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October is 'a long month' in education

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On the evening of October 10, Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees held its monthly board meeting. This month's meeting was unique and sweet, as it began honoring 17 elementary school students of the month recipients. The board meeting also contained two presentations, as well as comments from the California State Employees Association and the Willits Teachers Association representatives, Superintendent Mark Beebe, and the board trustees.

October's school board meeting honored Brookside Elementary students in grades transitional kindergarten through second. All 17 students attended, and a small, heartfelt award ceremony was held to recognize their spirit and hard work. Seventeen small children gathered at the front of the meeting room, smiling and congratulated by the WUSD staff and their parents, and each received a certificate. The celebration finished with a photo op of the students and their teachers if they attended.

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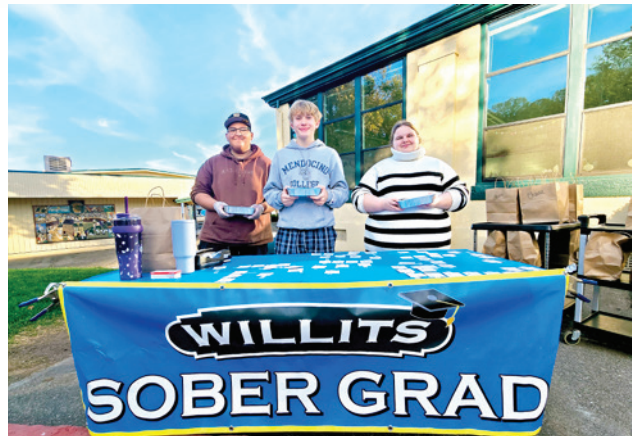
Two MCOE board trustees step down after years of service

Posted by MCOE

October 14 – This year, the Mendocino County Board of Education bids farewell to two dedicated trustees who have made lasting contributions to the county's educational community. Charline Ford and Drew Duncan have both chosen not to seek re-election, closing out their tenures with the board.

Charline Ford, a lifelong educator and advocate for students, has served as the trustee for Area Three: Covelo, Laytonville, and Willits. She began her career in education in the 1960s. With teaching degrees from Cottey College in Missouri, Humboldt State University, and a master's from the University of Oklahoma, Ford's passion for teaching spanned multiple roles. In Arcata, she taught high school English and started classes for expectant young mothers. In Willits, she spent 21 years teaching English and leadership classes while also advising extracurricular activities such as track and the

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Above, left: Class of 2025's Cristian Camargo, left, Calvin Loupy, and Clarah Lacy, right, stand at the pick-up table last Friday handing out beans, rice, and enchiladas to those who purchased tickets to the annual Sober Grad fundraiser. Above, right: The cheese-topped trays are ready for the oven. Below: Camargo and Loupy hand ready-to-heat dinners to Matthew Jennison.



Photos by
Maureen
Jennison

Ready to Eat

Sober Grad holds second annual Enchilada Dinner fundraiser

Below, left: Camargo takes tickets for the dinner. Below, right: Each bag came with easy-to-follow instructions for heating the meal.

"The turnout for our Friday night fundraiser was amazing!" said Willits Sober Grad President April Lamprich. "We want to thank all the parents who donated cheese, enchilada sauce, and tortillas; thank Danny Lewis for smoking the chicken, and thank Marisela Lamprich for making all the beans and rice!"

This was the second annual Enchilada Dinner fundraiser for Sober Grad, which will use the some \$3,000 earned from the event towards the graduation-night

party for all local graduates. Free food, games, prizes and fun are all offered as incentive to attend, and to allow a safe, fun night for the graduates.

"Also a big thanks to Christy Wisdom for donating her time and helping in the WHS cafeteria," said Lamprich. "And also a big thank you to all the kids and parents who came and helped package beans and rice, and roll all the enchiladas – without you, all this wouldn't be possible! We appreciate you all!"

– Maureen Jennison



Above: A great green ghost leads a trio of mischievous miscreants.

Below: A happy pumpkin and a raging ghost make strange companions.

Above, right: An archway of jolly orange pumpkin heads leads to an inviting doorway.



Fearful Fun

Willits homes and yards transform into spooky scenes as Halloween nears

Amidst falling leaves and frosty nights, autumn spice is in the air, and the Halloween spirit is coming alive in Willits. From traditional carved pumpkins to giant skeletons and inflatable ghosts and monsters, neighborhoods all around town have turned spooky, with whimsical scenes of mystery and mayhem welcoming trick-or-treaters and passersby with a colorful bit of fearful fun. Take a tour around town, savor the crisp, clear nights, and take in the "Made in Willits" creativity of the season.

