year, and work closer together.

Gerry Gonzalez: Water and related issues. Willits was lucky that city leaders many years ago chose to build the Centennial Dam to augment the original PG&E dam. This is only part of the equation we now face with ongoing climate change. We need to make sure that we maintain our dams and water system to expand our surface water capacity. The city is currently looking at raising the dam level to increase the capacity. We also need to eventually dredge our dams because of the silt and sediment that has taken some of our capacity, including the removal of years of tule overgrowth. We need to finish the development of our groundwater system which provides an alternative water source should we have issues or to mitigate issues with our surface water. Having alternatives is the wise thing, but monitoring our impact on the local aquifer is also important.

There's been ongoing council discussion, and significant public comment, about creating a tree ordinance that would put protective restrictions on trees on private property inside the City of Willits. Would you support such a tree

Saprina Rodriguez: I support creating a tree ordinance in Willits to protect our community's valuable trees. Trees are essential for enhancing our environment, improving air quality, and providing shade and habitat for wildlife. Implementing protective restrictions on trees on private property can help preserve our natural landscape and contribute to the overall beauty and health of Willits.

However, it's crucial to balance conservation with property rights and the needs of residents. Continuing community discussions about the ordinance is vital to understanding the concerns of property owners while promoting tree preservation.

As we move forward in this process, I am listening and seeking practical solutions that protect

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COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS

WHS Wolverines football triumphs over Middletown and Cloverdale: girls soccer holds first in division; boys soccer dominates home win: varsity volleyball victorious against Roseland Prep

Wolverines football

On October 4 Willits Wolverines football met the Middletown Mustangs on Maize Field, intently seeking a liberating win as they hadn't topped the Mustangs the last nine consecutive meetings. Willits grabbed the victory with a final score of 14-7.

Sheri Dockins

Junior QB Corey Rockey played a

great game, leading his team throwing 182 yards and two touchdowns on only 11 passes. This performance gave him a new career-high in rushing yards. Senior Kolbe Bufardeci was instrumental in extending the winning streak, making seven total tackles and getting the majority of his impressive 154 receiving yards when pulling down a pass and taking off for a gain of 84 yards. Junior Porter Garman gave a notable performance, continuing to gain momentum adding up the yards. He scored the second touchdown of the game, along with some headstrong tackles on defense

"Middletown was a great win for Willits football," said Coach Brandon Norbury. "We have had some great battles the last few years. Our defense is getting better every week. Anytime we can hold a wellcoached team to seven points, it should be a victory. I have the utmost respect for Coach Foltmer and his legendary coaching

Next, our Wolverines headed south on October 11 to square off against the Cloverdale Eagles who have not been able to break out of a rough patch since the season began. Have to hand it to the Eagles for continuing to show up and play hard with what they have. Willits took the W, blowing past the Eagles with a final score of 48-6!

"We have continued to struggle with slow starts," said Norbury, "but Rickey Ramirez gave us the spark we needed with a blocked punt deep in their own territory. which led to our first score. Ryan Carter has had two straight games with multiple interceptions. Offensively, we spread the ball around. We have to continue to utilize all of our offensive weapons. Rock has had a phenomenal year at QB, leading our high-powered offense. This Friday is the big showdown! Kelseyville is seniorheavy and very physical. We have to come Read the rest of

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with a well-executed game plan and play

If you're looking for something to do this Friday night, head over to Clearlake High School to support our amazing team at one of our biggest games of the season against the Kelseyville Knights! JV starts at 5 pm; varsity at 7 pm.

Girls soccer

On October 9 at WHS Maize Field, the girls soccer team buckled down for their game against Upper Lake. These ladies set forth with a fierce, aggressive energy that held strong through the entire game. This was a very physical and emotional game that had them down 1-0. With only nine players, these ladies had zero intention of giving up. Fans, coaches and teammates were on the edge of their seats, and jumping on the sidelines as the comeback goal of the night was made by senior Nora Martin with only one minute left in the game

"This team played with a lot of heart and passion! They left everything on the field!" said Coach Juan Diaz.

The following day they traveled to Ft. Bragg and snagged the W with a final score of 2-0. The goals were made by senior Nora Martin and freshman Alihna Diaz Great saves by goalkeeper Arion Martin, who was also named player of the week.

"This team is currently in first place in the division, and fourth in the section," said Diaz. "But, like I tell my team before every game, the job is not done. I want to say thank you to the parents and teachers for the support on the home games, specifically on Tuesday at the game versus Upper Lake. It was such an emotional game, and it meant a lot to the coaches and team!"

The Lady Wolverines will meet Clearlake on Tuesday, October 22 to take on the Lady Cardinals. The last home game will be Tuesday, October 29 against Ft. Bragg. Come support these powerful athletes!

Boys soccer

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On October 8 Willits Wolverines boys soccer faced off with Upper Lake on home ground. Willits boys had their heads on a swivel, dribbling and passing to reach

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At top, left: Ricky Britton defends himself with a stiff arm as he runs the ball in for a touchdown. At top, right: Porter Garman walks off the end zone after running in a great play for another Wolverine touchdown. Above: Madison Bouthillier defends against an Upper Lake player at the home goal. Below, left: Cecily Potter spikes in a great ball, leaving the Wolverines with another point. Below, right: Varsity volleyball shows support after every play. At bottom: Jayden Finley celebrates in the end zone after running in his first touchdown.

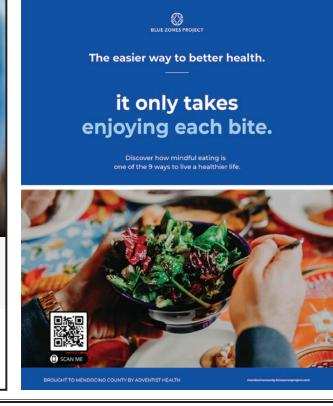
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Members Only Day at FOWL Book Sale: Friends of the Willits Library presents the Fall Book Sale. Starts Thursday, October 17, with "members only" hours from 5 to 7 pm - sign up at the sale to join FOWL and support your local library. 390 East Commercial Street. Also, Friday: 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm; and Sunday: 10 am to

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Fairy House Evening Program at the Museum: Join the Friends of the Museum for this special evening Fairy House program inspired by the "Wonderful Ways to Be" exhibit. Using assorted materials and imagination, build your own special fairy living space, and enter your finished masterpiece into the "Wonderful Ways Enchanted Fairy House Scavenger Hunt" that will take place at the Museum in November and December

Thursday, October 17 and Thursday, October 24, from 5 to 8 pm. Admission is FREE but space is limited to 16 participants. Please call the Museum at 707-234-6365 to reserve your spot.

Friday, October 18

FOWL Book Sale continues: Friends of the Willits Library's Fall Book Sale continues Friday, October 18 from 10 am to 5 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. Support your local library. See Thursday, October 17 listing for more details.

Sober Grad Enchilada Fundraiser: 2nd annual drive-through Enchilada Dinner fundraiser for the graduation night Sober Grad party is set for Friday, October 18. Dinner for two includes 4 enchiladas (chicken \$25 or cheese \$20) plus rice & beans. Pick up your "heat and serve" dinners between 4 and 6 pm, at the Willits High School loop. Tickets available at 101 Trailer & RV Supply, Monkeywrench, or NorCrawl.

Oceanography at Shanachie: Oceanography is a

Oceanography

lyrically driven indie-rock project from East Bay native Kelly. Part of a West Coast tour. Friday, October 18, 5 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street Frankie and The Lost

Souls at Shanachie: an indie folk-rock band founded by wife and husband duo Erica and Sebastian now

with Lynkse on lead guitar, evolving from performing classic Canadiana campfire covers at open mics and busking on street corners to bringing to life Erica's folk and country-inspired originals. Friday, October 18, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 19

FOWL Book Sale continues: Friends of the Willits Library's Fall Book Sale continues Saturday, October 19 from 10 am to 4 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. Support your loc library. See Thursday, October 17 listing for more details.

