



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## The better choice at City Park

To the Editor:

At the last Willits City Council meeting, open space at the City Park was returned to the east side of the park to allow families room to run and play along with their visit to the playground.

The council also cut down the size of the pavilion to a more reasonable size which creates more space in the park than the previous proposal.

These changes will enhance the design of the park and make it more accessible to all. Thank you for making the better choice.

Suzanne Beers, Willits

Please help to support these businesses that helped to support our school. A huge THANK YOU from FOSSI to the following businesses:

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Elizabeth Basterrechea, for Friends of Sherwood School Inc.

## Thank you

To the Editor:

Friends of Sherwood School Inc. would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the businesses that generously contributed to support our recent Fall Festival fundraiser. Thanks to their contributions, our event was a tremendous success!

## 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 members.

**Thursday, October 31:** Goulash, Veggies, Roll

**Friday, November 1:** Hot Open Faced Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

**Monday, November 4:** Tuna Salad Sandwich, Mac Salad

**Tuesday, November 5:** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

**Wednesday, November 6:** Pork Chops, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll

**Thursday, November 7:** Italian Sub Sandwich, Mac Salad

**Friday, November 8:** Pork Tacos, Rice, Beans

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

**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.

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## Hospice of Ukiah offers free Holiday Loss Support Groups

Submitted by Hospice of Ukiah

Dealing with the loss of a loved one is one of life's greatest challenges. Navigating feelings of grief, confusion, and even anger can be much more difficult during the holiday season, notes Hospice of Ukiah's Grief and Bereavement Counselor Kay Lieberknecht.

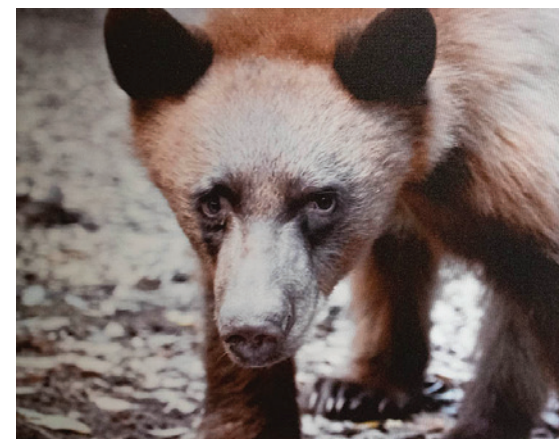
"For many years, Hospice of Ukiah has been offering support groups for those grieving a loved one during the holidays," says Lieberknecht. The free support groups are scheduled for Saturday, November 9 and Saturday, December 7. The groups will take place at the Ukiah United Methodist Church from 10 am to 12 noon. Individuals may choose to attend one or both sessions.

Lieberknecht stresses that anyone who has lost a loved one – regardless of when the person has passed, is invited to attend.

"Grief has no expiration date. It is not unusual for someone who has lost a loved one to feel overwhelmed as the calendar moves closer to the holidays. We have had people attend the support group who lost a family member many years ago. But because the celebrations of Christmas, Thanksgiving or Hanukah were significant family events, grief can start pouring in unexpectedly and leave people feeling unmoored or overwhelmed," Lieberknecht continues

"Our grief groups provide a safe, loving atmosphere where individuals may share their direct experiences. From there, we create ways for grieving individuals to honor their loved ones during this tender time."

In addition to the two workshops, Lieberknecht is available for no-cost individual and group counseling sessions. The Methodist Church is located at 270 North Pine Street, room 106. Pre-registration is strongly preferred, but the groups will be open to walk-in attendees if the session hasn't reached capacity. To pre-register, phone Kay Lieberknecht at (707) 391-1817.



At top, from left: Julia Shields lives past Third Gate on a property where they are visited by neighborhood bears, like this one named Cinnabon. Julia Shields and her husband live in a place where wildlife abounds, including birds and bears. A beautiful photographic rendering of the Yaquina Lighthouse is shown by Bruce Haanstra.

Above, from left: Longtime Photography Club member Michael Steffen creates abstracts from his photo visions. Three members of the Willits Photography Club – Jerry Albright, Michael Steffen and John Fisher – enjoy a conversation in the gallery. Volkhard Sturzbecher loves to travel and camp out overnight in places to get the perfect lighting.

Below: Craig Gardner created a series of photographs that bring light to the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women movement.

At bottom: John Glyer loves to photograph birds because they come to him.

Photos by Mathew Caine

## Disc golfers donate funds for veterans' address signs

Submitted by Sherwood Firewise

Sherwood Firewise is excited to announce that the Willits Basket Beaters held their NorCal Winter Disc Golf Charity Series, known as the "Willits Finale," on April 13 and 14, 2024, at the Brooktrails Golf Course.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Willits Basket Beaters for selecting us as the recipient of a generous donation raised during this event. This donation will provide 25 fire-approved address signs for veterans in the Sherwood Corridor community.

Additionally, we will be partnering with Boy Scouts of America Troop 42 to explore the possibility of having them install the signs for our veterans.

If you are a veteran or know of any veterans in the Sherwood Corridor community, we encourage you to reach out to us at info@sherwoodfirewise.org or 707-621-2824. Thank you!

## CAL FIRE awards \$5,577,500 to 2 Mendocino County projects

Submitted by CAL FIRE Sacramento

October 28 – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection California Forest Legacy Grants Program has selected four projects to receive over \$8.5 million in state funding for the acquisition of conservation easements and fee title for working forestlands.

Two of the project awards, totaling \$5,577,500, are in Mendocino County. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation was awarded \$2,077,500 for the Brushy Mountain Phase 4 project, which will fund the acquisition of a conservation easement to permanently protect 13,124 acres of working forest land in Mendocino County.

This landscape-scale project, along with the larger, previously funded, Eel River Peninsula project, presents a strategic opportunity for focused protection of California's water supplies, salmon populations, biodiversity, habitat connectivity, and public recreation opportunities, while fostering climate resilience via land protection from development and carbon sequestration across the northern California landscape.

Save the Redwoods League was awarded \$3,500,000 for the Miller Family Forest Project, which would protect 1,849 acres of unfragmented redwood/Douglas fir forest in Mendocino County 2 miles east of Westport via conservation easement.

It avoids development of 13 legal parcels of highly coveted coastal lands north of Fort Bragg, with forested views of the Pacific Ocean, preserves a sustainably managed working forest, and protects key habitat in the critical Ten Mile River watershed.

The project has the longest-known history of continuous sustained-yield, single-tree selection management on the North Coast and affords a rare opportunity to witness what a redwood forest can look like after 50 years of continued selective management. The overall goal of the project is to insure long-term sustained-yield production of quality forest products in a healthy and diverse forest while protecting the associated values of watershed health, wildlife and fish habitat, soils, and aesthetics.

The California Forest Legacy Grants protect environmentally important forest land threatened with conversion to non-forest uses. Protection of California's forests through these grants ensures they will continue to provide such benefits as sustainable timber production, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, watershed protection, carbon sequestration and storage, and open space.

"CAL FIRE's commitment to the long-term protection of California's vital forest landscapes is exemplified by the awarding of the 2024 Forest Legacy grants," said Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director of Resource Management at CAL FIRE. "By utilizing Working Forest Conservation Easements, we are focusing on sustainable forest management practices that not only generate economic value but also promote land stewardship and increase wildfire resilience for future generations."

CAL FIRE grants fund the purchase of conservation easements and where appropriate, fee title of productive forest lands to encourage their long-term conservation. Conservation easements are voluntary legal agreements that permanently limit uses of the land to protect conservation values.

