

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Memorial date

To the Editor:

Thank you for printing my mother's obituary. In the text, I said that Carolyn Whitehorn's memorial would be "in November." At the time of writing, I didn't have a venue or date. Now I can say that it will take place Saturday, November 18 at the Willits Center for the Arts in the upstairs Great Room, gathering at 2 pm

Elsa DieLöwin, Willits

Do you have something to say? Write a letter to the editor!

Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor.

Please email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunches are \$8; \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members.

Thursday, November 16: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll

Friday, November 17: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Roll, Cranberry

Monday, November 20: Ground Beef Burrito, Fruit

Tuesday, November 21: Chicken Philly w/Chips

Wednesday, November 23: Hot Dogs, Chili, Mac & Cheese

Thursday, November 23: Center Closed but hosting free WCS Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, Center Closed: Center Closed. Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

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

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.

The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.

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County hosts Willits meeting on inland short-term-rental ordinance process

Submitted by Mendocino County Planning and Building Services

Online hosting services such as Airbnb, Vrbo, Expedia, and others allow individuals to rent out real property on a short-term basis, commonly known as short-term rentals. Short-term rentals throughout Mendocino County have implications for transient occupancy tax revenues, lodging options, housing stock, and neighborhood stability.

Currently, the only short-term rental regulations within Mendocino County's Zoning Ordinance are in its coastal regions, Division II (Coastal Zoning Code) and Division III (Mendocino Town Zoning Code). Despite these existing regulations, there are no explicit short-term rental regulations for the inland areas of the county captured by Division I of the Zoning Ordinance.

To better address this, Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services invites you to participate in hybrid and in-person community engagement sessions to learn about and discuss the Inland Short-Term Rental Ordinance process. These public engagement meetings will include an overview presentation, question and answer session, and details on how to provide comments. Planning and Building Staff will be available to answer questions.

Meetings have been held in Fort Bragg (November 14), and Boonville (November 15). The Willits meeting is set for Wednesday, November 29, from 6 to 7 pm, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

A hybrid in-person and online meeting is set for Thursday, November 30, from 6 to 8 pm, at the Mendocino County building, Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah.

The public may participate digitally in the November 30 meeting by sending comments to pbs@mendocinocounty.gov or orally via telecomment in lieu of personal attendance.

To join the webinar, visit <https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/88109888224>.

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In addition to these four community engagement sessions, Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services is requesting participation in a brief short-term rental survey. To participate in the survey, follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/g/eCx3uHbgNa>

For further information on the Inland Short-Term Rental Ordinance process please visit the Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services project website at: www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/planning-building-services/ordinance-updates

You can also contact Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services via telephone at 707-223-6650 for more information. Please submit comments via email to pbs@mendocinocounty.gov or through U.S. mail to the following address:

Mendocino County Department of Planning & Building Services, attn: Short-Term Rentals, 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Comments will be accepted until December 28, 2023, by 5 pm.

Forest Service Christmas tree permits available now

Submitted by U.S. Forest Service, Willows

Cutting a holiday tree is a special tradition to share with family and friends, and it also helps maintain a healthy forest. Christmas tree permits are a unique opportunity for citizens to help thin densely populated stands of small-diameter trees. The Mendocino National Forest began selling Christmas tree permits online at Recreation.gov on November 3.

To purchase a Christmas tree permit, users can visit Recreation.gov and search by forest name or use the interactive map to explore locations. Visitors will need to create or log in to a Recreation.gov account to review guidelines and purchase a permit.

A permit must be purchased, limited to one per household. On Recreation.gov, visitors have the option to purchase up to three trees. The cost for 2023 is \$10 per tree, and with a \$2.50 transaction fee. The number of permits is limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits are good through December 31, 2023.

Persons must be at least 18 years old to purchase the permit. All Christmas tree permit sales are final; no refunds will be made. Christmas tree cutting will be allowed only in specific areas in the Mendocino National Forest.