Laytonville Harvest & Arts Street Fair: Enjoy local Art Vendors, Food Vendors, Kids Zone, Beer

& Wine Garden, Live Music by Shrimpee Feeble and the Melon Head, While We're Young, and the Bell Springs Band. Saturday October 19 in downtown Laytonville, 11 am to 5 pm. Presented by Mendocino Producers Guild https:/ mendocinoproducersguild.org/



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ONGOING EVENTS

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Free Food Pop-Ups: Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program's Food Pop-Up in Willits offers two events per month, first and third Thursdays, at 1250 Blosser Lane, Info: outreach@fbfoodbank.org; 707-964-

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

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

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods

Art Center Halloween Gala: Willits Center for the Arts will kick off the Halloween season with its 2024 Halloween Gala, "an eerie evening for everyone over 21," on Saturday, October 19 from 7 to 11 pm. Rock out with the Steven Bates Band, win a prize with your spooky costume, enjoy yummy bar bites and depraved drinks. Also, music by Kyle Madrigal and a Costume Contest, Support your Art Center! Tickets to benefit the Art Center are \$30/each or 2 for \$50. For more info or to buy tickets online, visit www.willitscenterforthearts. org and click the "Buy tickets" button under the Gala

What's Happening

Around Town

Clay Hawkins Duo at Shanachie: "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart" by slide guitarist and songwriter Clay Hawkins and longtime co-conspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass. Saturday, October 19 at 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, October 20

FOWL Book Sale \$3 Bag Day: Friends of the Willits Library's Fall Book Sale's last day is Sunday, October 20, 10 am to 3 pm, with \$3/ bag day: Bring a bag and fill it for \$3.

390 East Commercial Street, Support your local library. See Thursday, October 17 listing for more details.

Monday, October 21

Willits Gem & Mineral Society Meeting: Join the Willits Gem & Mineral Society for a free monthly meeting, on Monday, October 21 this month Special presentation on fluorescent and phosphorescent minerals - Bring your UV/blacklight reactive rocks to see what glows! 7 to 8:30 pm, at the Willits Grange, 291 School Street.

Wednesday, October 23

History Makers at the Museum: The Mendocino Bella Rayne. Willits' own Bug Guts will also put in an County Museum presents after-school family friendly themed crafts and activities inspired by the permanent gallery exhibits on Wednesdays in October from 2

to 4:30 pm. The Wednesday, October 23 activity is "Bandanna Painting." 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included with regular Museum admission. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays with your Mendocino County Library Card. Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365

Thursday, October 24

Fairy House Evening Program at the Museum: Join the Friends of the Museum for this special free evening new play focuses on teenager Fairy House program inspired by the "Wonderful Ways to Be" exhibit. Thursday, October 24, from 5 to 8 pm. See Thursday, October 17 listing for more details.

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is outdoors through October, including Thursday, October 24, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street, 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats and drinks, live music, the new edition of Willits

Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info:

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

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2

pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the

street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: tgregory@

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym:

Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers free classes

for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, 1511 South

Main Street. More info on current classes: call or text

Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach adults

to read! Free personal tutoring at the library. Call

or email to make an appointment: LiteracyWillits@

Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-354-0565.

gmail.com or 707-456-7729

saber.net or visit Willits Boules Club on Facebook.

Friday, October 25

Lovers **Discussion Group** at the Library: This group meets monthly to discuss books, authors and genres, this month:

Friday, October 25,

Pumpkin Patch at J&J Pumpkins, weekends through October 27

J&J Pumpkins, at 19606 Walker Road, south of Willits, hosts its Pumpkin Patch, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October 27. Bring the family to enjoy a Mini Corn Maze, Ring Toss, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Mini-Roller Coaster, Jump Zone, Photo Props, Food and Treat Vendors, Giant Jenda, Corn Pit, Pumpkin Picking, Cornhole, Tic Tac Toe. Visit J&J Pumpkins on Facebook for more details.

Methodist Church Bake Sale and Gift Bazaar November 9

The annual Methodist Church Bake Sale and Gift Bazaar Is set for Saturday, November 9, from 10 am to 2 pm, at Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street (across from the Grange). Baked Goodies, Crafts, Art Works, and White Elephants. All proceeds are used to help families and our homeless population have a wonderful

Saturday, October 26

www.Willits.org

Friday, Oct 25th 4-6pm

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Brooktrails "Trick or Trail": Willits

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with free trick or treating in the woods

is on! WAC will be handing out candy

Friday, October 25, from 4 to 6 pm.

FREE. Located in Brooktrails, at the

new 3/4 mile long beginner loop trail.

Parking will be on Primrose Drive

next to Lake Ada Rose. Costumes are

great, but good

shoes are a must

Come explore your

local trails and get

some candy along

Hot Buttered Rum at the

Grange: The School of Adaptive

Agriculture presents Hot Buttered

Rum and friends in a benefit

concert, Friday, October 25, at

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Soul Circus, with special guest

appearance, and the Real Sarahs will be onstage with

HBR. Doors open 6 pm, music from 7 pm to midnight

Food, drinks, silent auction. Tickets available at J.D.

Redhouse, Flying Dog Pizza and the Farmers Market,

or online at https://schoolofadaptiveagriculture.org/ or

Whisperer" opens at

WCT: Local playwrights Elizabeth

Dellett, Garrett Moore, and Jefl

Shipp premiere a new staged

horror story, "The Whisperer"

at Willits Community Theatre,

opening October 25 and running

through November 3. Co-directed

by Mathew Caine and Jeff Shipp,

after a stint at a mental hospital

where electroconvulsive therapy

prevents her from remembering

vhy she was first checked in.

Taking her pills sends her into

nightmares. When she stops

ner medication, the terror leaves

her nightmares and pursues her

family. Shows are Fridays and

Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the door, 37 West Van

Lane, or online at: www.vtperformingartscenter.org

Blue Luke at Shanachie: "Blue Luke" Andrews is

a prodigy guitarist, born and raised in Dos Rios,

Mendocino County: "Imagine a band that takes the

soul of the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of

rock & roll and the rich harmonies of jazz to create

exactly what you've always wanted to hear." Friday,

October 25 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

299 East Commercia

Animal Tales & Crafts at the Library: Bring the little ones for a Saturday morning story and special craft once a month at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Saturday, October 26 this month, 11 to 11:30 am.

Ghoul's Gala at the Library: Join us for the Willits Branch Library free annual Halloween Party. Saturday, October 26, 3 to 5 pm. There will be games, crafts, stories, refreshments, and candy. It will be a spook-tacular event that is fun for all ages, 390 East Commercial Street.

Trunk or Treat at City Park: Kick off Halloween with Trunk or Treat at City Park Saturday, October 26 from 4 to 6 pm. Decorate your trunks with your favorite spooky decorations, and win prizes. Contest rules: Be ready by start time; at least one person must be in costume giving

> out candy and treats; vehicle trunk must be decorated for Halloween. Make sure you have enough candy to pass out to the kiddos. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners by vote at the end of the event. Willits City Park, across from the police station on Commercial Street). Have fun with the family in a safe controlled environment.

> 20th annual Photography Club show at WCA: 20th annual exhibit by members of the Willits Photography Club features the stunning work of

local photographers, offering a wide range of styles, subjects, and techniques. Opens Saturday, October 26 with a gallery reception from 6 to 9 pm, free admission and complimentary food. Beer and wine also available. Runs through November 17 at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. More info at www.willitscenterforthearts.org

"The Whisperer" continues at WCT: premiere of a new staged horror story by local playwrights at Willits Community Theatre continues Saturday, October 26 at 7:30 pm. See Friday, October 25 listing for

Halloween Bash at Shanachie: The Pub's annual Halloween Party features Soulevity, a four-piece Mendocino County band born from members of Willits'

famed band Tubesteak Jones, who n the 2000s branched off to become Rhvme Related, playing: "soulful rock and jazzy funk with rhythmic metal ska-like punk." Opening Norcal punk rock from Friends Anonymous. Saturday, October 26 9 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 Mair

Sunday, October 27

Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join your friends at the monthly Grange breakfast on Sunday, October 27, from 8 to 11 am. "Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods: All you can eat pancakes (choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes

or Gluten-free), Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Real Butter, Juice Organic Coffee or Tea." \$10, \$9 for seniors, \$5 children under 10. Also: extra sides of Organic Fruit \$2, Amish Organic Maple Syrup \$1, Fresh-made fruit syrup \$1, Extra Beepers Bacon \$1, Cocina Picante salsa \$.50 Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of Main Street.