– Margi Gomez Guhde



Above: Good Dog Day Care & Social Club's Main Street window sports a Halloween theme.

Below: Psychopaths wait along a spooky path.

Photos by Margi Gomez Guhde



JDSF burn set to wrap up

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CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit is set to finish its educational burn on Jackson State Demonstration Forest on Thursday, October 24. Willits was hard hit by smoke from the JDSF burn late Tuesday, October 23, with some areas on the south end of town up to "red"(unhealthy air). The air monitor at the Willits Charter School registered "purple" (hazardous air), at 271 PM2.5. Areas in Ukiah and Redwood Valley also had smoky air Tuesday afternoon.

"We'll be wrapping up the JDSF operations, and we should be done by tomorrow [Thursday]," CAL FIRE division chief Chris Vallergera told Willits Weekly.

At press time late Wednesday afternoon, air quality in Willits was considerably better than Tuesday, reporting "green" (good air quality) at 49 PM2.5, just under the "yellow" moderate level.

The October 18 CAL FIRE press release about the JDSF burn announced the burn would begin October 22, and "continue for approximately 3 to 4

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State certifies cannabis EIR for Mendocino County

Posted by California Department of Cannabis Control

Sacramento, October 17 – The Department of Cannabis Control has certified an Environmental Impact Report in Mendocino County, addressing a significant and longstanding barrier to annual licensure for over 500 provisionally licensed cultivators.

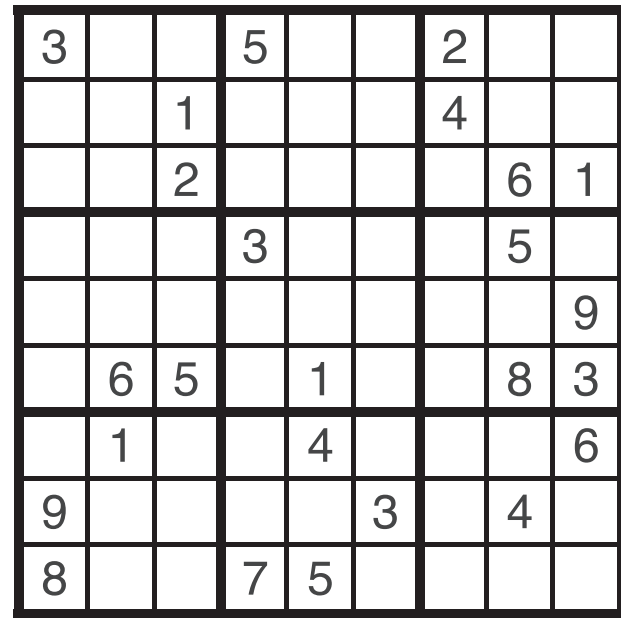
This move allows Mendocino's provisional licensees – many of whom were part of Mendocino's rich cannabis history prior to legalization – to transition to annual licenses and continue cannabis cultivation in one of California's most storied regions.

"Our goal has always been clear: to support those who helped build California's cannabis industry through a licensing program that is environmentally conscious and legally sound," said DCC Director Nicole Elliott. "With the EIR certified, we're one step closer to