When heading out to the forest to cut a Christmas tree, officials remind visitors to follow these important tips for a safe and enjoyable experience:

- Plan your trip and check the weather forecast.
- Bring plenty of warm clothes, water, food, tire chains, shovel, a saw or axe to cut your tree and a tarp and rope to bring it home.
- Keep vehicles on designated roads and be prepared for changing weather and road conditions. Be aware of safety hazards when travelling through a burned area: visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd637738.pdf for more information.
- Remember cell phone service may be unavailable, so carry emergency equipment in vehicles.
- Cut the tree early in the season before favorite cutting areas can't be reached because of snow.
- Make sure you are cutting a tree on the Mendocino National Forest within the designated Christmas tree cutting area and not on other federal, state or private lands.
- Cut the tree as close as possible to the ground and leave as short a stump as possible.
- Print your permit and make sure it is visible on your vehicle dashboard. If you purchase a permit in-person at one of our offices or vendors, you will receive a tag that needs to be tied to your tree when you transport it home.

Fourth graders, who participate in the Every Kid Outdoors program, are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit. The Every Kid Outdoors program introduces fourth graders to public lands in their own backyards and beyond. To receive a free permit, students or their teachers can register for passes online at <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/pass.htm>. Parents and guardians will need to bring the pass for in-person purchases or enter the voucher or

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Above, from left: Maria Meza, left, and Angela Lopez De Dale hold plates of tasty appetizers at the Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital's Roots Restaurant and Blue Zones event. Roots' Kristin Gilmore-Myers, left, sits with Willits Chamber of Commerce's Susan Mahoney and Nurse Practitioner Barbara Gradus, right. Roots' Mark Maples and Tracey Crippen smile over some home-made macaroons. Below: Dignitaries gather to watch Howard Foundation President Margie Handley, in red, cut the ribbon at Roots Restaurant.

Blue Zones Approved

Adventist Health Howard Memorial's Roots Restaurant certified as 'Blue Zones Approved'

A chuckle circled the room of some 60 or so gathered community members as president of the Frank R. Howard Foundation, Margie Handley, joked about how the idea of eating hospital food never garnered much excitement elsewhere, but at Roots, it was sure a different story.

Roots, the restaurant inside Adventist Health Howard Memorial, serves meals to patients and staff, but also to many community members who choose to come in and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner in the hospital restaurant's dining room.

The staff works hard to offer delicious and healthy meals – including vegetarian, meat, and vegan options – even at affordable prices – and does so utilizing fresh produce from the neighboring Commonwealth Garden, cared for by Melissa Bouley.

Roots Director of Nutritional Services Mark Maples and Supervisor of Food Services, Tracy Crippen, work with the group of cooks and staff to create interesting and flavorful meals including dishes like Thai Beef Salad with Egg Rolls and Sweet and Spicy Soup; Tri Tip with Creamy Polenta, Mixed Veggies and Vegan Corn Chowder; Chicken Tinga with Rice and Beans and Black Bean Soup; or Veggie Curry with Naan Bread and Butternut Squash Soup.

This effort for healthy options and mindfulness in menu planning caught the attention of the Blue Zones Project which recently awarded Roots Restaurant with a Blue Zones Approved Certification.

"We're very excited to announce that Roots Restaurant has been approved as a Blue **Blue Zones** Over on page 4

Above: The Roots restaurant staff smile together with their certificate denoting the Blue Zones certification. Below, from left: Blue Zones Director Tina Tyler O'Shea holds one of the first aid kits available as a take-home for the event attendees. Some of the tasty treats available at the ribbon-cutting included pumpkin muffins, brownies, cucumber tomato bites, and stuffed mushrooms. The Blue Zones certificate was displayed near decorative balloons. At bottom, from left: Howard Foundation President Margie Handley, left, sits with Howard Foundation Executive Director Arnie Mello, Commonwealth Garden's Melissa Bouley, and Howard Memorial Hospital Administrator Linda Givens, at right. Carly Lugo, lead registered dietitian for Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, smiles with the youngest attendee at the ribbon-cutting. Maria Meza of Nutritional Services and Fernando Meza, administrative assistant, enjoy treats made by the Roots crew at the ribbon-cutting event.