"The Whisperer" matinee at WCT: premiere of a new staged horror story by local playwrights at Willits Community Theatre continues Sunday, October 27 at 2 pm. See Friday, October 25 listing for details.

Auditions for 'Believe,' a Christmas play at WCT

The Willits Community Theatre will hold auditions for "Believe," a Christmas play for children and adults written by Faye Couch Reeves and directed by Robert Ford. Auditions will be held at the Spooky Haunted House, Friday, November 1, and WCT playhouse, 37 W. Van Lane in Willits. Two more audition Saturday, November 2, from 7 to 9 pm, 1431 South dates: Friday, October 18, at 5 pm; and Saturday, October 19 at 10 Main Street. This year's theme is Haunted Medieval am. Roles are available for 5 men and 7 women, 30 years old and Prison, complete with eerie dungeons and haunted up, for 2 teenage boys and 10 teenage girls, and for 5 boys and 5 corridors. Admission is \$5; \$20 for families up to girls between the ages of 5 and 12. Shows will run on weekends 6 members; with all proceeds supporting student from December 13 through 22. For information contact Robert Ford activities. Brought to you by WCS Leadership. It's at: enjremodeling77@yahoo.com. For a script, contact Mike A'Dair going to be a frightfully good time - join us if you at: michaeladair69@yahoo.com

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House November 1 and 2

WCS Spooky Haunted

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The Substance

The Story: The genre: body-horror satire. Popular TV beauty specialist Elizabeth Sparkle (Demi Moore) strips herself naked and finds herself wanting. Her famous skin seems dryer, less pliant, less radiant. She realizes she is aging. And (O' the horror!) it shows!



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hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am

to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10

am to 5 pm; Closed Sunday and Monday.

Senior Dance Hall: Willits Library has resumed

the Senior Dance Hall, Fridays from 2 to 3 pm.

Seniors ages 55 and older are invited to bring

your dancing shoes to enjoy jazz, pop, swing,

and ballroom selections. Don't feel like dancing?

Please come and enjoy the music, catch up

with friends new and old, and share some light

Story Time: Friday mornings each week, 10:30 to

11 am. Join us in the children's area of the library.

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11

am to noon. We will meet in the Willits Library

meeting room to discuss various topics while

enjoying a "cup of joe". Topics will range and will

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, now 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is

LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination

Tech Help: Now every Saturday from 11 am to 12

pm: Is your computer on the fritz? Want to install a

new app? Bring your tech questions and get help

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the

library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome!

from the library's tech savvy volunteer

be announced ahead of time.'

and start building."

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Willits Library, 390 East

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Info: www.mendolibrary.

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7-8:00 p.m.

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Willits, CA 95490

Father Aaron Bandanadam

Mass times:

Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday-5:30 p.m.

Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English

Confessions on Saturday

4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Or by appointmet at

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Sunday Service - 10 a.m.

In-person and on Zoom

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St. John

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Saturdays

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday

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All are welcome!

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dult Sundav School 9:00 a.m

In her desperation, Elizabeth tries a new, mysterious, top secret youth-rejuvenation medication called "The Substance." We the audience all know, because this is a horror movie, that nothing is what it seems, and that everything comes with a price. I do not think that is much of a spoiler for me to write, "Poor desperate Elizabeth Sparkle!'

My Thoughts: This flick and its writer/director Coralie Fargeat won the "Best Screenplay" award at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival. It is a sweaty satire of Hollywood's well-known health and youthful beauty fetish. It is a body-horror tragic comedy not unlike the "Saw" movies. "The Substance" is brilliantly shot and edited. It is often exceedingly gross. I loved it.

Special shout out to Dennis Quaid. His performance as a Hollywood producer type is over-the-top great, and significantly abhorrent.

Parents: Don't bring your children. I wouldn't object to teenagers seeing what I believe is a quite honest and clear moral fable and condemnation of vanity.

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

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!"

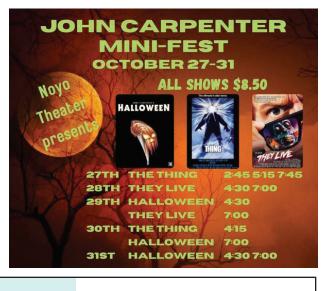
Wednesday Open Mic Night: Shanachie Pub presents its popular Open Mic Night every Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world. Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7 pm, you can be entered for the lottery. Lottery determines order from which you pick your 20 minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm.



Halloween Family Dance Party at WCA

October 31

Willits Center for the Arts presents a free Halloween Costume Family Dance Party at Willits Center for the Arts on October 31, from 4 to 7 pm. Featuring DJ Mama J, dancing with the Rhythm and Flow Dance Class, Crafts, and Treats. 71 East Commercial Street.



MEGALOPOLIS

OVER 21 CLUB — Luxury Recliners, laser projection beer and wine sales 2 hrs 18 mins

Fri.-Thurs.: 4:00 & 7:00

this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com

Fri.-Thurs.: 4:15, 7:15

2 hrs 12 mins

SMILE 2

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There is no Spanish Language movie this week. Movie Times for Oct. 18 thru Oct. 24

MONSTER SUMMER



1 hr 37 mins Fri.: 4:45 & 7:30 Sat.-Sun.: 2:30, 4:45 & 7:30 Mon.-Thurs.: 4:45 & 7:30

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ALL Tightwad Titles for Tuesday (Oct. 22) are in RED. All tickets at just \$6

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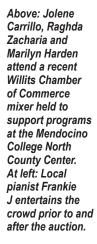




Above, left: Amanda Xu, dean of the Mendocino College North County Center, smiles with her daughter, Sabrina. Above, right: Dillon Slater, president of the North County Friends of Mendocino College, gives the opening talk. At right: The Mendocino College North County Center and Chamber of Commerce Mixer is well attended with about 50 people











vice-president of the Willits Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Misty Johnson, chamber coordinator, greet attendees in and sell raffle tickets. Above: Pianist Frankie J's student, Athena Slater, entertains the crowd with a couple of songs she was learning. At left: Skip Lucier, president of the Willits Lions Club, and his wife, Robin, attend a fundraiser to support the summer program at the college. Photos by Mathew Caine



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Mendo College Mixer Fundraising event to support high school summer program

at North County Center is an enjoyable and profitable evening

When an organization's fundraiser generates twice as as were lunches, through a partnership with Willits High much revenue as the previous year, one knows that they School. The students also got a \$300 scholarship to are doing something right. This was the case with the Mathew Caine Chamber of Commerce.

The auction, filled with generous items from local businesses, brought in \$4,070, partially due to the efficacy of auctioneer Tom Allman, who also called for a Fund-a-Need donation campaign that, with the open wallets of the attendees. brought in \$2,910. Add the bar total to that, and subtracting reasonable expenses, the mixer created approximately \$6,514 in revenue for the Mendocino College Foundation, to help fund their high school summer program, which for the last two years has been funded by a grant that is

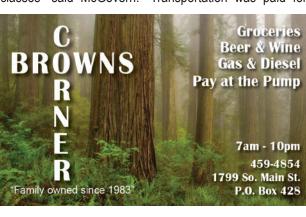
Julie McGovern, who tended the wine bar for the evening, is the executive director of the Mendocino College Foundation, a supporting organization mandated to help raise funds for various college programs. McGovern commented: "The North County Friends of Mendocino College is a group of people, mostly in Willits and in the North County, who are attached to this North County Center and want to advocate for students and needs for the north county.

"I'm here tonight," McGovern said, "because we're doing a chamber mixer fundraiser in conjunction with the Willits Chamber of Commerce and the Mendocino College affiliate of the North County Friends. We're co-hosting this event because it's important for people in the North County to know where the Mendocino College site is, right here on Commercial Street in Willits.