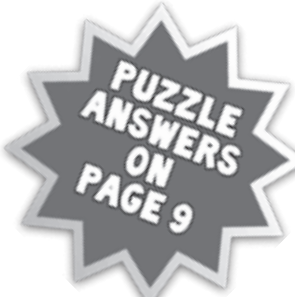
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Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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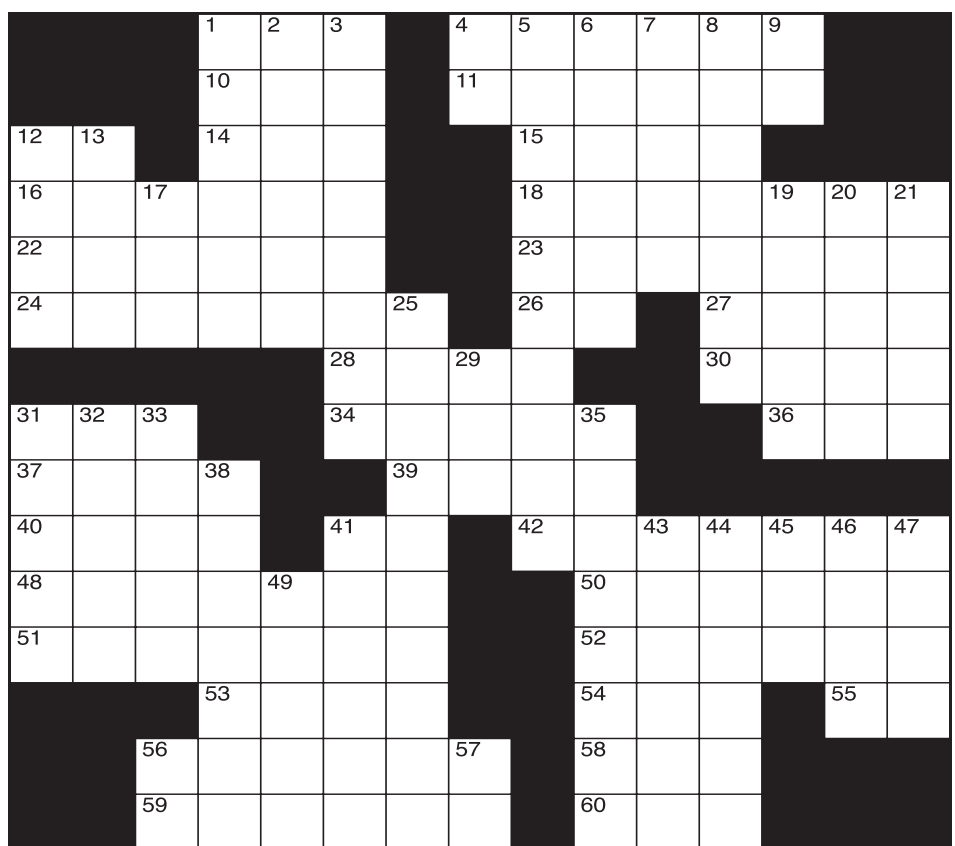
HOW TO SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

FALL SEASON WORD SEARCH



APPLES	CORNUCOPIA	FOGGY	LEAF
AUTUMNAL	COZY	FOLIAGE	OCTOBER
CHESTNUT	CRISP	GOURD	PUMPKIN
CHILLY	EQUINOX	HARVEST	RAKE
COOLER	FALL	HARVESTING	SCARECROW
CORN	FIREPLACE	HAY	SWEATER



CLUES ACROSS

- '60 Minutes' network
- Train line
- Go quickly
- Straightforward
- Canadian province
- At any rate (abbr.)
- Genealogy
- Make changes
- Utter repeatedly
- In a way, turned up
- Type of ship
- Agents of one's downfall
- Not out
- Something to scratch
- Round water pot
- Refreshing green fruit (slang)
- Promotions
- Primordial matters
- One-time world power (abbr.)
- Source of illumination
- The content of cognition
- An Arab ruler

CLUES DOWN

- South Dakota
- Gnawed at with teeth
- Hawaiian island
- Smaller
- Of a single person
- Rigid bracelet
- Barbary sheep (Fr.)
- Not even
- Specific gravity
- Engage in petty bargaining
- Boxing's 'GOAT'
- Split between parties
- Notable offensive
- Knight (chess)
- Source of fiber
- Flesh covering some birds' beaks
- Energy
- Night monkeys genus
- Small, sharp nails
- Pleasant-smelling liquid
- Affirms one's hold
- CNN's founder
- Texans can't forget it
- 'Oppenheimer' actor Matt
- Expression
- Vessel
- Lacking poetic beauty
- Tall, swift and slender dog
- Sports personality Michelle
- Robber
- Liquefied natural gas
- Snakelike fishes
- The most worthless part of something
- City in Crimea
- Bad grades
- Reichsmark

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

October 14 to October 20

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 55 incidents in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 14
8:08 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

October 15
1:20 am: SEGMILLER, Tara Janene (40) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Redwood Avenue. She was arrested on felony charges of cruelty to a child (inflicting injury), and on misdemeanor charges of willful cruelty to a child and disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol).
3:19 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation near the intersection of East Hill Road and Haehl Creek Drive.
10:29 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.
7:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Walnut Street and Locust Street.
7:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.
October 16
7:28 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.
8:02 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Madden Lane.
6:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

October 17
12:35 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of Robert Drive and issued a citation.
11:30 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
3:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.
8:34 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of East Oak Street.
10:51 pm: GOWER, Jason Andrew (33) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block

The rest of Burn

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weeks, as favorable conditions allow for safe and effective operations." But Vallerga said conditions this week gave them the window of opportunity to get the goals of the JDSF operation accomplished, including fuels reduction and training, as well as forest research. The burn "provides good training and education for the new firefighters that we have."