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Above, from left: Willits High School's Porter Garman #3 grabs onto the Berean Christian player, hoping to end the play. Clayton Cooley #20 readies himself under the bright lights of Maize Field. Kooper Dockins #7, left, and Justin Coleman #8 both hope to get the ball into Wolverine possession. Below, left: Coach Norbury talks to Kolbe Bufardeci in the huddle. Below: The Willits Wolverines game plan with Kooper Dockins #7 before a play.



"In the round 1 playoffs game at WHS, our players took their time to shine in a dominating 57-7 win against Berean Christian," said Sheri Dockins, family member of Willits High School Wolverine quarterback, Kooper Dockins, who wears jersey #7. "This is a talented group of athletes, full of heart and pride. With their hometown cheering them on last Friday, it was a great night to be a Wolverine."

Friday Night Lights

Willits Wolverines beat Berean Christian 57-7 in playoff game; Wolverines advance to face-off against Kelseyville

Submitted by Ken Nelsen, for Maxpreps

It can be hard to translate regular season success to the playoffs, but the Willits Wolverines had no problem doing just that on Friday. They breezed by Berean Christian at home to the tune of 57-7. Considering Willits has won six contests by more than 19 points this season, Friday's blowout was nothing new.

Willits pushed their record up to 8-3 with that victory, which was their seventh straight at home. That said, the team wasn't facing the toughest opposition over that stretch, as it included 1-9 Cloverdale and 1-8 Upper Lake (their opponents had an average overall winning percentage of 35.7% over those games). As for Berean Christian, this is the second loss in a row for them and nudges their season record down to 3-7-1.

Willits will look to defend their home field on Friday against Kelseyville at 7 pm. The matchup should be an exciting one, as these teams are ranked near one another in California (Kelseyville is ranked 502nd, while Willits is ranked 511th). Berean Christian does not have any more games scheduled as of now.

At left, above: Willits Wolverine #21 Christian Ramirez kicks the football down the field. At left: The community is welcome to come cheer on the Wolverines at the second play-off game, this time against Kelseyville, this Friday at 7 pm. Below, from left: Corey Rocky #4 tries to keep control of the football against the defensive players. Finn Lessner, Willits Wolverine #33, controls the football. A pile of football players try to gain control over the football during Friday night's play-off game.



Photos by Ava Dockins

HOME GAME

PLAYOFFS

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Zones Approved Restaurant in Willits! said Marketing and Communications Manager, Shelby White. "We're happy to see the amazing work our nutritional services team has put into this great success. Continuing to provide high-quality, nutritious meals is a staple to our team as we partner with the Frank R. Howard Foundation's Commonwealth Garden to supply delicious farm-to-fork foods for our patients, team and community who comes to visit us."

A ribbon-cutting to mark the occasion was held Thursday with refreshments and mingling for those in attendance. Handley held the big blue scissors and expertly snipped the big blue ribbon at the front of the eatery. Along with Handley, Linda Givens, administrator of Howard Memorial

Hospital, Tina Tyler O'Shea, director of Blue Zones in Mendocino County, and Food Services Supervisor Crippen all spoke to the gathered group of attendees. Blue Zones merch was available to take home including bags, water bottles and first-aid kits, and everyone enjoyed bites of tasty food including stuffed mushrooms, cucumber tomato bites, pumpkin muffins, black bean brownies, and a big hit: macarons, made from coconuts which Bouley laughed were, unfortunately, not grown at the garden – all Blue Zones appetizers made by Roots.



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"Food oftentimes is medicine as we prioritize food and nutrition as part of every individual's health plan that comes through our doors with the goal of well-being and whole person care every step of the way," continued White. "Providing access to healthy, reasonably priced food, is important in our community, and when making these nutritional meals, our team is continuously implementing best practices that provide a sustainable meal to help others live longer and better."

Roots is open to the public from 7 to 10 am for breakfast, 11 am to 1 pm for lunch, and 3 to 6 pm for dinner.



Above: The breakfast crew includes George Froschl, Kapila Phoenix, Frank Deuel, Curtis Deshield, Roger Ham and John Frankum. Above, right: Pancake expert Kapila Phoenix serves an early breakfast attendee. At right, below: Volunteer Helen Simms serves coffee to a couple of attendees. At right, below, far right: Rick Williams brought his wife to enjoy a breakfast with other veterans.