About 50 interested people attended the mixer. Food was provided by chamber president and owner of Scoops Deli & Catering, Lisa Kvasnicka. The attendees listened to talks by Amanda Xu, dean of the North County (Willits) the summer program and took English 85. My goal is to Campus; Dillon Slater, president of the North County Friends of Mendocino College; student Estrella Mendoza; and others. The attendees had a chance to win a couple of bottles of wine in a raffle, and to bid on some great prizes in the live auction.

"It's nice to bring people here but we also have Tom Allman here to do a live auction and the purpose of the auction, of course, is to raise money to directly support the summer program," continued McGovern. "In summer 2024, this past summer, the North County Center piloted I didn't have before." a program in conjunction with Sonoma State. It was a summer program for six weeks, for high school students, some of them through dual-enrollment.

"The students got to come for six weeks and take two classes" said McGovern. "Transportation was paid for,



offset what they would make if they were just working in a recent Mendocino College North Campus mixer held at the summer job. It was a great success – almost 60 students college with the help of the Willits from the Willits area - Willits, Leggett, Laytonville and Round Valley. The reason we are fundraising for, it is that the initial piloting of the program for 2024 and 2025 is covered by a grant through Sonoma State. But all grants "We don't want to see it go away," McGovern said. "We have at least one more year that will be grant funded, but we're trying to build up a nest egg, so that at whatever point

we fall off the grant cliff, and have to fund it ourselves, we have money built up. I think this event is a perfect example of a community that can support their own. Xu explained further about the summer program: "It's

a six-week summer session, four days a week. Students get to choose between a morning or an afternoon course or both. We are engaging students from all of Mendocino County. That's our three schools here in Willits: Sanhedrin, Willits Charter, and Willits High School. We also have Leggett, Laytonville, and Round Valley High Schools. We had a good subset from each of our schools. That was one of the great advantages in that folks from various rural communities got to meet new people, which they don't always get to do.

"This past summer, we were able to offer a construction course, an English class, a health class, and a math class. We're looking to offer the English and math classes every year, and next year, we would like to offer a 'College Career Success' course and child development and artappreciation courses. We're looking for a transfer to a four-year school option or also a career to finish up your certificate with us.

Estrella Mendoza spoke about her positive experience with the college's summer program. "I participated in continue my education and become a surgeon or anything in the medical field. I woke up at 9 every morning and went to school for four hours and then I went to work but I really enjoyed it. It gave me the gist of what college class is like. didn't realize how fast-paced it was. I didn't know the skills I would need, like time preparation and organization to really be successful in these classes. This class really helped me develop those skills. It taught me so much and it's helping me get ahead in my future, and it's given me opportunities

To learn more about Mendocino College and the summer program for high schoolers, visit www.mendocino. edu or www.mendocino.edu/locations/north-county-center. For more info on the Willits Chamber of Commerce, visit https://willits.org/.

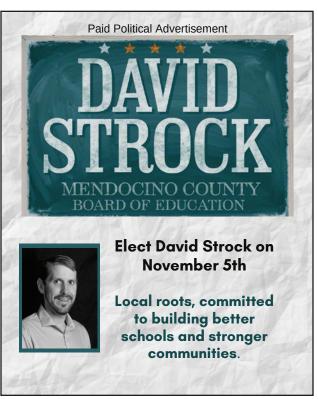
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on October 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time

listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard: PROJECT: City of Willits Hazard Specific Flood Response Annex to the City Emergency Response Plan

REQUEST: Consider adoption of the City of Willits Hazard Specific Flood Response Annex to the City Emergency

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The Project is Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)3 MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City Hall located

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this Hazard-Specific Flood Response Annex is to provide a general description and overall concept of operations for the City of Willits response to flood emergencies. This Annex describes specific guidelines in place that will facilitate a City of Willits public safety response to areas affected by a flood emergency and detail how the City of Willits will coordinate operations with other jurisdictions.

at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This Annex also accomplishes the following: •Identifies the emergency management organization required to mitigate any significant flood emergency. •Identifies the specific responsibilities to protect the health and safety of City of Willits communities and its citizenry. Establishes the operational concepts associated with the organization of the field response, the City activities and the recovery process in general

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the project documents and agenda will be available on the City's website at https://www.cityofwillits. org/agendacenter.

•Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Dusty Duley, dduley@ cityofwillits.org or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024. All public comments received will be provided to the Council in advance of the meeting

•Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the public meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (707) 459-4601. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable accommodations are made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

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Environmental Impact Report

REQUEST: Consider adoption of the City of Willits General Plan Land Use Element Update and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2023030321).

LOCATION: The entire City of Willits (~1,801 acres including the City center area and the Willits Municipal Airport (Ells Field) and the Willits Water Treatment Plant and Morris Dam portions of the City of Willits); the ~12 acre existing SOI along Meadowbrook Drive; and the proposed ~875 acre SOI that includes areas along West State Route 20 and Cropley Lane, along Locust Street, along Muir Mill Road, along East Valley Street, and east of Grove Street.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2023030321) was prepared for the General Plan Update project, which consists of the Draft EIR and the Final EIR (collectively the EIR), in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. The EIR is available to review at the project website

https://willitslanduseupdate.com/ or a physical copy is available at the Community Development Department

MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City Hall located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed amendments to the City of Willits Land Use Element and Land Use Diagram

(1) the identification of a Planning Area that includes the City as well as surrounding land that bears relation to City planning; (2) changes to existing and new Land Use Element policy

intended to expand the land supply for housing of all types, provide for focused planning for Willits' commercial centers, provide for land use flexibility and compatibility, ensure community health and vitality and environmental health and sustainability, and to expand and improve land use designations and general plan maintenance; (3) changes to Land Use Designations within the City to

support residential and commercial development, as well as for open space purposes, and changes to apply Land Use Designations that best reflect the use and character of existing development within the City where the current Land Use Designation is not appropriate; (4) proposed expansions to the City's Sphere of Influence, with the application of appropriate City Land Use Designations, to support a potential Sphere of Influence

Formation Commission (LAFCo) **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the project documents and agenda will be available on the City's website at https://www.cityofwillits.

Amendment application to the Mendocino Local Agency

org/agendacenter. •Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Dusty Duley, <u>dduley@city</u> ofwillits.org or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street. Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024. All public comments received

will be provided to the Council in advance of the meeting.

•Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the public meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (707) 459-4601. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable accommodations are made to provide accessibility to the meeting. Publication Date: October 17, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on October 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a public meeting on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

PROJECT: Discussion and possible adoption of the East

REQUEST: Adopt the E. Commercial Street Corridor Master Plan, accompanying Resolution, and instruct the City Manager to assign the task of administrating the Plan to the Community Development Department. Staff retained Terrain Landscape Architecture to create a master plan for the E. Commercial Corridor under direction granted by the City Council at their August 9, 2023, meeting. The justification to create a master plan for the corridor was to schedule for the corridor as it contains important public facilities consisting of parks, athletic fields, and cultural & educational resources. Just as important, the corridor also accommodates a range of commercial enterprises and the Skunk Train, a leading visitor attraction. Staff presents the Plan to the City Council as a resource for the Council's use and other stakeholders to help reshape the Corridor to help ensure its long-term success. The City Council at their February 28th meeting accepted the Master Plan as enables the City to use the document as part of grant applications to secure funding to help implement recommendations described in the Plan

LOCATION: In the City of Willits, parcels and public park properties bordering East Commercial Street between North Muir Lane and Highway 101 bypass, approximately 4,800

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Project is exempt subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15183 - Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning,

MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City Hall located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Prior to the meeting, electronic conies of the project documents and agenda will be available on the City's website at https://cityofwillits.org/

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Publication Date: October 17, 2024

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Registered owner: Tasha Jarshaw, 71 Northbrook Way, Willits CA 95490

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed

above on March 1, 2019. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 23,

/s/ Tasha Jarshaw Publication dates: October 10,

17, 24, 31, 2024

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and Provisions of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding online at storageauctions.com starting October 20,2024 @ 9 AM ending October 28 @ 9 AMthe following said property stored at Cougars Closet II Mini Storage 317 Robert Drive Willits, CA 95490 County of Mendocino State of California

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Above: Musical shaman Kyle Madrigal opens the Art Center's Halloween Gala on Saturday, October 19. Below: The Steven Bates Band plays "high-energy, jamming, roots-rock with conscious lyrics and virtuoso guitar-playing that makes audiences get up and dance."