The JDSF burn was set to cover "six different burn spots on the forest, with UC researchers doing field research," Vallerga said.

CAL FIRE coordinates with University of California researchers, adjacent property owners, and with the Resources side of the state fire agency to schedule prescribed burns.

Division Chief Vallerga confirmed that the Tuesday afternoon smoke in Willits did not include smoke from the Shamrock Ranch burn, south of Laytonville, because there was no CAL FIRE burn activity at Shamrock on Tuesday. "Our operations at Shamrock Ranch were done Monday," he said.

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit had also put out a notification about a research burn in Hopland set for Wednesday, October 22 to Friday, October 24, but Vallerga said the Hopland burn was not happening this week, and CAL FIRE was looking at possibly figuring out a day for the Hopland burn next week.

Comments on social media varied between "Thank you CAL FIRE!" and "Control it now so it's not out of control later," and "The smoke from these burns is much less than if the forest were on fire," to "Wasn't the smartest time to burn," and "Pretty irresponsible to ruin an otherwise beautiful fall day," and "Why can't they wait to burn until it rains?"

Asked to respond to that last comment about burning in wet conditions, Division Chief Vallerga politely asked: "Have you ever tried it?"

To watch the impacts of smoke on air quality in Mendocino County, visit <https://www.airnow.gov/> and enter your zip code or address.

of Kawi Place. He was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance or paraphernalia in an attempt to bring into a custodial facility and failure to appear, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation.

October 18
11:19 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
11:59 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
12:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
4:06 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
4:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:12 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Street and Central Street and issued a warning.

October 19
10:57 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.
2:11 pm: STEISKAL, Tobin Wayne (45) of Fortuna was contacted in the 400 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
8:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

October 20
12:19 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.
10:02 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madrone Street.
2:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

5:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Central Street and East Oak Street and issued a citation.
7:04 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Gregory Lane and issued a warning.

The rest of Cannabis

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keeping Mendocino's pioneering cannabis spirit alive." "This project is a testament to what's possible when legal operators and local and state government work together towards addressing California Environmental Quality Act requirements and focus on meeting an important objective," said Maureen Mulheren, chair of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. "The solution developed and implemented by the Department of Cannabis Control and Mendocino County makes it possible for legacy cultivators to focus on what they do best - growing high-quality cannabis legally by eliminating the final roadblocks."

The DCC will continue reviewing individual annual license applications and preparing addenda to support the ongoing transition of licensees in Mendocino County from provisional to annual licensure. The department expects the first transitions resulting from the October 17 certification to occur later this month.

The California Department of Cannabis Control licenses and regulates commercial cannabis activity. From licensing to policy, the DCC is committed to ensuring California's legal cannabis market reflects the state's rich history and legacy operators as part of creating a sustainable legal cannabis industry and a safe and equitable marketplace.

To learn more about the California cannabis market, state licenses, or laws, visit: www.cannabis.ca.gov.



Congrats

Happy 85th Birthday, Doug Brown

Glenda Brown threw a birthday party last weekend for her husband, Doug Brown, with family and friends showing up to have food and 85th birthday cake. Doug, still a professional water witcher in the Willits area, and former longtime mailman, said he had a great time gathering with friends and family he had not seen for a while.

Above, left: Willits' Doug Brown, surrounded by 85th birthday balloons at last week's family party. Above, right: From left: Eric, Glenda, Micah, Doug himself, Bailey, Nick and Austin gather for a photo to celebrate Doug's 85th birthday.



Get your ballots in!

Willits residents Kate Black and her mom, Billie Kurtz (who recently turned 92), drop off their 2024 general election ballots, sealed in their official return envelopes, at the Willits ballot drop box, located outside City Hall at 111 East Commercial Street.

Don't forget to sign, date and print your name on the back of the return envelope - under the privacy flap - before sealing it. There's still plenty of time to get your ballot in the mail, too - California law allows ballots postmarked by Election Day (November 5, 2024) and received no later than seven days after Election Day, to be counted.