Veterans Day Breakfast

American Legion Post 174 serves up 'military issue' pancakes in honor of all who have served

"Veterans Day is not about memorializing those that are gone," explained Roger Ham, finance officer for American Legion Post 174. "We do that on Memorial Day. We do that with

Mathew Caine Wreaths Across America. Veterans Day is to recognize all veterans, whether they served in peace or war. We're going to kick it off with a pancake breakfast."

Many celebrations and remembrances take place around food and this American Legion post has become known for their breakfasts and dinners served to veterans, their families, and general members of the public.

"We're serving pancakes, for sure, scrambled eggs, ham – standard military issue. This is a free breakfast for veterans, current military, first responders, fire department, Boy Scouts. Other people are welcome to come eat as well, for free," said Post 174 member George Froschl.

Part of the impetus of having such an event is to let the people of Willits see the post and to recruit new members.

"We're always looking for new members," continued Froschl. "It's a constant mission

to get the word out. We're trying to draw the public with interest items that are different from 40 years ago. We have basic services for the military family, the military spouse, VA benefits for military personnel."

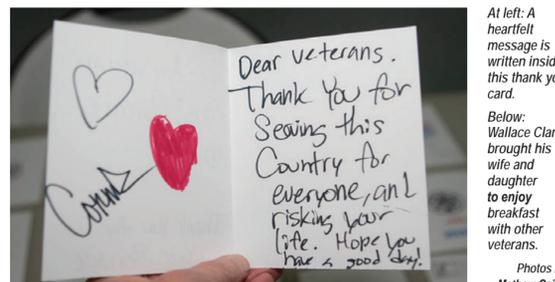
The American Legion was founded in 1919 in order to support "our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America, and ordinary citizens," says the Legion's website: www.legion.org.

To this end, members of Post 174 are involved in several projects, including providing scholarships for graduating high school students. Froschl and other members have been involved in attempting to create a radio-controlled sailing club.

"We tried but it didn't ignite because of COVID-19 and now I can't find a legitimate body of water in which to do the regatta and for the club to meet," said Froschl.

Ham's daughter, Kelly, a teacher in Fremont, encouraged her class to create thank you notes to the veterans, which were on display at the breakfast. They were creative and heartfelt as they thanked the

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At left: A heartfelt message is written inside this thank you card.

Below: Wallace Clark brought his wife and daughter to enjoy breakfast with other veterans.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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Roots of Motive Power's annual free celebration

Come join Roots of Motive Power for their FREE annual Holiday Express event, Saturday, December 2, 11 am to 4 pm at the Roots yard, 420 East Commercial Street in Willits.

There will be Trains, Treats, Toys and a visit from Santa. Free train rides pulled by Roots' steam locomotive, treats in the beautifully decorated Engine House, and visits and pics with Santa with a small toy.

We only do this one day – always the first Saturday in December. Don't miss out on the opportunity to kick off the Holiday Season with us.

The Mendocino County Museum will be having a book sale and Take and Make Crafts. Our local Sober Grad kids will be selling lunch in the Engine House during the event.

To learn more about Roots of Motive Power, visit <https://rootsofmotivepower.com/> or check out the "Roots of Motive Power" page on Facebook.

– Roots of Motive Power

Laytonville Holiday Bazaar

December 3
Join over 40 local arts & crafts vendors to kick-start your holiday shopping at the Laytonville Holiday Bazaar. Sunday, December 3 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Tin Gym (new location), 200 Branscomb Road. Info: 707-984-8089.

WCA Free Ceramic Ornament Workshop

December 2
Join us for creativity and community as ceramics instructor Sofia Alaoui hosts this free workshop, with a community potluck. Embark on a journey of self-expression through the art of ornament-making. Paint your ornament and have it glazed! Willits Center for the Arts, Saturday, December 2 from 1 to 4 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. No registration necessary, just show up.