Halloween Gala turns WCA inro 'spectacularly spooky' haunted house

Submitted by WCA

Willits Center for the Arts will be transformed into a spectacularly spooky haunted house to kick off the 2024 Halloween season with the unique and amazing sounds of musical shaman Kyle Madrigal and the fabulous rock sensation, the Steven Bates Band, live from the Mendocino

Eat, drink, and bid on the silent auction at the 3rd annual Halloween Gala, win a prize with that special costume, get a fabulous fortune reading, and take Halloween photos at our freaky photo booth!

Get ready to party with your friends and neighbors, and join us on the dance floor all night long. Saturday, October 19, starting at 7 pm, at the Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street Tickets, \$30 for 1 and \$50 for 2, are on sale online and at WCA's gallery desk during open hours. For more information see our website at www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707 459 1726. This is a 21 and over event.



Below: Revelers at last year's Enchanted Pumpkin Path at the Waldorf





Waldorf's Enchanted Pumpkin Path offers scare-free, low-sugar Halloween fun

Submitted by WSMC

Experience the magic of the season at the Enchanted Pumpkin Path, an annual celebration hosted by The Waldorf School of Mendocino County, set for Thursday, October 17 this year. The event scored a Gold Medal for Best Annual Event in the 2024 Best of Lake & Mendocino Awards. This year's theme, "Mother of the Waters," highlights the school's steadfast commitment to environmental reverence and respect – a core value that has shaped the Mendocino community since 1972.

The Enchanted Pumpkin Path offers a spectacular, refined-sugar-free, and scare-free Halloween adventure suitable for all ages! Guests can enjoy whimsical performances and receive a small gift at the end of each skit. Families can also gather at the Cauldron Café to enjoy low-sugar, allergen-conscious seasonal treats.

"Parents today are concerned with their children's sugar intake, and it is so refreshing to have a healthier and inclusive Halloween option," shared Brie Abbe, nurse midwife at MCHC. The café offers local, organic, and nurturing meals for various dietary needs.

This event guarantees to create lasting memories for everyone involved!

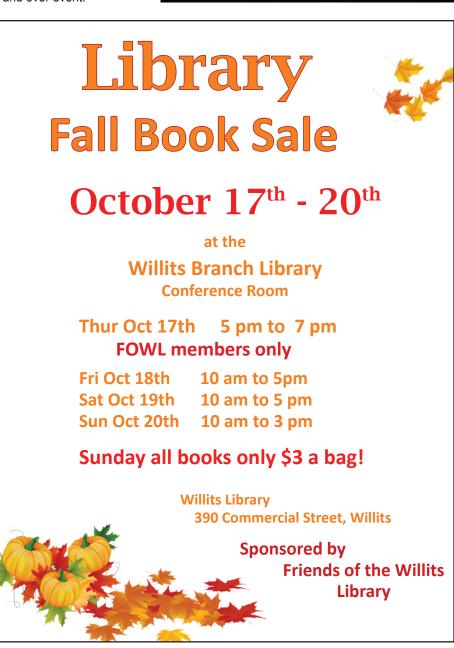
So, grab your broomsticks, and don't miss out on this magical community celebration. Join the fun for a Halloween you won't forget!

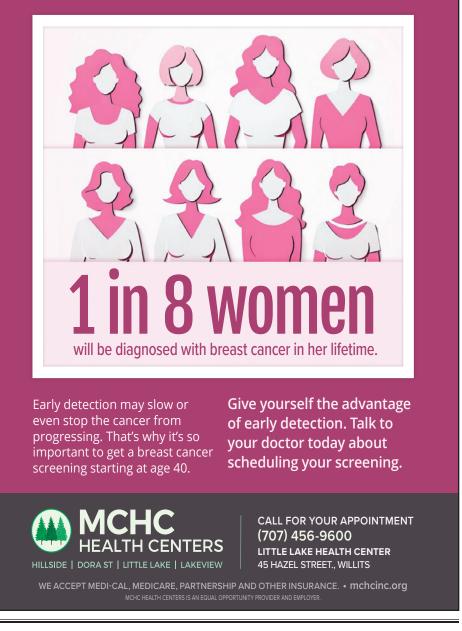
The Enchanted Pumpkin Path is set for Thursday, October 31, from 4:30 to 8 pm at The Waldorf School of Mendocino County, 6280 Third Street, in Calpella. Admission: \$10 buy tickets online at https://www.mendocinowaldorf.org/ and hit the "Buy Tickets" button.

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is dedicated to cultivating creativity, critical thinking, and a profound appreciation for the natural world. Through a curriculum that seamlessly weaves together arts, academics, and practical skills, they empower our students to become compassionate, active citizens of our global community. With a mission to nurture the development of the whole child - body, mind, and spirit - WSMC has been organizing this event for over three decades. The Enchanted Pumpkin Path brings the community together, providing a fun, safe. and inclusive Halloween adventure for families of all ages. shapes, and backgrounds year after year.









From page 6 Candidates

significant trees without imposing undue burdens on residents. We are still early in the discussions, and nothing has been decided yet. Together, we can foster a sustainable relationship between our natural resources and our community.

Mathew Alaniz: I would absolutely support a tree ordinance and this issue, brought up months ago and widely supported, should have been handled already. Keeping track of grants and fostering citizen input in a productive manner is a complicated task. That is why I propose that the city look into reinstituting the Planning Commission. A Planning Commission could focus on expanding citizen input, having hearing and meetings outside of the workday, as well as coordinating zoning, business, and tree

Discussion about potential annexation, concerns about our local environment (i.e. park pavilions), and preparing for future housing are all critical issues that having a Planning Commission can address before it reaches the City Council. This will help the Council gather the information and input we need to make better, more informed decisions and will keep our regular meetings from becoming marathons.

Tom Allman: As Sheriff, I strongly supported private property rights. While I support the city increasing the public tree inventory, I am against any ordinance which would step on the rights of property owners. Trees can provide beauty to all, yet root damage can create thousands of dollars of damage to sidewalks, streets, foundations, and private septic systems. We are all aware that insurance companies are now sending letters to property owners demanding that certain trees be removed in order for fire insurance to be continued. Such an ordinance would ultimately be challenged in court and would potentially waste precious tax dollars. There are many issues which demand the attention of our city council, but instituting protective restrictions on private property owners should not be our highest priority.

Gerry Gonzalez: I am torn on this subject because I also feel strongly about private property rights. Ordinances which protect identified heritage/historically significant trees might be something I would support, but increasingly insurance companies are the ones setting the rules for tree removal in this new year-round fire season we live in. I would hate to regulate what a private property owner can do on his property when he/she might be trying to mitigate a public safety issue or an issue instigated by their insurance provider. Such overreach by government can set a bad precedent. I would welcome an opportunity for staff to bring examples of an ordinance that balances private property needs. I fully support a tree ordinance for trees in the public right away and on city property.

Robin Leler: It's about time for an effective tree ordinance. Protection of heritage redwoods and other native species is important to our region. I favor ordinances similar to ones implemented in Sacramento County to protect oaks and other native trees. Like theirs, our ordinance should not be too burdensome financially, nor create safety issues when trees become diseased or dangerous. Sacramento has modest permitting fees and wise provisions for replacement trees when needed. Willits residents are still revisiting whether large tree removals from public and private lots in the past were really necessary, creating an opportunity to develop provisions for deciding these cases more rationally in the future.