The primary tool CAL FIRE uses to conserve forest lands in perpetuity is the permanent Working Forest Conservation Easement. A WFCE is an effective, cooperative legal agreement that permanently protects the important natural values of a forest property – fisheries, water supplies, wildlife habitat, and open space – while ensuring good forest management and sustainable flows of the wood products we need.

Forest Legacy grants were funded through the legislature's Wildfire Resilience enhancements to the Governor's budget in fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.

To view the full list of grant recipients and for more information on Forest Legacy Grants, visit the Forest Legacy Program website. at https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-legacy

## Varied Visions

### Willits Photography Club members show a wide range of subjects and styles at annual WCA exhibit

The annual Willits Photography Club exhibit, which will be available to the public at the Willits Center for the Arts until November 17, exemplifies the wide range of techniques and visions of its members, 12 individuals with diverging ways of seeing the world. Their visions vary as widely as their choice of equipment and their disparate world views.

Mathew Caine, Features Writer, willitsweekly@gmail.com

"We have 12 different photographers showing their work," explained Gary Martin, WCA curator. "We have some unusual photos. Some of them have been manipulated to create these visuals that are really truly beautiful."

Every photo in the gallery has a story that goes with it. They are depictions of the photographer's view of the world, in the manner in which they see it.

Mike Steffen is showing both abstracts and realistic photos. "I think of them as stuff from nature, taking pictures from nature and going for the abstract," said Steffen. "Either playing around with positives and negatives, or mirroring them, or just natural."

As he pointed to a photo he took of some tree roots, he said, "That's a cottonwood. The bark is so deep. I like to be a little playful. Some of my work I know ahead of time what I want to end up with as I view the subject. Others just evolve. Some you see on the spot. In others, you look for patterns that when rendered can be more interesting than the original. This one," Steffen said while pointing to a photo of a mushroom, "was inverted and I tweaked the saturation. Mushrooms always look a bit underworld-ish."

Jerry Albright showed his photo of the Albion Bridge, a beloved wooden span reminiscent of an old wooden roller coaster. "I did this photo of the Albion Bridge six years ago," said Albright. "It's slated for replacement. It's in design review right now. They're probably going to put up some concrete arched thing." His photo exists as an artistic vision of the past which will no longer be seen. Albright also enjoys photographing the Eel River near his home.

Lydia Sims loves beautiful places or animals, such as a family of deer that stopped to look at her. "The Valley of Fire is about an hour away from Las Vegas," Sims said, referring to a rocky scene. "It's really a gem because it's the complete opposite of Las Vegas, Nevada."

"I shot these deer," said Sims as she pointed to another photo, "coming into town, at dawn, on Sherwood Road. They looked at us and I just had to stop to catch it," she said.

Volkhard Sturzbecher is a one-of-a-kind artist. His works are distinct in his sometimes-manipulated views of nature, with an applied Milky Way or other dynamic backgrounds. His works are framed by old redwood vineyard stakes and / or redwood bark, creating an earthy and natural border.

Julia Shields is a fairly new member of the club but her vision is of the wildlife that she finds all around her in the home she shares with her husband. Cinnabon is a friendly cinnamon bear who visits often enough to be photographed by Shields.

"I photographed these bears in our backyard around Third Gate," said Shields. "They come into our yard and just kind of pose for us. Every year there is a different group and some of the same old ones come back. This one is Cinnabon. She was a pretty incredible bear."

Bruce Haanstra brought both realistic photos of stunning scenes as well as photos that were manipulated to become abstract. Over his career, he has done street photography in Berkeley and many natural landscapes.

Craig Gardner only brought one photo, but it was as disturbing as it was beautiful. It depicts the face of a Native woman with the red handprint across her face that signifies the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement. The woman's pleading eyes tell the story and the sadness of the loss of her sisters.

Maria Steffen showed an array of different subjects, mostly with a blue theme. She called it her "Blue Period."

"The Photography Club meets every second Saturday of the month," explained Martin. "To join the Photography Club so you can be in shows like this is only \$40. When members come to meetings, they get an introduction to a famous photographer, a 10-minute lecture, and then they go on to show their works to the other members, so that they can be critiqued."

The Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street. It is open to the public Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For further information, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org/. For further information on the Willits Photography Club, visit their Facebook page.

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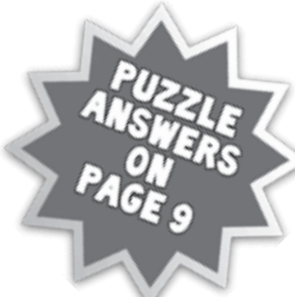
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# Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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Level: Advanced

## 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!

## CITIZENSHIP WORD SEARCH

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CHILDREN	EQUALITY	MARRIAGE	STATUTE
CITIZENSHIP	FAMILY	NATIONAL	TRADITIONS
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## CLUES ACROSS

- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Highly impressed
- Pronoun to identify something specific
- Uttered in an impassioned way
- Outfits
- 'Westworld' actor Harris
- Stewed game casserole
- Indignities inflicted on others
- Blood type
- Says beneath one's breath
- Taxis
- Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- NFL great Randy
- Where college students live
- Brief Yankees sensation Kevin
- Condiment
- frutti
- Polish city
- Astronomy unit of distance
- Romanian village
- Bears first overall pick Williams
- Irritated
- Clothing for sale has them
- One-time world power

## CLUES DOWN

- When you anticipate arriving
- Farm building
- Organize thoughtfully
- Detective
- One who reduces
- Nursemaids
- Partner to 'Pa'
- World's longest river
- Commemorates
- Compound
- The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
- Email function
- Scarlett's home
- Big Blue
- Subway dwellers
- One-tenth of a liter
- Central European river
- Distress signal
- Expression of sympathy
- Bar bill
- Football equipment
- Dance music
- Russian river
- Mary \_\_\_\_, cosmetics
- Gym class
- Autos
- Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
- Defeats (abbr.)
- A way to color
- Planet
- Form of humor
- Taken without permission
- Go over again
- Auto parts manufacturer
- Detective's source
- Home of the Flyers
- Short official note
- Emit coherent radiation
- In the year of Our Lord
- Atomic #18
- Not from, but

# WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

October 21 to October 27

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **75 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

### Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

#### October 21

12:03 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

6:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Central Street and Oak Street and issued a warning.

7:30 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Holly Street and issued a citation.

9:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

9:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

10:01 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### October 22

12:32 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:35 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

1:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

5:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### October 23

10:55 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of South Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue.

1:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

2:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

6:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

#### October 24

7:07 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

12:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of Central Street.

4:52 pm: PARKS, Joseph Doyle (58) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Monroe Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

5:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of South Street and issued a

citation.

#### October 25

7:24 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

8:36 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:42 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

10:40 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane.

11:55 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Valley Street.

12:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Central Street and Monroe Street and issued a citation.

11:47 pm: GOFORTH, William Roylee (56) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of trespassing, placing pollutants near state waters, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### October 26

8:16 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Valley Street.

9:21 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

12:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of North Main Street.

2:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:17 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

10:43 pm: THORNTON, Triston Wayne (28) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of McKinley Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of assault and violations of court orders (domestic violence).

10:43 pm: MOOREZACHARY, Garrett Ian (31) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, and reckless driving on a highway.

#### October 27

2:00 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street.

7:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Highway 20.

11:04 pm: MOOREZACHARY, Garrett Ian (31) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, and reckless driving on a highway.

## Ukiah man arrested for attempted murder

Posted by Ukiah Police Department

On Tuesday, October 29, at approximately 4:49 am, Ukiah Police Department Dispatch received a call from a hysterical female subject requesting an emergency response to a residence in the 200 block of Irvington Drive. The female caller stated that her boyfriend had been stabbed by her brother, and the brother was still inside of the residence.