'A Season of Peace' concert

December 5
One of three free concerts around the county presented by the Mendocino College Chorale Ensembles. In Willits, guests are the Willits Community Choir and the Mendocino College Chamber Choir featuring Adrian Hanson, cellist. Tuesday, December 5, at 7 pm, at the Willits High School Auditorium, 299 North Main Street.

BAKE SALE AND GIFT BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 18TH
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

BAKED GOODIES, JAMS, CRAFTS, POTTED/CUTTING PLANTS & WHITE ELEPHANTS

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Thursday, November 16

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is set for Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, one last week this Thursday, from 3 to 5 pm. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Farmers Market takes a break for Thanksgiving Thursday, then moves indoors to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on November 30, when hours will be back to 3 to 5:30 pm.

Open Houses for new Willits Map: The Willits Chamber of Commerce Willits Signage Committee presents a new draft map of Willits "that has been created to encourage exploration and use of our community assets." Drafts of the map design will be on display at designated locations throughout Willits for your feedback. The next open house is set for Thursday, November 16 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Willits Library. Future open houses: November 28 at the Mane House, December 2 at the Mendocino County Museum, and December 7 at the Willits Library.

Pizza Social for East Commercial Street

Plan: The City of Willits presents a Pizza Social to gather feedback on the East Commercial Street Corridor Enhancement Plan. Co-hosted by Baechtel Grove Middle School PTO and the City of Willits, on Thursday, November 16, from 5 to 6:30 pm, at the BGMS Cafeteria. Enjoy a slice of pizza and engage with City Planners Taylor Perry and Leiloni Shine. Share thoughts on proposed enhancements, safety measures, park designs, play structures, and more. It's a family-friendly event welcoming your insights.

Cohousing Meeting:

For all who are interested in learning about and/or helping to establish a senior-friendly, multi-generational cohousing community in or near Willits. Open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Thursday, November 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. RSVP: Email: greenleafcohousing@gmail.com or text or call Janae at 707-354-2035.

Methodist Bake Sale and Gift Bazaar:

Saturday, November 18, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street (across from the Grange). Features Baked Goodies, Jams, Crafts, Potted / Cutting Plants, and White Elephants. All proceeds are used to help a family and our homeless population have a wonderful Christmas.

Mendo Crafts Holiday Market:

Mendo Crafts monthly market of local crafters and vendors is set for Saturday, November 18 from 11 am to 5 pm. Imagination Station parking lot, 11 North Marin Street, by the park.

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Craft vendors

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What's Happening Around Town

Friday, November 17

Football Playoffs at WHS: Willits High School hosts another home playoff game in the 2023 North Coast Section Playoffs for District 7. Varsity game against Berean Christian from Walnut Creek is set for Friday, November 10, starting at 7 pm at WHS, 299 North Main Street. Tickets: \$12 general public, \$5 students; will be purchased in advance at <https://gofan.com/event/1217602?schoolid=CIFNCStickets> will not be sold at the gate. Free tickets for those who come in spirit gear to cheer on the Willits Wolverines are available, sponsored by WHS Booster Club (first 100 students) and Willits Educational Foundation (first 50 adults).

'Wait Until Dark' at WCT:

Famed psychological thriller at Willits Community Theatre through November 26. The 1966 play debuted in its widely popular film version in 1967, starring Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin, and Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. Directed by Mathew Caine, the WCT production features veteran WCT actors Steve Marston as Roat and Sarah France as Susy. Also appearing are Joshua Sternberg, Talisman Marshall, Garrett Moore, Zoe Robertson, Emmalia Pyle, Austin Peterson and Ben Wilson. 37 West Van Lane, with shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm (except Sunday, November 19, reserved for a private showing). Tickets are \$20; available online at www.wctperformartscenter.org or at the door.