Call for artists / crafters for WCA Holiday Craft Fair

Submitted by WCA

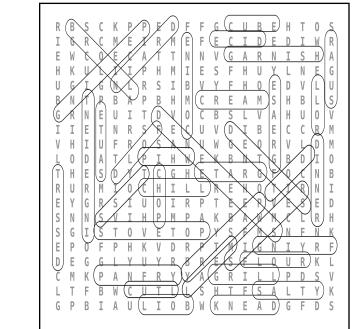
Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the 37th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, December 13 and 14, 2024 to be held at the Willits Community Center and Willits Center for the Arts. This is back to the traditional two-day show starting Friday, from 12 to 7 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs, who hand-make their own products, should request application forms by e-mail to: Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com

Or visit https://www.willitscenterforthearts.org

Or by mail to: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Drive, Willits, CA 95490 and enclose a selfaddressed stamped envelope.

Please note acceptance is subject to quality of work and earliest postmark date. Applications will be accepted until all booths are filled. For further information you can call Bonnie Belt at 707-459-4792 (landline) and leave a message, email to: belt.bonnie@gmail.com or visit:www. willitscenterforthearts.org.

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Kanne both reaffirmed their preference for the corner location before reversing themselves at the very end.

Development Community Director Dusty Dooley, at the beginning of the meeting, explained why city recommended the northeast corner, and not the center of the park: "The purpose is to not break up the middle of the green area, not interrupt that space [and] not having to extend the driveway ... one of the prime reasons that we recommended moving it over to the corner.' Dooley added: "Folks are using the green area. It appears that the most unutilized part of the park is that northeast corner."

Vice Mayor Gonzalez at first voiced his preference for the corner location: "My feeling is ... put it over there [in the northeast corner of the park]. That's what we initially said we would do."

Councilmember Greta Kanne stated: "I lean toward the northeast corner just to have as much open space as possible... I'm a little troubled by moving back to the middle and having a longer driveway which is more concrete to get trucks in there. That doesn't make sense to me.'

Mayor Saprina Rodriguez and Councilmember Larry Stranske were not allowed to speak or even attend that part of the council meeting because both own property within 500 feet of the park, and state law says that they have a conflict of interest and cannot participate.

Councilmember Strong was the last to speak At the very end of the meeting, after a long and wearying hour of presentations and discussion. Strong declared, "I like this [the pavilion] better, aesthetically, if it was in the middle of the north end of the park." And both Kanne and Gonzalez agreed. The three council members gave direction to city staff to prepare a plan for the new location.

The public was not given an opportunity to address the last-minute location change. as the public comment period had closed, and the council immediately ended discussion and called Mayor Rodriguez back in.

But the project will come back to the council for a vote. Mayor Rodriguez, before recusing herself and leaving the meeting earlier, stated: "This is not for action. This is a presentation and direction." Gonzalez added. "We're not voting tonight on anything."

When the new plan comes back to the council, at a date not yet scheduled, the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed change of location. Kanne had stated that, "I'm flexible on the location, whatever serves the community the best." And Strong concluded, "I can go either way as far as that's concerned."

Councilmember probably summed up all of the council members' feelings when she commented: "I'm trying to do our best. I'm trying to deliver going to be proud of and that's going to serve our community

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around the business." Waiting on the community to call in when smoke is spotted means, often, a fire is already well underway. The monitored alarms would, as Alvarez explained, "provide early notification of a fire and allow for a faster

To create and make changes to fire code ordinances, Little Lake must announce their intentions publicly, at least 30 days before the ordinance is presented to the board of directors for approval. This allows for the community to ask questions and make comments.

response time once notified."

The board also got an update on the state of Engine 5469's faulty tires. Brand-new tires not be running for reelection for the fire truck should be in by the end of the at the second-to-last meeting month. Both Little Lake and CAL FIRE were to be effective in November, having problems with the Continental brand expressed my heartfelt feelings tires losing chunks of rubber while in operation.

An annoyance on its own, faulty tires become especially troublesome if the fire truck is out on a large incident. Little Lake Fire's Engineer/EMT Harry So related to the board: "[If the truck] were to be out on a big incident, and there's chunks and pieces missing out of the tires, [LLF] would then be forced to buy tires at scene because they're not going to be allowed to leave bigger incidents with messed-up tires."

Board President Tony Madrigal told the rest of the board they're no longer taking 5469 out on strike teams because of the tire issue, though it is going out on local calls.

It took two years just to build Engine 5469; two years sitting on its Continental tires, though not in the possession of the Little Lake crew. They're hoping the warranty for the tires will start at the date the truck was delivered to the Little Lake firehouse, and not at the onset of the League, and he made it fun and

During his chief's report, Chief Alvarez explained to the board some of the improvements that will be made to Tablet Command, a mobile. incident response and management software recently installed in many of Little Lake Fire's and how important his service

Alvarez said the Chiefs Association received \$27,000 from PG&E, and the radio committee decided to use some of the money to upgrade the tablet's services, including a feature that allows for Little Lake Fire to quickly notify other agencies that it's responding to a call without a lot of radio traffic.

Because Tablet Command is dependent upon cell service. Little Lake Fire is considering mobile Starlink for at least one of their trucks. This would greatly improve the tablet's accessibility in rural areas with limited service. The board discussed different possibilities to make Starlink more affordable for the department, including the potential of discounts for first responders, or a collective, bulk rate for all fire departments in the county.

Further, Chief Alvarez reported that Deputy Chief John Thomen has recently been turned onto the auction site Govdeals.com to help sell equipment no longer needed by the department. Posting on this site serves two purposes, as anything sold by Little Lake Fire legally needs to be fully transparent and available to the public. Alvarez said an older utility vehicle sold for \$7,500, bought by a machinist company that got into a small bidding war for the truck towards the end of the auction.

Engineer/EMT So gave the Firefighters Association report. One of the highlights was So's participation in Sherwood Elementary School's reverse dunk tank during Willits' Harvest Moon Celebration. So manned the tank for three hours and got thoroughly soaked.

"It's for the community, and it's for the kids!" said So, who helped Sherwood School raise about \$3,000 as the "dunkee" for the day.

Lastly, if you're looking for something fun and scary to do for Halloween, Little Lake is turning two of its truck bays at Fire Station 54 on Commercial Street into a haunted maze. The bays themselves are pretty big, and from the sound of things, the firefighters are set on making it legitimately frightening! There will be other first responders in attendance, with booths set up outside the maze, and plenty something that the community is of candy will be on hand for those who would rather just enjoy the sweets and forgo the unanimously to approve the screams. The maze should kick off around 5:30 pm, Halloween night, and all are welcome!

proclamation, board member Ed

Brooktrails

Following the reading of the

Horrick remarked that it was an excellently written tribute and that every word of it was true. He added, "He was an outstanding director." The entire board wholeheartedly agreed. Brooktrails Counsel Chris Neary said: "When Director

Santos announced his retirement from the board, that he would regarding how I had watched him grow from being a member of the audience, a little ticked off at the board about rates, to becoming a director who exerted leadership. I noted that he was retiring on a high note, and I'm glad that I was able to make those comments?

Director Horrick added: "I'm very happy that Ralph defeated me12 years ago when he got elected. He turned out to be an outstanding director."

Board President Tyler-O'Shea commented: "My favorite memories of him are at the ballfield. He was an umpire and an announcer for the Little special for the kids playing.

> General Manager Tamara Alaniz said: "I did have an opportunity to let Ralph know how much he meant to me was to the community. When he announced that he wasn't going to run again, we ordered a commemorative plaque, and when I visited the hospital I took it with me and gave it to Rita [his wife], and she took it to show him, and he was so pleased and excited to receive it and asked her to take it home and hang it

Alaniz began her meeting report: "A couple of things, an update on the water levels which are being maintained. Lake Ada Rose is at its full volume. 99%, 116.9 acre feet, and Lake Emily is at 45%, 114 acre feet I estimate that to be about 250 days of water. We are in really good shape."

She continued: "The Fire Department's metal building is underway, and the slab will be poured this week. Our new office building is also coming along

"Last weekend's Flea Market Sale was a success," Alaniz notes. "We made \$500, and it was a lot of fun.