UPD officers responded and located the victim, a 28-year-old male from Ukiah, standing in front of the residence holding the left portion of his face/eye, with blood covering him. UPD officers requested medical to stage as the suspect had not been contacted and the scene was not secure. Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived to assist, and escorted the victim to a safe location where medical personnel could treat him.

It was learned from the witnesses and victim that the suspect, Maclovio Garcia Magan, 24, of Ukiah, was alone inside of the residence, and there was a firearm inside as well. Due to the safety concerns and with no other subjects in harm's way, UPD officers utilized their patrol vehicle public address system to order Magana to exit the residence.

After a short time, the front door to the residence opened, and Magana exited. Magana was ordered to raise his hands above his head and to walk towards the officers' location. Magana complied with commands and was arrested without incident, on felony charges of Attempted Murder and misdemeanor charges of Violation of Probation.

After securing Magana in a UPD patrol vehicle, officers cleared the residence to confirm there were no other victims inside. The scene was then processed, where a large amount of blood was located and an approximate 13" kitchen knife with an 8" long blade was located, with blood and water on it. It appeared that Magana had begun cleaning the knife and floor of the residence in an attempt to conceal the crime.

During the investigation and interviews, it was determined that Magana premeditated the assault while lying in wait in the kitchen. Magana attacked the victim as he entered the kitchen causing a significant laceration just above the left eyebrow, down across the eye into the cheek and the jawline of the victim. The victim had an additional stab wound to the upper left portion of his chest near his heart. During the altercation, it also appeared that the victim sustained a defensive laceration wound to his right pinky finger.

MedStar Ambulance as well as the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority arrived and provided medical aid to the victim before transporting him to a local area hospital for treatment.

Magana was found to be on misdemeanor summary probation out of Mendocino County for carrying a loaded firearm on his person that was not registered to him. Magana had a probation term to include, "Obey all laws." Magana was transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he was booked and lodged for attempted murder, and violation of probation. Magana's bail was set at \$252,500.00.



## Community Sports News

### Wolverines Football sweeps Clearlake; girls soccer clinches NCL 1 title for the first time in almost two decades; volleyball holds an endearing and victorious senior night

#### Football

On October 24, Willits Wolverines Football hit the road to Lakeport for the second time to square off with the Clearlake Cardinals for what was to be a complete and utter showdown. No one expected the ebbs and flows of this game. It was head to head the whole way. Both teams played strategically with passes, runs and tackles that took them into the fourth quarter evenly.

It all came down to this moment, with 36 seconds on the clock. The fans were tense on the edge of their seats. Junior QB Corey Rocky executed a perfect pass to senior Kolbe Bufardecì who made yet another epic catch in the end zone for the touchdown that took the game! The final score was 46-39. The crowd went wild as the team, players, and other fans jumped with elation on the sidelines.

Rocky was spectacular, throwing 470 passing yards with five touchdowns, completing 84.6 percent of his passes, while also running the ball in for a first down during the critical last moments. He is a cool and calm leader out there with a great amount of athletic ability.

All eyes were on Bufardecì who had an absolutely phenomenal game with 354 receiving yards, 19 catches, four touchdowns, two blocked PAT, two interceptions, and multiple tackles. He is an absolute beast. This player is so fun to watch! His athleticism and personality shine out there. His talent places an unforgettablely impressive stamp on WHS Football that will never be forgotten!

Other notable players were junior Isaac Silva with some outstanding catches and strong runs, and junior Porter Garman and senior Clayton Cooley with some heavy tackles.

"Friday night was a battle!" said Coach Brandon Norbury. "We knew Clearlake's record isn't an indicator of how good they actually are, particularly at this point in the season when most teams are beginning to peak. I'm happy for Kolbe, one of the best athletes I've ever had the pleasure of coaching! He had the game of his life."

The football team played hard to achieve this victory and it was a nail-biter for the books. With only one league loss under their belts, they forge forward with heart

and pride. Congratulations varsity football! The last home league game is Friday, November 1. Let's GO to the playoffs Wolverines! Your community is very proud of you.

WHS JV Football played their best game of the season against the Clearlake Cardinals. Freshman QB Grady Cooley played an awesome game, collaborating and leading his team to victory with smooth passes, runs, and an interception. Other notable plays were made by sophomore #1 Eddie Perez with steadfast catches and runs, #5 Pancrazio Bertolino with strategic runs, and #4 Cameron Raymond with an interception. The final score was 14-0.

#### Girls soccer

On October 22, WHS Girls Soccer traveled to Upper Lake High School to face off with the Cardinals once again. This was a highly anticipated game as the Wolverines tied Upper Lake in a very intense home game on October 6. You would not know the pressure was on as the Wolverines hit the ground running with nothing short of solid determination to win.

They played smoothly. Goalkeeper Arion Martin was a complete beast guarding the box. The defensive line remained solid with impressive footwork and passes by defenders senior Madison Boutillier and junior Natalie Hernandez. Running midfield with extreme perseverance and power were senior Nora Martin, junior Kate Winter, and junior Ava Holme.

Fans and family cheered loudly with admiration and pride over the long-awaited title win for WHS Soccer, which was nearly two decades ago. What a memorable moment for this amazing team of ladies who put their all into this game with heart and spirit! Willits has gained a knowledgeable coach who has brought back the fundamentals of soccer, and outlines the talents of each and every player he coaches, keeping their confidence high.

"After a tough loss to Middletown, the Wolverines were able to bounce back and beat Clearlake," said Coach Juan Diaz. "After that important win in Clearlake, the team traveled to Upper Lake where they were able to win 2-1, with goals from junior Kate Winter and junior Delia Siderakis.

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At top, left: The WHS Girls Soccer Team after clinching the NCL 1 league championship: From left, top row, Nora Martin, Alexandra Mendoza, Madison Bouthillier, Madison Winter, Arion Martin, Kate Winter, Ava Dockins-Kline, Natalie Hernandez and Ava Holme; bottom row, Anny Gutierrez, Alihna Diaz, Bryana Calderon, Delia Siderakis, Jewel Bashara, Maia Collins and Nina Corona. At top, right: Kolbe Bufardecì poses for a picture. Above, left: Isaac Silva rests for a moment. Above, right: Kayden Paulus, Mia Chavez and Shiloh Moyer, all named WHS Athletes of the Week, pose for a photo. Below: Quarterback Corey Rocky and Clayton Cooley prepare to come off the field during a timeout. At bottom: Kayden Paulus, Shiloh Moyer and Mia Chavez work together to get the point.

Photos by Ava Dockins-Kline



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## BAKE SALE AND GIFT BAZAAR\*\*

**Saturday, November 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**At**  
**Willits United Methodist Church**  
**286 School Street**  
(across from the Grange)

**BAKED GOODIES, CRAFTS, ART WORKS & WHITE ELEPHANTS**

*\*\*All proceeds are used to help families and our homeless population have a wonderful Christmas.*

Thursday, October 31

**Willits Farmers Market:** Update: Thanks to the weather, the Farmers Market will come in out of the rain and cold a week early, on Thursday, October 31, to start its winter season at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from 3 to 5:30 pm. Expect the last of the summer vegetables, lots of fall and winter veggies, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats and hot drinks, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Flying Dog Pizza Bar Opening Party:** The new bar at Flying Dog Pizza is officially open, and they're celebrating with an opening party on Halloween evening, Thursday, October 31. Party starts at 4 pm, and will go into the night – plenty of pizza and beer all around! 65 South Main Street.

**Halloween Family Dance Party at WCA:** Willits Center for the Arts presents a free Halloween Costume Family Dance Party at Willits Center for the Arts on Thursday, 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.