You can check the status of your mail-in ballot at <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections/vote-by-mail-absentee-status>.

If you have any questions about your voter registration, call the Mendocino County Elections Office at 707-234-6819.

- Jennifer Poole



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At top, left: Richard "Tootrees Zanapon" Jeske assists other FOWL members in facilitating the book sale. At top, right: David Baldacci, John Grisham, Dan Brown and other authors are represented in the mystery section of the book sale. Above: These two ladies enjoy looking over the romance books and choose several to purchase.

At left: Beth Riedel of FOWL works the checkout table where people purchase their choices.

Below, left: The Willits Library provides a space for perusing books, choosing audio CDs, reading, or surfing the web. Below, right: The Willits Branch of the Mendocino Public Library is asking for people to submit their fall-colored photos of Willits to be displayed.



Above: FOWL volunteer Olga O'Neil has worked these book sales for many years.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Book Sale

Great reads found at fundraiser organized by Friends of the Willits Library

Each year, the Friends of the Willits Library host a used book sale to raise funds for the library. The books can be purchased at extremely reasonable prices (\$0.50 to \$3, and \$3 for a shopping bag full on the final of the four days). In addition, throughout the year, they also host a series of pop-up sales where they will display books for sale on tables in the library.

Mathew Caine, Features Writer, willitsweekly@gmail.com. "Some of the books are from the library, going through and updating their collection," explained Beth Riedel of the Friends of the Willits Library, who was working at the sale, which ran October 17 through 22. "Some are from people who put books in the bin in the back. We sell the ones that are in good enough shape. It makes money for the library to do the different events they put on and we've bought them different pieces of furniture or whatever they need. This money also goes to prizes to the kids for various contests."

Barbara Telich, another FOWL member who was working with Riedel, said, "We could use some young blood in our group. We meet monthly and do whatever we can to support the library, whatever they need. Before COVID, we used to have a gigantic book sale at the Willits Community Center. All of our money we raise goes to the library. One year, the county had no money to pay the staff, so we donated to them so they could have a living wage."

The Friends of the Willits Library currently has approximately 125 members, however, only a few are active. Those wishing to join the organization can go to the website: www.mendolibrary.org/visit/willits.

Books that remain unsold by the end of the sale go to a service called Better World Books. "They have a lot of outlets where they can resell books," said Olga O'Neil, longtime FOWL volunteer. "They also donate a lot of books. We have way more books that people in Willits donated. Our donation bin is always full."

According to O'Neil, there are a lot of people who clean out their books each year, "That's why we have so many donations. It takes a lot of sorting because not everybody is judicious about the

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Obituary

Betty Mitchell

1929 - 2024

A former resident of Willits, CA, Betty Mitchell, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on September 2, 2024 at the age of 95. Her loving family was by her side and find comfort in knowing she is now reunited with her loving husband, Ron, of a remarkable 76 years.

Born on January 21, 1929, in St. Helena, CA, to parents Ted Hayes and Ellena Clark, Betty was the third of five children. Her family moved often and settled in the Sacramento area where she attended school. Through family friends she was introduced to her future husband, Ron Mitchell, who would soon go off to serve in World War II.

After the war and a first date to a baseball game, Betty and Ron married in April 1947. They established their home in Willits, where they raised three children: Sandra, Bonnie and Ted. As a devoted mother and homemaker, Betty enjoyed a full and vibrant life, spending her time between her family, gardening and creative hobbies. She was an avid reader and enjoyed collecting a wide variety of books. She was one of the first women hired at the Seaside Lumber Company in Willits and later worked as a veterinarian's office assistant. In 1983, they moved to Ukiah and resided there for 38 years and in September of 2021, relocated to Carlsbad (San Diego County) to be closer to family.

Betty was steadfast and determined when she set her mind to something and always dreamed of attending college. At the age of 57 she enrolled at Santa Rosa Junior College where she would eventually join a tour group to China, which she recalled as a highlight in her life. Betty loved to travel and see the world. Several years later, Betty and Ron would travel to Huntly, Scotland, for a Mitchell Family Reunion and to celebrate Ron's grandparents, John Mitchell and Mary Munro.

Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ron; her lovely daughter, Bonnie (Mitchell) Dunlap; and her brothers and sister, Donald, Bradford, Melvin and Opal. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra (Joe) Madrigal, Carlsbad, CA, her son, Ted (Jackie) Mitchell, Richland, WA; her seven grandchildren, Angela (Brian) Clark, Teresa Madrigal, Anthony (Jennie) Madrigal, Jennifer Rosebrook, Bridget (Peter) Fabrikant, Kyle Mitchell, Shardai Mitchell; her six great-grandchildren, Lauryn, Ellis, Liliana, Mae (Levi) Mazza, Grace, Jann; her niece and nephew, Carol (Collier) McClendon, Ukiah, and Ron Collier, Windsor.

Throughout their lives, Betty and Ron enjoyed traveling, gardening and walking every day. Their love of family and being together was the center of their lives. Betty will be remembered for her gentle spirit and compassion. Despite facing the challenges of dementia in her later years, she never hesitated in extending a warm hug and saying "Ohhhh, that's wonderful!" Her unwavering love and kindness will forever remain in our hearts. Betty's final wish - in lieu of flowers or a memorial service - was to consider a donation to dementia research or a favorite charity.

Calm Soul Patch

This young mama was brought to the shelter with her four newborn kittens. Her kittens have since flown the nest, found homes of their own, and now it's time for this lovely gal to find her forever home. We love the distinctive "Soul Patch" on her chin! She is very friendly and gentle, loves people and being petted, and purrs easily. She is a very calm and lovely cat. Soul Patch even got along with other cats in her foster home!

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from noon to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1 to 1:30 pm) on Saturdays. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendocinoshelter.com. Call 707-467-6453 for more information.



Soul Patch.

Mama Millie

Oh, my goodness we have so much sweetness to share with you! This retired mama dog needed a safe place to land, so we have opened up our doors. Millie is back and looking for new shot at love! Millie was with us back in 2021 when she birthed seven beautiful puppies that were all names "H" names. After her mama-duties were done, she quickly found herself a home. Unfortunately things didn't work. Millie would love to find herself a family quickly so she can get back to living life in a home like she is used to. Millie is 4 years old now and a little over 60 pounds.

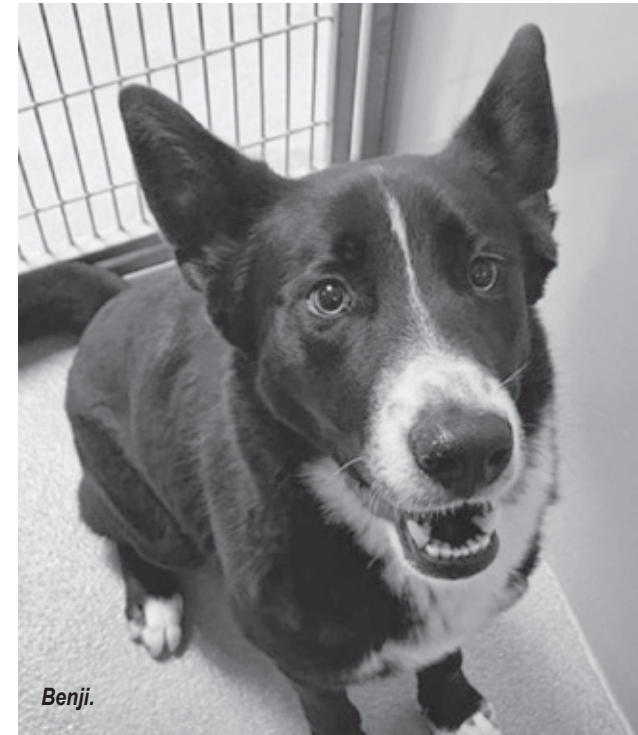
Our Facebook page "Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County" is a great place to check for videos and updates on Millie and others!

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

Cheerful Benji

Benji is a sweet, happy boy! He gets along with everyone! He loves dogs and people and is always ready to go for a ride, a walk, or a hike! Benji is the perfect companion for adventures with family, camping, walking trails, a day at the coast, or just a night in for a movie. Benji would love to be with you! Benji is a playful boy and will need some play time daily, but then will be ready to relax with you. Come meet this sweet boy at Milo Foundation Sanctuary.

To learn more about Benji, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.



Benji.

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instructions for 'gently used books.' We're happy to be doing this and getting a lot of books in a lot of people's hands."

There are some spooky happenings coming up at the library in addition to their many public programs. "We're calling it our Ghoul Gala," said Branch Librarian Denise Jessie. "This is the first time we're bringing it back inside since COVID. We're going to close the branch at 2 pm next Saturday [October 26] so we can transform this place into a party room. Then, we'll reopen for the party, which is 3 to 5 pm.