She added: "I spoke with Supervisor Haschak this week and he shared with me that CHP would like to place one of those modular speed display units somewhere in Brooktrails. I talked with [Fire] Chief Noyer about it, and we know that most of the accidents that occur in Brooktrails occur at the intersection of Sherwood and the entrance to the Birches. So, please feel free to think about spots that you feel are of concern and let me know, and I will share

The board then voted Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$95,752.31.

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Billy is housetrained, dog and people friendly, walks pretty darn nicely on leash, treats and all of the attention that you can petfinder.com.

and loves belly rubs like all the best pitties!

To learn more about Billy, 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 petadoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.

Chirping Ruby

Ruby is such a gem and we can't help but fall in love with this big lady. She is outgoing and shows off her shining personality right when she meets people. Ruby LOVES

give her. She gives the cutest chirp when you first come up to say "hi" to her too.

Ruby is a super cool cat and we know that anyone who meets her will fall in love too. She is bonded with her sister, Pearl, and we would LOVE to find them a home together.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website:www.mendohumanesocietv.com. on our Facebook page, and on www.







WCT premieres 'The Whisperer,' a new horror story by local playwrights Submitted by Willits Community Theatre

Carved jack-o-lanterns, auburn leaves, the cold north breeze, and tales of terror fill the air this time of year. Come delight in all things autumn with "The Whisperer," a locally written psychological horror play authored by Elizabeth Dellett, Garrett Moore, and Jeff Shipp showing at the Willits Community Theatre from October 25 through November 10.

Co-directed by Mathew Caine and Jeff Shipp, "The Whisperer" focuses on teenager Lena Patrick, arriving home after a stint at a mental hospital where electroconvulsive therapy prevents her from remembering why she was first checked in. Taking her pills sends her into nightmares with something truly terrifying after her. When she stops her medication, the terror leaves her nightmare and pursues her family.

Shipp says: "Our goal as playwrights was to follow the structure of the horror movies we all love so much this time of year. As directors we have tried to make the live staged action honest, moving, startling, and fun for our audience. The actors have all stepped up to the plate."

The play features Zoe Robertson as Lena and Robyn Blackburn as her twin brother Elliott. Also featured in the play are Sarah France, Garrett Moore, Aud Young, Miles Mattson, Aiden Parten, and Ash Fagan.

"The Whisperer" opens Friday, October 25 and continues through November 10, with performances at the Willits Playhouse,: 37 West Van Lane, on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets for all shows are \$20 and available at the door, or online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org.

Also appearing in "The Whisperer" are above, left: Miles Mattson; above right: Sarah France; at left: Aiden Parten; and at right: Ash Fagan. Photos by Mathew Caine



Elizabeth Dellett and Jeff Shipp.







7:00 PM-9:00PM





Above: Ryan Carter runs strategically with the ball to make his way down the field. Below: Kate Winters kicks the ball through an Upper Lake defended



The rest of Sewing

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"Quilt Market happens once a year and each year it's in a different place. As an owner, I can go and look at all the companies that are there vending," Bowles said.

"This one year, my daughter-in-law was doing pattern-making, so she could get into the expo on her own. She came back and took pictures of the store and entered me in this 'Quilt Sampler Magazine.' I didn't know anything about it. One day I got a call saying that I had gotten in and that I had one of the top 10 shops in the United States."

Bowles teaches several quilting techniques, including finger-turned applique, a discipline where "you turn the fabric on the applique under a quarter of an inch and press it down by finger or ironing. You have to sew it on by hand so your stitches don't show. It's labor-intensive but there are a lot of people who like it," said Bowles, explaining further that the method is quite precise for exacting corners, etc.

She also demonstrates paper piecing, wherein "you cut things out on paper and put it together with the fabric and once it's sewn, you take the paper away," explained Bowles. "You can get a much more exacting corner or point with this technique." There are several other techniques including fusable appliques, pre-printed fabrics that can be attached permanently to other fabrics on a quilt.

In addition to selling

materials, Bowles will also teach classes. "I used to run classes here before the pandemic," said Bowles. "Then nobody wanted to be around a lot of people that they didn't know. Now, I'm offering again but now a lot of people do YouTube classes and they don't even have to leave their house. People often ask about classes. If someone can get a couple friends together, I can create a class anytime they want. I'm pretty flexible. I tell people, if they just want to come in and learn something, they should just drop by."

The Fat Quail Quilt Shop, located at 44550 Highway 101, Laytonville, is open 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. More info can be found on "The Fat Quail Quilt Shop" Facebook page. Bowles can be contacted at 707-984-6966 or thefatquail@willitsonline. com. Their website is currently under construction.

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the six-yard box, and take the game in a

5-1 victory. Luis Mandajano, also named player of the week, scored two goals in the 14th and 17th minute, with assists from Andres Calderon and Noe Alfare Erostico.

Edgar Chavez scored the third goal in the 25th minute. Ismael Saucedo scored a goal in the 60th minute with an assist Mandujano. A couple of minutes later, Erostico scored a goal with an assist from Andres Calderon. Julian Patino and Torin Frazier did excellent work in defense. Upper Lake scored a goal in the 75th minute. Next game will be against the Mustangs in Middletown territory on October 15. The last home game will be on October 29 against Ft. Bragg. Come support our competitive and fierce boys soccer team! See you there!

Varsity volleyball

On October 8, Lady Wolverines volleyball set the stage in the Steve Short Gymnasium for a riveting game against Roseland Prep of Santa Rosa. These ladies presented with a positive attitude of teamwork, and determination. There were solid serves and attacks from Dannyka Smith, Kayden Paulus, Cecily Potter, and Lyly Herman. Nice assists and tough spikes. The Lady Wolverines rallied through the best three-out-of-five sets to take the W!

"We've started the second half of our season with a continuity that we didn't have at the start of it, which is readily visible in watching our WHS Lady Wolverines varsity volleyball team play," said Coach Jon Jessup. "Each and every week they are more confident and aggressive, consistently turning new corners, getting stronger every match. We're super proud of their individual and collective growth. Their wins this past week were the result of their dedication and hard work."

The next home game is on Tuesday, October 22 against Sonoma Academy! Come support our dynamic Lady Wolverines volleyball team!

> WHS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:

9/16 - 9/21:

Boys soccer sophomore #19 Julian Castaneda

Varsity volleyball junior #17

Alexandra Ramos Varsity football junior #3 Porter Garman JV volleyball freshman #5

Valorie Mottern 9/23 - 9/28:

JV volleyball #9 Freshman Bella Bickford Varsity volleyball #15 Junior Cecily Potter

Girls soccer junior #2 Natalie Hernandez

Cross country sophomore Nick Cramer

9/30 - 10/5:

Varsity volleyball #22 Dannyka Smith Boys soccer #8 Luis Mandujano Girls soccer junior goalkeeper Arion Martin Varsity football #11 Ryan Carter

Q&A for Willits school board

two seats on the board in the November 5, 2024

WUSD board incumbent Dianne McNeal and challengers April Lamprich, mother and business owner, and David Lilker, retired teacher, are the three candidates. The two winners will all have four-year terms starting January 2025.

Willits Weekly asked the three candidates for WUSD board to reply to five questions, and here are the responses we received.

Why are you running for reelection or election to the Willits school board?

April Lamprich: I am running for our local school board to advocate for the needs of our students and families. With my experience as a mother of five and my involvement in the community, I aim to ensure that all children receive a quality education in a safe and supportive environment. I want to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to help educational programs, promote mental health resources, and strengthen the connection between schools and families. My goal is to be a voice for the parents and students and to give a more personal opinion when making decisions.

David Lilker: I'm running primarily out of a sense of civic duty. Whether or not you have children enrolled in the district, if you live here it's important that our schools run well, and our students receive an education that prepares them for life after graduation. I would like to do my part and help make those things happen.

Dianne McNeal: I want to continue ensuring that our schools truly serve all students, in looking at how the district's resources are allocated. I'm very proud of our improved English Learner Students program, the Reading rooms at the Elementary sites, and having improved employee salaries.

What work, civic, life, family, or volunteer experience, including with the schools, do you / would you bring to the board?