Back Porch Trio at Shanachie:

Fun-loving sound influenced by folk, blues, classic rock, jam band, americana, and bluegrass. Rosie Wetzel (ukulele and vocals), Steve Hamm (acoustic guitar and vocals), and Jeff Taylor (bass). Friday, November 17 at 8 pm. \$10. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

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Creative Correspondence Workshop:

The Mendocino County Museum hosts a series of creative workshops led by visiting guest artist and printmaker Rachel Dziga, including "Found Object Printing" on Saturday, November 18 from 1 to 3 pm. Get ready for holiday correspondence and learn creative techniques to make unique greeting cards! Attendance is free with Museum admission; ideal for adults and older children. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

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Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie:

Folk-based country and blues and unique vocals and harmonies by Sonoma County-based multi-instrumental duo Hilary & Christiane – harmonica, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, and banjo. "Fun and engaging to audiences of all ages." Saturday, November 18 at 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Creative Correspondence Workshop:

The Mendocino County Museum hosts a series of creative workshops led by visiting guest artist and printmaker Rachel Dziga, including "Chine-collé Printing" on Sunday, November 19 from 1 to 3 pm. Get ready for holiday correspondence and learn creative techniques to make unique greeting cards! Attendance is free with Museum admission; ideal for adults and older children. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

Thanksgiving Vegan Potluck:

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Thursday, November 23

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Friday, November 24

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Forrest & Friends post-Thanksgiving Bash:

Shanachie Pub's traditional "Day After Thanksgiving" party, Friday, November 24, 8 pm, with Forrest & Friends, features Forrest Glycer and Malakai Schindler of Schindig, joined by some of the best local musicians and singer-songwriters around, as special guests for this special night. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Jon Gonzales at Shanachie:

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Sunday, November 26

31st Annual Willits Toy Run: The annual Willits Toy Run, the kick-off to the Willits Kids Christmas Program, is presented by the Willits Willits Bunch on Sunday, November 26. The day starts with a Meet and Greet at the Evergreen Shopping Center. The motorcycle pack leaves at noon for a beautiful ride through Little Lake Valley to Little Lake Grange. Admission: one unwrapped toy and/or \$10. Giveaway prizes, live & silent auction, 50/50 raffle. Free lunch – beverages provided for additional donation. Music by DJ Mikey T. All bikes, all riders, and non-riders are welcome to the party. The Grange, 291 School Street.

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(PG13) 2 hrs 37 mins
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Ongoing Events

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.

Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & Vinyl: "Sign-ups start at 4 pm. Games start at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams of two, winner takes the pot! We'll have the games on all day. Beer, wine, pizza, we've got everything you need!" Flying Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main Street.

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twice-monthly drive-thru food distribution in Willits, second and fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11 am. Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income seniors 60 or older), and diapers.

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

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 3 pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: .

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

'The Marvels'

The Story: An origin saga of Girl Power in the Marvel Universe and a touch of chick flick: Arrogant Carol Danvers aka Captain Marvel (Brie Larson) is "entangled" with whiny Monica Rambeau (Teyonah Parris) and breathlessly cheerful Ms. Marvel (Iman Vellani).

This entanglement causes them to instantly switch places with each other. At first, this creates some slapstick chaos, plus the destruction of Ms. Marvel's family home. But soon, they form a potent hero team, deal with emotional misunderstandings, and kick evil alien butt.

Dar-Benn (Zawe Ashton) is the snarling dictator of the Kree. She hates Carol Danvers. The Kree home planet is dying of drought and bad air. Dar-Benn decides to steal the atmosphere and water from other planets, especially planets that Carol Danvers loves. Extended battles ensue, and the women switch places so often they rip the fabric of SpaceTime itself (whatever that might be).

And speaking of ripping the fabric: this flick features an orange pussycat (played jointly by Tango and Nemo) whose "method" approach to character effortlessly rips the big screen (think Montgomery Clift in "Red River").

My Thoughts: Marvel battle-fests normally thrill at the topping of gigantic buildings, while generally ignoring the people trapped inside. Breaking with tradition, this flick recognizes (albeit briefly) the poor innocents crushed and killed and left behind when superpowered heroes clash. Kudos to the filmmakers for realizing that victims actually exist.

Parents: Fine for kids. Lots of noise. The Family is celebrated. The Girls triumph. And there's a pussycat and adorable kittens. On the other hand, it's all a bit confusing.