"Every kid will get to take a free book," promised Jessie. "We will have games, crafts, origami, a refreshment table, a 'tattoo' parlor (decal type). We're going to turn our meeting room into our 'Wicked Wiggle Room,' with fancy lights all over the room and Halloween music. We're going to have a photo booth and scary stories. All of the staff will be in costume as the kids should be. In the past, this has been one of our largest attended events. This is a fun event that the community is familiar with. It gives the kids a chance to wear their costumes more than just once."

FOWL provides a valuable service to the Willits Library and despite their acronym, are a positive voluntary support organization. As one of the members of the Friends of the Willits Library stated, "I'm glad we're not the Friends of the Ukiah Library, whose acronym would be FOUL." A bird by any other name...

The Willits Library, located at 390 East Commercial Street, is open 10 am to 7 pm, Tuesday through Thursday; 10 am to 6 pm on Friday; and 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday. Call 459-5908 for more info.



Millie.

LEGAL NOTICES

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WW512

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2024-F0456

The following person or persons are doing business as Turtle Island Tacos, 71 Northbrook Way, Willits CA 95490.

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, 2024.

/s/ Tasha Jarshaw

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CLASSIFIEDS

Do you need food?

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‘Butter Ball’

Hot Buttered Rum returns to Willits Friday to benefit School of Adaptive Agriculture

Submitted by School of Adaptive Agriculture

Hot Buttered Rum returns to the Little Lake Grange this Friday for its sixth performance in Willits, accompanied by an exciting cast of musicians. Rising star 19-year-old Fiona Mariposa will kick off the show. Fiona wowed the audience at Willits Blues & Brews Fest in September with her blazing blues guitar and resonant vocals.

Popular local funk rock blues band Soul Circus will open for Hot Buttered Rum, with special guest Bella Rayne. Bella is a 17-year-old, self-taught guitar phenom from Mendocino, California, who is quickly making a name for herself in the Grateful Dead/Jam Band scene.

Willits' own Bug Guts will also put in an appearance. Describing themselves as “free range misfit folk superheroes,” Rosebud and Scott Ireland combine playful and inventive lyrics with impeccable harmonies and rich acoustic guitar.

Hot Buttered Rum blends bluegrass, Americana and rock in a rocking progressive bluegrass sound that has audiences up and dancing through the show. They've appeared in Willits with bluegrass legend Peter Rowan and love to mix it up with rising star musicians like The Real Sarahs, who will appear onstage with HBR during the show.

The event is Friday, October 25 at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Doors open at 6 pm, music starts at 7 pm, and goes until 11:30 pm. Beer, wine and hot buttered rum will be available at the bar, along with soft drinks. There'll be food and crafts vendors on hand. And the event is “costume friendly” and kid-friendly, too.

The Butter Ball revives a tradition of Hot Buttered Rum benefit concerts for the School of Adaptive Agriculture. Founded in 2013, the School is located on Ridgewood Ranch, between Willits and Ukiah. It has provided intensive introductions to small-scale farming to dozens of aspiring farmers. Its workshops for local farmers have covered everything from bookkeeping to composting. And workshops for the general public provide vital information for rural living on herbal medicine, rustic furniture making, orchard health, and much more.

The School has just launched a Farm Incubator Program to provide land and access to tools to aspiring farmers while they learn the ropes of starting their own business. For more information go to: www.schoolofadaptiveagriculture.org

A Silent Auction will help raise money for the School. Event sponsors include Blue Zones, Sparetime Supply, J.D. Redhouse, Printing Plus, Northspur Brewing, Frey Vineyards, and Bonterra Organic Estates.

Tickets for the Butter Ball are available now at J.D. Redhouse, Flying Dog Pizza, and the Willits Farmers Market. Or online at <https://schoolofadaptiveagriculture.org/events-and-workshops/> or at Eventbrite.



At top, left: Willits locals Bug Guts are also on the bill for the October 25 show at the Grange. At top, right: Soul Circus opens Friday night with its mix of funk, rock and blues. Above: Hot Buttered Rum brings their rocking progressive bluegrass sound to Willits for the sixth time. At left: Fiona Mariposa kicks off Friday's benefit for the farm school at the Grange. At right, top: Bella Rayne, self-taught guitar phenom, joins Soul Circus for this show. At right: Local trio The Real Sarahs will join Hot Buttered Rum on stage.



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