David Lilker: I retired from full-time teaching a couple of years ago, and taught for almost 30 years, most of them here in Willits. That experience included working in our regular education, special education, and alternative programs. I think I also have a pretty good grasp of what things are really working in our schools, and what needs improvement. Lastly, I have two adult kids who graduated from Willits High, so I can appreciate the concerns of parents who currently have children in the district.

Dianne McNeal: I'm currently a trustee, serving my second year as the Clerk. I volunteer at three sites, in many classrooms, to gain firsthand knowledge of how our students are progressing (and how much they enjoy their work). I also volunteer at the Senior Center, and I'm a poll worker for the Mendocino County Elections. I taught for 38 years in WUSD as a Kindergarten teacher, Third, and Fourth. I've been married for 45 years to Don McNeal, who was born and raised in Willits. We have three children, all of which went through Willits schools and graduated WHS. They all went on to attend college around the US.

April Lamprich: I am a mother of five wonderful children. Our oldest graduated from Willits High School last year and is attending college. currently have a sophomore at Willits High School, a 6th grader at Baechtel Grove, a 3rd grader at Blosser Lane elementary and a kindergartener at Brookside Elementary. My husband and I own Nor Crawl, an automotive shop here in Willits, and have been open since 2001. I am the President of Willits Sober Grad, a nonprofit organization that works with the Senior class, their families, the community, and local businesses doing fundraisers throughout the year to raise money to throw the graduating class a safe and sober graduation night. I am deeply rooted in this community and passionate about supporting students and their families.

With threats of violence directed to local schools seemingly happening more often, do you think school administrators are handling the threats well, in terms of actions taken or communication with

Dianne McNeal: The most important job of the school district is to make sure students are SAFE. There are counselors that work at all sites helping students, and training teachers to teach the setting of positive goals, concerning relationships and decisions. All sites have fences, buildings can lock doors with access from inside, security window

The Willits Unified School District Board of film, and protective furniture. School principals Trustees has three Willits residents running for do monthly Fire Drills and Earthquake Drills in classrooms, as well as practice Lockdowns. Also, as soon as possible, families receive an email or a robocall from the District Office concerning the

April Lamprich: While school administrators are taking steps to address threats of violence, there is always room for improvement in both actions taken and communication with parents. Transparency is crucial. Parents need timely updates and clear information on protocols. By enhancing communication and collaboration between parents and school staff, we can work together to ensure our children's safety and wellbeing while they are in school.

David Lilker: The administrators are doing a good job overall, in my opinion. Fortunately, we haven't had any gun violence at any of our schools. There's plans underway to improve the perimeter fencing around our campuses, which is a good idea, but I don't believe turning our schools into fortresses is the answer. Improved mental health services, as well as better communication with our students, parents, and the community as a whole is more effective. Knowing when threats are made verbally or on social media is important, and that only happens when people feel comfortable reporting those things to the administration and/or

Would you support a ban on cell phone use in the classroom?

April Lamprich: I would consider supporting a ban on cell use in the classroom, but it's important to approach this thoughtfully. While cell phones can be a distraction, they can also serve as a valuable educational tool for students and teachers. A balanced policy that limits usage during instruction while allowing for appropriate use in certain contexts, such as research or educational apps, could be more effective. Engaging students in discussions about responsible phone use and establishing clear guidelines can help create a focused learning environment while still leveraging technology for educational purposes.

David Lilker: Yes, absolutely. We already have a district policy. What we need is implementation of that policy. There have been recent efforts to get greater support for a cell phone ban from parents We also need to do that with our students. I've visited Anderson Valley School District, where they've had a ban in place for a while, and you can really see the difference in terms of student behavior and attention. Clear, consistent guidelines from the administration are needed. Leaving the matter to "the discretion of the teacher" has not been working.

Dianne McNeal: Yes, our district policy allows for using cell phones during non-instructional time, with specific exceptions. I believe that cell phones and ear buds should be turned off during instructional time, as I see them as a distraction.

What else would you like voters to know about you with respect to being a school board member?

David Lilker: If I were elected to the Willits school board, I wouldn't be bringing a political agenda, or have any axes to grind. I would like to think that am a cooperative, reasonable person, and would be a good addition to the current board members. I would appreciate your vote on November 5th.

Dianne McNeal: I believe trustees must be accessible, accountable, and listen to feedback from teachers, students, families, and the Willits community. For example, our district was losing teachers to other neighboring districts that had much better salaries. Now, our teachers are paid equally to or better than all other districts in Mendocino County. We've increased more CTE classes, and our district daily attendance is currently 93%. I believe Willits is a great place to work, live, and attend our schools. These 4 years and if elected, I'll continue to do the same. VOTE

April Lamprich: I believe having a parent on the school board is crucial because I bring a unique perspective grounded in the everyday experiences of families. As a parent, I understand the challenges and needs of students firsthand which allows me to ensure that the decisions made at the board level truly reflect our communities priorities. I can advocate for programs and policies that directly impact our children, promote a strong communication between schools and families and foster a collaborative environment. Most importantly, I want students and parents to feel heard, ensuring that their voices are taken into account as we work together to create a supportive and thriving educational experience for everyone.



20th annual Photography Club exhibition opens October 26 at WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts is excited to announce the 20th Annual Photography Club Show, showcasing the stunning work of local photographers.

This milestone exhibition will run from October 26 through November 17, offering the public a unique opportunity to experience the creative perspectives of the Willits Photography Club members.

The show will officially open with a gallery reception on Saturday, October 26 from 6 to 9 pm at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Admission to the opening is free, and guests will enjoy complimentary food. Beer and wine will also be available.

This much-anticipated annual exhibition highlights the diverse talents of local photographers, offering a wide range of styles, subjects, and techniques. Whether you are an art enthusiast or simply curious about photography, the show provides an inspiring visual journey through the lens of our community's talented artists.

The gallery will be open during its regular hours on Fridays through Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm. All are encouraged to attend and explore the creativity and talent of Willits' vibrant photography community.

For more information, please visit the Willits Center for the Arts website at www. willitscennterforthearts.org=

The Photography Club

71 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA 95490

www.willitscenterforthearts.org open weekends 11 AM - 5 PM.

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Supporting Sober Grad

2nd annual Enchilada Dinner fundraiser Friday, October 18

Chicken, or cheese? There's no wrong answer when it comes to the contents choice of the enchiladas that will be available during the second annual Sober Grad Enchilada Dinner fundraiser that will be held this Friday.

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"Last year, the turnout was great!" said Willits Sober Grad president April Lamprich. "We did decide to add more sauce and cheese this year to make it extra delicious and we're excited for another great event this year."

Tickets for the dinner are still available, but the 150 available meals have been going quick. Each ticket is for a dinner for two, and includes four chicken or cheese enchiladas, rice and beans. Smokin' G's and Big D's Barbecue will be smoking the chicken; Marisela Lamprich will be making the rice and beans; and the students and

volunteers will be prepping the rest. WHS's Christy Wisdom oversees things, donating her time and use of the WHS cafeteria.

The dinners are "heat and serve" allowing the house to smell great from all the cooking, but without the effort of making them! Pick up will be drive-thru style, with students handing over ready-to-go bags as diners drive through the WHS loop.

The event hopes to bring in around \$3,000 for the Class of 2025 graduation party offering graduates an alcoholfree alternative to celebrating their achievements in June.

Tickets, while still available, can be purchased at NorCrawl, 101 Trailer & RV or Monkeywrench. Cheese tickets: \$20, and chicken tickets: \$25.

- Maureen Jennison



At left: Tickets are available to purchase at NorCrawl. Monkeywrench and 101 Trailer & RV.

> Photos by Maureen Jennison



Brooktrails 'Trick or Trail' candy giveaway, Friday, October 25

Willits Area Cyclists' 1st annual Trick-or-Trail with free trick or treating in the woods is on! We will be handing out candy Friday, October 25, from 4 to 6 pm.

This FREE event is located in Brooktrails, at the new 3/4 mile long beginner loop trail. Parking will be on Primrose Drive next to Lake Ada Rose.

If your kids want to wear costumes, that's great, but good shoes are a must. Come explore your local trails, and get some candy along the way. Hope to see you all there!