**Halloween Night Trick or Treat:** Little Lake Fire and Brooktrails Fire (at 74 East Commercial), Willits Police Department (at 125 East Commercial), CAL FIRE, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and California Highway Patrol (at 470 East Valley), and the County of Mendocino (at 472 East Valley) have joined together to present a Halloween Trick or Treat event on the east side of Willits. Thursday, October 31, from 5 to 8 pm. Stop and visit your local agency staffers, and pick up some treats, too.

**Flourish & Flow Dance Halloween Party:** Free Halloween dance party, Thursday, October 31 from 5:15 to 6:45 pm at Flourish & Flow Mendocino Wellness & Fitness Studio, 1726 South Main, Suite B. Dancing, Costume Contest, Games, Treats to follow.

**Agape Church Harvest Party:** Agape Bible Church hosts a free Harvest Party on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Come join the party! Fun, games, a bounce house, candy! 290 South Lenore Avenue.

Friday, November 1

**WHS Football & Cheer:** WHS Wolverines play the Upper Lake Cougars, Friday, November 1, for the final home game of the season, WHS Maize Field, 299 North Main Street. JV starts at 5 pm; varsity at 7 pm.

**Spooky Haunted House:** Willits Charter School's Spooky Haunted House is set for Friday, November 1, and Saturday, November 2, from 7 to 9 pm, 1431 South Main Street. This year's theme is Haunted Medieval Prison, complete with eerie dungeons and haunted corridors. Admission is \$5; \$20 for families up to 6 members; with all proceeds supporting student activities. Brought to you by WCS Leadership. It's going to be a frightfully

# What's Happening Around Town



good time – join us if you dare!

**"The Whisperer" continues at WCT:** Local playwrights Elizabeth Dellett, Garrett Moore, and Jeff Shipp premiere a new staged horror story, "The Whisperer" at Willits Community Theatre, running through November 10. Co-directed by Mathew Caine and Jeff Shipp, new play 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. When she stops her 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.wctperformingartscenter.org

**The Blue J's at Shanachie:** The Blue J's (formerly known as Blues Blues and mo' Blues, and regrouped after a 4-year pause) consist of J.B. John and Jammingo Jacomella, bluesmen hailing from the Mendocino Coast, but some rock and originals too. Friday, November 1 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Saturday, November 2

**"A Taste of Italy":** Enjoy this authentic pasta dinner, a fundraiser for the St. Anthony's Ladies Guild, Saturday, November 2 at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 61 West San Francisco. Cocktails at 6 pm; dinner at 7 pm, includes antipasto starters and dessert. Tickets, \$35 (adults only event), are available by contacting any Guild member.

**WCS Spooky Haunted House:** Willits Charter School's Spooky Haunted House is set for a second evening, on Saturday, November 2, from 7 to 9 pm, 1431 South Main Street. It's going to be a frightfully good time – join us if you dare! See Friday, November 1 listing for more details.

**"The Whisperer" continues at WCT:** premiere of a new staged horror story by local playwrights at Willits Community Theatre continues Saturday, November 2 at 7:30 pm. See Friday, November 1 listing for details.

**Eagle Mountain String Band at Shanachie:** Out of Port Hadlock, Washington, the Eagle Mountain String Band plays eclectic Americana, featuring longtime colleagues Tim Holbrook on uke, cojon and vocals; Bill Marlow on guitar and vocals; and Bob Richardson on fiddle, melodica and vocals. Saturday, November 2 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Wednesday, November 6

**Twining Time at Brickhouse:** John Wagenet and Anita Blu perform on Wednesday, November 6 (and the first Wednesday of every month), at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, from 12 to 2 pm. Folk/Country/Mountain Americana Roots plus new and old favorites as well as original music, with 2 part polished vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard. https://twiningtime.weebly.com

**Willits Song Circle:** monthly event set for Wednesday, November 6, from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church, School and Pine streets. A free event. Sing-along songs of all genres are mostly led by Fran, Madge and Theresa. All are welcome to join in with your own favorite songs. (Optional: Send lyrics in advance to its2fran@aol.com) "Since this first Wednesday falls the day after the big election, we will undoubtedly sing some songs that fit our mood: happy, sad, unknown, anxious, etc."

Sunday, November 3

**Time to Fall Back:** Put your clocks back tonight, as this year, daylight savings time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 3

**"The Whisperer" continues at WCT:** premiere of a new staged horror story by local playwrights at Willits Community Theatre continues Sunday, November 3 with a 2 pm matinee. See Friday, November 1 listing for details.

**Food Bank Benefit at Shanachie:** The Pub's annual Potluck Friendsgiving is also a benefit for the Willits Food Bank. Sunday, November 3; potluck dinner begins at 2 pm, along with the Silent



Auction with goodies from many of our local businesses and community members, plus Can Drive and live music by Bug Guts. Bring 3 food items to donate to the can drive, and get \$1 off your drink purchase. "Join us this to commune with friends, celebrate the fall, and share the harvest abundance with our larger community." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day 2024

**Election Day at Saint Francis:** Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Commercial and Main streets, will be open for silent prayer and meditation on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, from noon to 6:30 pm. "Everyone is welcome to come in to rest, give thanks, and wrap our town, county, state and country in prayers and wishes for a safe and fruitful Election Day. At 6 pm: a short service of evening prayer together. No campaign materials, please." Info: 707-272-0177.

**"Songs of Hope" at Methodist Church:** "Take a break, breathe, and join your neighbors on Election Night for an evening of unity and hope through song." Willits Unified Methodist Church, 286 School Street, invites everyone to come together on Election Night, Tuesday, November 5, from 6 to 7 pm for "Songs of Hope." Come to listen, come to sing, all are welcome.



continues Friday, November 8 at 7:30 pm. See Friday, November 1 listing for details.

**Dezi 5 at Shanachie:** Eccentric, barrier-breaking musician Dezi 5, out of Dallas and New York, does a record-release tour for "Dirty Laundry," a new project that features him going from a dancefloor staple to a soulful, R&B crooner. Opening: The Steven Bates Band, Friday, November 8 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, November 9

**Methodist Church Bake Sale and Gift Bazaar:** 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 Christmas. **Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament:** Willits Charter School presents a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament to support WCA and the Willits Charter Travel Club on Saturday, November 9 at the Sparetime Distribution Center Warehouse. \$100 buy-in includes dinner, \$10,000 in chips, and a chance to win prizes! Dinner Only: \$25 for non-players. Doors open 4 pm. Plus, enjoy a Silent Auction and a Comedy Show! For tickets and more info, find us on our Facebook page: Willits Charter Travel Club Poker Tournament

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**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, November 9 at 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday November 10

**"The Whisperer" closes at WCT:** premiere of a new staged horror story by local playwrights at Willits Community Theatre closes Sunday, November 10 with a 2 pm matinee. See Friday, November 1 listing for details.

## FIRE INSURANCE COMMUNITY FORUM

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**TUESDAY November 19 5:30 PM AT HARWOOD HALL 44400 WILLIS AVENUE LAYTONVILLE**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**  
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A UNITED POLICYHOLDERS REPRESENTATIVE  
And a Question and Answer period to follow. Questions can also be submitted by Nov. 10th to Greg Smith, gregsmith@cloud.com to have answered at the meeting.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

## 'Venom: The Last Dance'

**The Story:** Comedy/Drama/Thriller. In the Marvel Universe (or, for Marvelites, the Multiverse), a brooding-whispering-whining homicidal monster named Knull sends his monster minions (no, not The Minions whom we love) across time and space to capture The Codex. It resides in the heart of Eddie and Venom.



**Why does Knull need the Codex?** Because He/H/ Gender-less wants to kill anyone and everyone who is relatively happy being alive. (The Codex?!?) How so? The connection is not entirely clear. Actually for us the audience, it's not important because Knull's monster minions have more teeth than a porcupine has quills, and they eat anyone in clouds of blood. So to anybody wondering: "Don't ask why, just run!" Also, Knull's minions are unusually difficult, maybe impossible to kill.

Meanwhile, Eddie and Venom are wanted by the San Francisco cops for murder. They are on the run. They decide to travel across the country heading for New York City. Venom wants to see the Statue of Liberty. Then they discover that they are being chased by Special Forces ops, too. They don't yet know about Knull's monster minions. They soon find out.

**My Thoughts:** Tom Hardy who plays Eddie is a great actor. Kudos for him, and for the whole cast. Special shout-out to the screenwriters who dramatically redeem all the secondary characters who in any manner may have hurt or hindered Eddie and Venom. That's good storytelling. (Mini-spoiler alert!) I loved this flick, especially the group sing-a-long family scene in the old Volkswagen bus. It could have been in Willits.

**Parents:** It's curious – Venom is a complex kind of friendly monster who eats only baddies. Heroic guys and gals fight a just fight, and win. Ages 12 and up. "Clouds of blood" might be too horrific for the little ones.

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

**'Paint Your Own Pottery Gifts,' November 24**

Willits Center for the Arts announces a 1-day "Paint Your Own Pottery Gifts" workshop by Nancy New on Sunday, November 24, 1 to 4 pm at 71 East Commercial Street. Explore WCA's diverse collection of bisque ware items for you to glaze, including ornaments, kitchenware and more. Perfect for all ages, whether you're a seasoned artist or a first-timer. Let your creativity flow and create a handmade gift. Walk-ins are welcome. \$40 adults; \$20 kids. Seasonal refreshments available including mulled cider, hot cocoa and cookies. Info: (707) 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org

## SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

**Agape Bible Church**  
290 S. Lenore Ave.  
Willits, CA 95490  
Where love is first and the Bible is central.  
Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com

**Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church**  
803 Coast Street  
P.O. Box 489, Willits  
Worship Service - 5:00 pm  
Pastor Kris Strickland  
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

**Church of Christ**  
"What must we do to be saved?" Acts 2:37  
1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8)  
(707) 459-5023  
Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service- 6:7-7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study- 7-8:00 p.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
265 Margie Drive  
Willits, CA 95490  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
Sacrament Meeting  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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**Grace Community Church**  
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25 Hazel Street, Willits  
Worship Service 10 a.m.  
For appointments call: (707) 459-3106

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
61 W. San Francisco Ave.  
Willits, CA 95490  
Father Aaron Bandanadam  
Mass times:  
Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday-5:30 pm  
Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English 10:30 a.m. - Spanish  
Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 pm.  
Or by appointment at 707-459-2252  
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**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
1 North Main Street, Willits  
707-272-0177  
Sunday Service - 10 a.m.  
In-person and on Zoom  
Call for information.  
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The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Church Service:  
Sunday 10:00 to 11:00  
(707) 459-2988  
24 Mill Creek Drive  
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**Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
707-459-5714  
Friendly, open worship Saturdays  
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.  
Zoom Transmission Available, Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
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## ONGOING EVENTS

**Willits Community Services & Food Bank:** WCS offers food grocery distributions to families in need twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. 344 Railroad Avenue. Please bring an I.D. We are looking for volunteers for our warehouse, window, food delivery drivers, and fundraising volunteers. For information call: (707) 459-3333

**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@fobfoodbank.org; 707-964-9404

**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 Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Sack lunches served at the City Park (or across the street in case of rain) every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. Come early to be assured a lunch! Provided by various churches and community organizations.

**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@saber.net or visit Willits Boules Club on Facebook.

**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 Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-354-0565.

**Literacy Volunteers of Willits:** We teach adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the library. Call or email to make an appointment: LiteracyWillits@gmail.com or 707-456-7729

## 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.

## Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

**Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or 459-5908. Open 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 refreshments.

**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 be announced ahead of time."

**LEGO Club:** Tuesdays, now 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

**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 from the library's tech savvy volunteer

**Spinning & Knitting:** Every Saturday at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome!

WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS Presents **Toast & Roast** A Night of Gratitude for Gary Martin  
A Full Course Italian Dinner with Chef Adam Celaya In the Galleries \$125 per plate Seating is Limited  
Saturday November 16th 6pm  
Tickets available online at willitscenterforthearts.org or at the Gallery desk. Purchase by Nov. 10.

**NOYO THEATRE** Willits, CA  
57 East Commercial Street - Willits 707-459-6660 www.noyotheatre.com  
Cine Noyo! Movies in Spanish will be moving to a new day. There is no Spanish Language movie this week.

**VENOM: THE LAST DANCE**  
(PG-13) 1 hr 50 mins  
Fri.-Thurs.: 4:15 & 7:15  
Sat. & Sun.: 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15  
Movie Times for Nov. 1 thru Nov. 7

**HITPIG!**  
(PG) 1 hr 26 mins  
Fri.-Thurs.: 4:15 & 6:45  
Sat. & Sun.: 2:00, 4:15 & 6:45  
Tightwad Titles for Tuesday (Nov. 5) are in RED. All tickets at just \$6!

**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
(R) 1 hr 49 mins  
Fri.-Thurs.: 4:30 & 7:00  
Sat. & Sun.: 2:00, 4:30 & 7:00  
OVER 21 CLUB – Luxury Recliners, laser projection, beer and wine sales

# Richard Madsen



Richard Dell Madsen was born in Wadena, Minnesota on April 8, 1953 to Harold and Alveda (Kosel) Madsen. He grew up in the New London Spicer area and graduated from NLS in 1971. After school he drove truck for Prentice Trucking Co. He joined the Army in early 1971 and served his country until late 1972 when he received an early honorable discharge.

He then married Vicki (Hoy) Madsen in May of 1976 and together they raised three children making their home in the NLS area. After their divorce he was remarried to Julie on September 19, 1999. They too raised three children together, making their home in Willits, California.

Dick enjoyed driving truck for many years and became an owner operator. When he retired from truck driving he went to work as an equipment operator for Mendocino County. He retired in 2015.

Dick loved his family, God, and his country. He also had a big place in his heart for his fur babies. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycles. Being a huge Vikings fan he would have loved to see them go to the Super Bowl! Richard died suddenly in his home on October 12, 2024.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Madsen, two daughters Dana (and Richard) of Little Falls, Minnesota and Cori (and friend Andrew) Madsen of Negaunee, Michigan. Three sons: Cole (and Rosanna) Munderloh of Willits, Josh (and Jennica) Munderloh of Olympia, Washington, and Jake (and friend Amanda) Munderloh of Willits. Two sisters: Barbara Madsen of Eden Prairie, Minnesota and Debra (and Lyle) Nelson of Brooten, Minnesota. One brother: David Madsen of Hawick, Minnesota. Thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Dean Madsen; three brothers, Harold, Gary and Arvid Madsen; one sister, Sharon Madsen; and one nephew, Zebulon Madsen.

Dick will be very missed, he was a very loving, outgoing person.

Memorial Contributions - Veterans. Celebration of Life will be in the future.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

# Good Farm Fund honored by inland 100 Women Strong

Submitted by Heidi Dickerson, for 100+ Women Strong



Above: From left: Kasie Gray, Karen Christopherson, Anna Beuselnic, Sarah Bodnar, Elizabeth Archer, Bridget Harrington, Caroline Radice, and Sarah Marshall of the Good Farm Fund hold the "big check" representing the \$10,000 the non-profit was awarded by members of 100+ Women Strong earlier this month.

Another successful 100+ Women Strong for Inland Mendocino County event took place at Barra Winery in Redwood Valley on October 3. The Good Farm Fund received the most votes to win \$10,000 by the 100-plus attendees. Two other nonprofits, Ukiah Main Street Program and Mendocino County Youth Project, each received half of the remaining event's proceeds, amounting to at least \$1,500 each.

The Good Farm Fund, founded 10 years ago by farmers Sarah Bodnar and Caroline Radice, has fundraised and awarded a total of \$450,000 in mini-grants to more than 60 farms and ranches in Mendocino and Lake counties. In addition, it has fundraised more than \$35,000 for the Market Match Program at Mendocino & Lake County Farmers Markets.

The winnings will be split between two programs," says Radice, explaining: "\$5,000 will go to our Farm Grant Program, which funds capacity-building infrastructure projects on farms, like walk-in coolers and greenhouses. These grants help farms scale up local food production and support economically sustainable jobs in our community. The other \$5,000 will completely fund the annual donation we have been providing for the Market Match Program for the last 10 years – a program which provides a dollar-for-dollar match for people who qualify for CalFresh. This program makes local fruits and vegetables more accessible and affordable for people who can't otherwise afford them at our local farmers markets."

In her presentation Radice pointed out: "According to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture, there are 1,768

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OBITUARY |

# Joan Hamilton

It is with great sadness that the family of Joan Laurel Hamilton announce her passing on Monday, October 14, 2024, at the age of 86.

Born on June 16, 1938 a fifth generation in San Francisco, California. She grew up in the Avenues and attended Lincoln High School, graduating in 1956. She then moved on to continue her education at UC Berkeley (GO BEARS!) and received her BA in Geography in 1960.

In 1959, Joan met William (Bill) Hamilton (predeceased in 2018) in Monte Rio, California and the following year married in San Francisco. Joan and Bill settled in South San Francisco and raised her family happily for over 30 years.

Joan had a fulfilling career as an elementary school teacher and then had several positions within the banking industry when she was living in the Bay Area. When Joan and her husband Bill retired to Willits in 2000, Joan was always very involved in her community; at the Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital and also with the Seventh Day Adventist Church as a Church Elder.

Joan is survived and lovingly remembered by her children Kevin (Mirna) and Susan (Nathan). Joan also had a special place in her heart for her grandchildren; Olivia (Israel), Vivian (Brandon), Henry, and Kiara.

A memorial for Joan will be held on November 10, 2024 at 11 am at the Willits SD Church. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

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/s/ Celestina Blanco Martinez  
Publication Dates: October 31, November 7, 14, and 21, 2024

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/s/ Jeff Apodaca  
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WW518  
**BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District will conduct a Public Hearing on Resolution 2024-14 Amending Golf Rates by Adding All Day, Twilight, Event and Club Rates to the Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2025.  
All day rates are proposed at \$30 for ball golf and \$20 for disc golf. Twilight rates are proposed at \$15 for ball golf and \$10 for disc golf. Event rates are proposed at \$1,500 to rent out the entire course/\$1,750 if participation exceeds 20 players to include a portable toilet rental. Basket Beater Club rates are proposed for the disc golf club at \$13 with proof of membership.  
The public hearing will be held in person and remotely (hybrid meeting) at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Remote access information for the meeting will be provided on the agenda at its publishing. At or prior to this time, any interested person, may appear personally or submit a written presentation on any matter relating to the proposed Resolution.  
Dated: October 28, 2024  
Tamara Alaniz, General Manager/ Secretary to the Board of Directors  
Publication Date: October 31, 2024

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/s/ Tasha Jarshaw  
Publication dates: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

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These ladies showed great soccer skills as a team, and they were able to clinch the League Championship with that victory!"  
Congratulations on such an outstanding accomplishment WHS Girls Soccer! Your community is so proud of you!

**Volleyball**  
On October 24, WHS Girls Varsity Volleyball played with great effort, energy and enthusiasm in their last home game of the season. For three very special ladies, this was their last volleyball game ever as WHS athletes: #9 Mia Chavez, #12 Kayden Paullus, and #3 Shiloh Moyer. The three stood surrounded by their family and teammates, knowing this was their final time doing work behind the net in the iconic Steve Short gymnasium.  
Emotions were high as coaches and teammates said their final speeches to these wonderful athletes, sending them on into life with cherished memories. The volleyball team not only celebrated a moving senior night, they also celebrated a smashing win against Technology High of Rohnert Park. The elation made this an even more memorable occasion to reminisce upon for years to come. This dynamic volleyball team ended their season 7-7 in NCL two-play. With their last home game win they are qualified for the playoffs.  
"The Lady Wolverines had a terrific final match of the season against Technology High School, beating them in three," said Coach Jon Jessup. "Everyone played their best game! Couldn't have asked for anything more from them than to have this memorable team win! One of our seniors said, 'best Senior Night ever!'"  
Fabulous job WHS Girls Varsity Volleyball! Congratulations on such a successful and entertaining season! Your community is proud of you and hopes to see all you stellar athletes in the playoffs.

**WHS Players of the Week for October 21 through 26**  
Girls soccer, junior Kate Winter  
Varsity girls volleyball, seniors #9 Mia Chavez, senior #12 Kayden Paullus, senior #3 Shiloh Moyer  
JV girls volleyball, # 3 Kendra Mottern

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farms in our area, of which 22 percent are small-scale farms of less than 10 acres. The average annual net cash income from farming activities is \$14,773 in Lake County and \$24,244 in Mendocino. Sixty percent of area farmers report annual sales below \$50,000."  
The Good Farm Fund, which has supported funding for such needs as walk-in coolers, water storage tanks, and irrigation infrastructure, raises all the money from farm to table dinners, private donations, and grassroots fundraising by volunteers.  
"Our farm grant program represents many people joining together to build the infrastructure of the community we want to live in," says Radice.  
Everyone at the Gathering was feted to a buffet of organic appetizers provided by April Cunningham, former director of Caring Kitchen of Mendocino. Barra wines were available in the distinctive domed winery tasting room.

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Above, left: Costumed kids and their moms pass out candy from their well decorated car trunk.

Above, right: The trick or treaters gather around the cars to get their fill of candy treats.

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for a little indulgence and collection of sweets to be meted out by their moms and dads.

Some, like the family of Miranda, Day and Robyn, set up their trunk with a theme, which in their case was "Monster High," a TV cartoon where the students are the children of famous monsters. Others just dressed as their favorite movie and TV characters. There were Cookie Monsters, a daughter of Dracula, and a plethora of princesses.

"We started doing Trunk or Treat before COVID," said William Smith, head of and founder of the Willits CA Crusin' Knights. "I think this is our third year. We had it here at the park the first year. We had one out at NAPA Auto Parts. Now, we're back here. We've been quiet for a little while."

Smith said that he plans the Trunk or Treat events in order to give local kids something fun to do for Halloween. He enjoys supporting the community and seeing the smiles on the faces of participants.

"We're going to have three place winners for tonight," explained Smith. "First place will get \$100, second will get \$75, and third will get \$50." At the time of publication, the winners had yet to be announced.

The Crusin' Knights meet every first Friday and third Saturday of the month at the Rite Aid parking lot to cruise Main Street and show off their cars in a retro throwback to the days of "American Graffiti." For more information about the Willits CA Crusin' Knights, visit their Facebook page.



Above, from left: The kids seem to ignore the scary clown behind them. Moms get into the Halloween spirit as well to support their kids' fantasies. Halcom and his sister, Lila, attend with their tiny dog, Minnie.



Above, left: A Chuckie doll accompanies a witch. Above, right: An angel and a cat bring some light to the dark monster outfits. At right: Two Disney characters gather as much candy as they can carry.

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Road has become with individuals speeding and causing accidents.

Board member Joanne Cavallari suggested that the hill before Brooktrails Drive would be a good site to place the speed checking device because, apparently, drivers go over the hill at an increased speed enjoy feeling "the thrill of driving over the hump that the speed creates, and that is hazardous."

Haschak also reported: "The Local Road Safety Action Plan Report has come out. It was in the Board of Supervisors agenda today, and it's about 80 pages long. Put together by the Department of Transportation and Mendocino Council of Governments, it shows all of the accidents that have occurred in the past five years throughout the county, and there have been a significant number on Sherwood Road. If you are interested in viewing the report it's item 3Z on the Board of Supervisors October 22 agenda."

Continuing, Haschak said: "We got the Building Resilience and Infrastructure Communities grant. Through FEMA we got \$2.5 million and \$1million from California Office of Emergency Services. That \$3.5 million provides what's needed to do the preliminary work for Brooktrails planned emergency access route; which involves home hardening, and also to conduct the studies regarding what needs to be done and vegetation abatement, as well as landscape leveling for Sherwood Road. Phase 2 will involve \$45 million to get all of the roadwork completed, and that will take a few more years."

The board then unanimously approved the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$115,443.28.

Resolution 2024-13 "Accepting and Filing the 2024 Senate Bill 1205 Inspection Report with the State Fire Marshal" was then noted. Fire Chief Jon Noyer provided a memo on the results of the multi-family inspections required by SB1205: 24 property owners were contacted to complete the required inspections and 10 were responsive to the request and received inspection.

This is the process by which the Brooktrails Lodge incurred a \$6,120 inspection bill from the state fire marshal to allow them to re-open as a commercial business after being shuttered for several years. The board inquired about this bill at its July meeting; after the bill to the owner became 60 days overdue, a lien was placed on the property.

The board must only accept the report as provided by Fire Chief Noyer and will file the report with the appropriate state office.

The board voted to approve the inspection report and directed staff to file the report with the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The final item on the agenda: was "Discussion on Status of Brooktrails Water Recycling Funding Program Planning Study." Some background information on the project:

In September 2021 – Resolution 2021-12 approved acceptance and implementation of a Technical Assistance Grant to work with the California Rural Water Association on submitting the Financial Assistance Grant Application to the state for a planning grant.

May 2023 – the state augmented funding for the Water Recycling Funding Program Planning Grant to increase the award from \$150,000 to \$500,000, and the California Rural Water Association amended the technical assistance grant for the increased amount.

In March 2024 the district received notification of its award and, with Resolution 2024-01, entered into an agreement for a Water Recycling Funding Program Planning Grant up to \$500,000 for the purpose of wastewater treatment recycling at Lake Ada Rose.

April 2024 – The district circulated a request for proposals to 70 firms throughout the country to propose services to complete the planning study. No qualified responses were received by the RFP deadline.

May 2024 – Brooktrails General Manager Alaniz attended the Association of California Water Agencies Conference and approached multiple firms with the expired RFP information to solicit responses. Three qualified firms responded.

June and July 2024 – The Brooktrails board accepted the recommendation of its Planning Committee and selected

Carollo Engineers' proposal to complete the planning study and then entered into a contract with Carollo Engineers, out of Walnut Creek, to start work on the project. Status/review meetings will be held at least once per month and will continue throughout the project.

In August, district and Carollo Engineers staff had a virtual kickoff meeting, followed by a site visit in September. The district's water treatment plant and its distribution and treatment systems were explored and discussed. Potential project sites were analyzed, including a site visit to and crew discussion at the Willits Wastewater Treatment Plant, and decentralized treatment sites in Brooktrails are being analyzed as possible projects.

A primary purpose of the site visits is to identify alternative sites and treatment techniques that will complement both the Brooktrails and Willits systems. Three sites have been identified as viable for a decentralized water recycling plant in Brooktrails; and areas at the Willits Wastewater Treatment Plant were identified and analyzed for viability and transport back to Brooktrails.

The three sites in Brooktrails that have been identified, each have pros and cons:

- Community Garden Site – This would involve removal and relocation of the Community Garden which could cause public dissent. There is easy access to the site and sewer line, with the road immediately adjacent that could be used for new pipelines installation. It would be a tight fit for a water recycling plant but could be gravity-fed by the sewer line.

- Just south of the Birch Drive/Birch Street Intersection there is an open area that meets the size requirements for a water recycling plant, but there is a steep grade which would require significant excavation to level it for the facility. The road configuration would also make it difficult for treatment chemicals and other operational deliveries. A facility in this location would require wastewater to be pumped up to the site for treatment.

- Baseball field: This is a level area large enough to fit a water recycling plant, close to the sewer line, which could be gravity-fed from the sewer line, and this could be the most advantageous site. Its proximity to the Water Treatment Plant is ideal, enabling a single, treated water line to cross the nearby creek. Also, building the facility at this site would create an opportunity to install additional recreational amenities with kiosks about the environmental work done by the district to preserve salmonid habitat and the value and importance of recycled water in Brooktrails.

General Manager Alaniz pointed up in the report: "Decisions will not be made until the planning study is completed. It's important that the planning study analyze as many alternatives as may be feasible to establish the highest and best alternative for implementation. That is why we are ensuring that a centralized wastewater recycling plant at the wastewater treatment plant in Willits is being thoroughly investigated. An approximately 4 mile long pipeline from Willits up to Brooktrails would include pumping stations and likely property acquisition or easement grants from property owners between the two locations.

"Treatment techniques and long-term operational feasibility are very important for making the project successful. This involves location, accessibility, and functional incorporation with the existing distribution and treatment systems. The ability of current staff and future operators to use this facility for the next 50 years is of paramount importance. This should be part of the ultimate decision-making process when the planning study alternatives are presented to the board in the future."

Finally, the general manager recently met with the project manager at the state who expressed great support and optimism about the entire Brooktrails Water Recycling project – which also included his support of the district seeking more state funds to finish the project.

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and Building Director Julia Krog reported in an August 29 memo to the Board of Supervisors, after significant public comment and discussion about the proposed new land use type among Planning Commission members, the commission recommended "delaying action on any proposed regulations for Transient Habitation—Low Intensity Camping to ensure that adequate public input and participation occur.

"Given the number of outstanding concerns, the Commission recommended that Board of Supervisors adopt the Inland Zoning Code Update without provisions related to Low Intensity Camping."

As per Krog's memo, the Commission's reasons for recommending against adopting Low Intensity Camping provisions at the time were as follows:

a. Additional time is needed to hear comments from emergency service providers, especially fire districts, and resource agencies such as Department of Transportation and Environmental Health Department.

b. Concern that separate regulations may be necessary for the western portion of the county that, while governed by the Inland Zoning Code, is generally seen as being part of the Mendocino coast, which generally has greater demand for transient habitation and impacts to traffic and services in the Mendocino Coast area that already includes several permitted campgrounds.

c. There was disagreement over what parcel sizes and zoning districts are an appropriate fit for Low Intensity Camping and what kind of property setbacks would minimize disruption of neighbors. Additional planning time is necessary to assure public input and participation by providing public meetings in every district, hear public comments and address the impacts that may occur.

d. Camp sites create numerous impacts that affect adjacent parcels that are not fully addressed by the proposed ordinance provisions. These impacts include noise and light and glare that affect neighbors, and the potential for degradation of private and public roads by increased traffic related to Low Intensity Camping or other transportation impacts. Additional operational requirements to mitigate these impacts and concerns by both property owners and residents are necessary. Additional time is required to develop solutions, inform, and hear public comment.

e. Camp sites require adequate water supply, sewage disposal, and solid waste disposal and oversight for the health and safety of those camping. Additional operational requirements to speak to these issues were requested, and therefore additional time is necessary to develop solutions and hear public comment.

The Mendocino County Planning Commission November 7 meeting is set to take place in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, at 501 Low Gap Road, in Ukiah, starting at 10 am. Virtual attendance will be available via Zoom. Also, meetings are live-streamed and available for viewing on the Mendocino County YouTube page, at www.youtube.com/MendocinoCountyVideo

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General Rob Bonta. "The EPIC program was forged out of our recognition of the need for a more comprehensive approach that addresses the broader implications of the underground cannabis market. This includes tackling the environmental damage caused by these illicit activities, as well as the economic ramifications that arise from unregulated cultivation.

"Furthermore, there is a growing concern about labor exploitation within this underground market, where workers may face unsafe conditions and unfair treatment," Bonta said. "I want to express my gratitude to the various partners involved in this effort, including local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Together, we are working toward a solution that not only curtails illegal activities but also promotes a sustainable and equitable cannabis industry in the state."

"California has the largest state park system in the country with 1.59 million acres of park land to protect," said California State Parks Law Enforcement Assistant Chief Jeremy Stinson. "Unfortunately, illegal cannabis cultivation is a serious threat to that land, with more than 400 sites documented. California State Parks appreciates being a partner agency within EPIC to help address this issue. Protecting our state's natural resources for all Californians and future generations is an important part of our mission. We look forward to continuing this valuable partnership to preserve and protect California's state parks system."

"California cannabis enforcement has a long way to go to ensure that the illicit cannabis doesn't make it into the legal market," said San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus. "Partnerships like EPIC are a major step forward in tackling this problem."

Over the course of the 2024 season, EPIC teams operating in Northern, Central, and Southern California, conducted 665 operations, recovered 201 weapons, and removed infrastructure, including dams, water lines, and containers of toxic chemicals, such as carbofuran, methyl parathion, aluminum phosphate, zinc phosphide, and illegal fertilizers. Carbofuran, in particular, poses untold risks to public health. A lethal insecticide that is effectively banned in the United States, carbofuran remains on plants after application and seeps into soil and nearby water sources.

In 2024, EPIC operations were conducted in the following 36 counties:

- Alameda: 1 site, 751 plants eradicated
- Butte: 5 sites, 4,397 plants eradicated
- Colusa: 3 sites, 10 plants eradicated
- Contra Costa: 2 sites, 5,010 plants eradicated
- El Dorado: 8 sites, 2,174 plants eradicated
- Fresno: 31 sites, 52,796 plants eradicated
- Glenn: 1 site, 747 plants eradicated
- Kern: 60 sites, 89,819 plants eradicated
- Kings: 1 site, 539 plants eradicated
- Lake: 48 sites, 42,776 plants eradicated
- Lassen: 1 site, 7,359 plants eradicated
- Los Angeles: 3 sites, 3,684 plants eradicated
- Madera: 3 sites, 1,230 plants eradicated
- Mariposa: 2 sites, 1,368 plants eradicated
- Mendocino: 116 sites, 133,702 plants eradicated
- Nevada: 33 sites, 28,428 plants eradicated
- Riverside: 79 sites, 136,601 plants eradicated
- Sacramento: 13 sites, 46,042 plants eradicated
- San Bernardino: 23 sites, 27,845 plants eradicated
- San Diego: 7 sites, 9,301 plants eradicated
- Santa Barbara: 1 site, 362 plants eradicated
- Santa Clara: 2 sites, 1,012 plants eradicated
- Shasta: 67 sites, 51,289 plants eradicated
- Siskiyou: 98 sites, 67,943 plants eradicated
- Stanislaus: 6 sites, 5,103 plants eradicated
- Trinity: 38 sites, 32,381 plants eradicated
- Tulare: 7 sites, 5,468 plants eradicated
- Tuolumne: 2 sites, 7,637 plants eradicated
- Ventura: 3 sites, 7,891 plants eradicated
- Yuba: 2 sites, 1,164 plants eradicated
- Monterey: reconnaissance only
- Napa: reconnaissance only
- San Benito: reconnaissance only
- San Luis Obispo: reconnaissance only
- Santa Cruz: reconnaissance only
- Solano: reconnaissance only

The EPIC program focuses on the investigation and prosecution of civil and criminal cases relating to illicit cannabis cultivation with a focus on environmental and economic harms and labor exploitation. EPIC is a multi-agency collaboration led by DOJ in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service; the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service; the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; the U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration; the California National Guard, Counter Drug Task Force; the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program; California State Parks; California Environmental Protection Agency; and other local law enforcement departments.

EPIC marks an evolution in DOJ's cannabis enforcement work, reflecting the issues and concerns arising from operations each summer. EPIC works in close coordination with DOJ's Cannabis Control Section, Special Prosecutions Section, and Tax Recovery and Underground Economy (TRUE) Task Force to build investigations and prosecute civil and criminal cases.

# Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



## Tranquil Pearl

Pearl is a sweet, quiet kitty who is the perfect couch potato. She came to us with her sister, Ruby, when their family could no longer care for them. We have discovered that she really likes chin scratches and is totally bonded with her sister, Ruby. You can find her sunbathing out on the patio, and don't hesitate to interrupt her naps. She really loves to get to know new people.

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.mendohumanesociety.com](http://www.mendohumanesociety.com), on our Facebook page, and on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).

## Adoring Maxwell

Maxwell is a cute little dog who needs a patient, experienced adopter. He is nervous around new people, but once he warms up, he will love following you around and sitting on your lap. Although he needs time to build trust, with the right adopter and some patience, he will be an amazing companion.

Foster note: "Around 10 pounds, this little guy just wants to be around his people. Maxwell would be perfect for someone looking for a little shadow. He LOVES his walks and playing fetch with his stuffed toy. When in a sleepy mood, he will roll over for a belly rub. He is already potty-trained and knows basic commands like 'sit.'"

"Although he loves his people, he is a good boy when left at home. Maxwell has gone on lots of adventures with us, including to Dolores Park (where he was off leash with great recall) and other dog parks. He is great at riding in the car. Maxwell does do a bit of resource guarding of his toys and his person so we would recommend an experienced dog owner who knows how to handle this behavior for him."

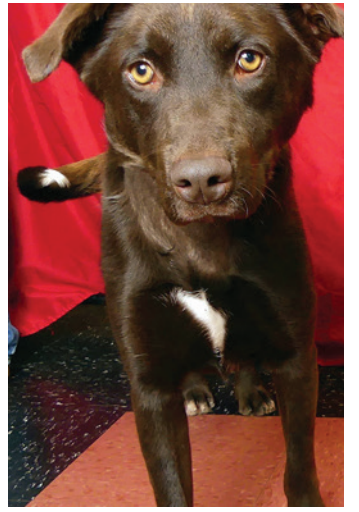


To learn more about Maxwell, or to view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://www.milofoundation.org) or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting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

## Charming Tommy

Tommy came to the shelter as a stray. This pup had a shoe string imbedded into the flesh around his neck, and needed surgery for it to be removed. Tommy enjoyed spending time in the Meet and Greet room during his evaluation. As new people walked in and out, he was curious and engaging. Tommy walks nicely on a leash and enjoys getting out for walks. We want this young dog to be adopted into a home where he will know kindness, and be inundated with TLC ... because he deserves nothing less.

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.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com). Call 707-467-6453 for more information.



# COSTUME CONTEST

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Take a break, breathe, and join your neighbors for an evening of unity and hope through song.

Willits United Methodist Church invites everyone to come together on Election Night, November 5th, from 6 to 7 PM, for "Songs of Hope."

In this changing season, let's lift our hearts and share hope through song.

Come to listen or come to sing. All are welcome!

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