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

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Above, left: Erin Corley, center, and Capoeira instructors Manny Jimenez and Violet Ortigosa chat at the opening of Flourish & Flow studio. Above, right: The door to the practice space displays the studio's name and logo. At right: Erin Corley, owner of Flourish & Flow studio, and husband Luke Corley cut the ribbon at the ceremonial opening surrounded by friends, fellow instructors, and family. At left: The massage room at Flourish & Flow studio is a simple, relaxing space.



Photos by Mathew Caine

Above: Flourish & Flow owner Erin Corley demonstrates yoga in the practice space. Below, left: Janice Haschak, left, spends time with Bhavvy Ducharme, instructor at Flourish & Flow studio. Below, right: Capoeira instructors Manny Jimenez and Violet Ortigosa attend the Flourish & Flow ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Flourish & Flow Mendo

Chamber mixer held at opening reception of new wellness studio in Willits

What makes for a good wellness studio? What even is a wellness studio? Erin Corley, the owner of Flourish & Flow Mendo, is hoping to help answer that very question.

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony for Flourish & Flow happened Friday, November 3 and was a well-attended event, supported by studio members, instructors, friends and family, and the Willits Chamber of Commerce. It was also an opportunity for Corley to be very open and candid about the direction she hopes her new business will take.

Corley sees Flourish & Flow as a studio that offers an elevated approach to fitness, but that goes beyond that, and also serves as an incubation zone for all kinds of possibilities for the community. It's a space she opened in October in the Evergreen Village shopping center, in part as an extension of the success of her own wellness journey, and in part, as way to share with her community what she's

learned about getting to the "root cause" of physical issues and what it can do to foster better mental health.

Through self-study, she said she "learned food can be medicine to one person and poison to the next, but also that we need to address the root cause of our problems, and that many solutions out there are akin to putting a Band-Aid on the problem without fixing it at the root."

That's what Corley said really stuck with her and became her driving motivation to keep educating herself and advancing her understanding of what it means to be "well."

In 2019, Corley finished her certification as a Buti Yoga instructor. Buti Yoga, and the people she began to surround herself with, helped open other doors for Corley. She went on to become a holistic health coach, a certified sound healer, and a HIIT (high intensity interval training) Pilates instructor.

When the possibility of taking over

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found three months later in a remote area of Mariposa County, down a steep embankment.

After being contacted, members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force began to assist in identifying Bolton's whereabouts in Mendocino County.

On November 13, Bolton's whereabouts were determined to be in Willits.

Based on the nature of the investigation and information known, the Mendocino/Lake Multi-Agency Regional S.W.A.T. Team was activated to assist in the apprehension of Bolton.

At approximately 12:24 pm, on Monday, November 13, Bolton was observed entering the passenger side of a vehicle on Della Avenue in Willits, which subsequently left the location. The vehicle was followed onto Blosser Lane, where it was intercepted by several members of the S.W.A.T. Team who performed a high-risk enforcement stop.

The driver of the vehicle, later determined to be a family member of Bolton, exited after he was given verbal commands to do so.

Bolton, seated in the passenger seat, was also given verbal commands to exit the vehicle, but he refused to comply. Several more verbal commands to Bolton were given, which he ignored.

A Sheriff's Office K9 was deployed into the vehicle to assist in taking Bolton into custody. Bolton had to be physically removed from the vehicle and was ultimately taken into custody without further incident.

Bolton was subsequently transported and booked into the Mendocino County Jail on a felony murder arrest warrant pending extradition to Mariposa County.

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office is the investigating agency which resulted in the issuance of the felony arrest warrant. According to the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office.

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This will be the 34th annual dinner that is coordinated by Willits Community Services and Food Bank and it will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, from 11 am to 3 pm. This year, diners will have a choice to either enjoy their meal with the community in the Senior Center's dining room between 11 am and 3 pm, or if they'd rather pick up their meal to-go, diners can come get their plates between 1 and 3 pm. As always, it is a free meal, and will be given to anyone who would like to attend the event.

The dinner will include turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, green beans, cranberries, green salad, a roll, a beverage, and pie with whipped cream. Creating the 12-item spread, especially in mass quantity, creates a considerable logistical conundrum, one that, thankfully, the team at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Parlin Fork Conservation Camp can help alleviate.

Parlin Fork has the kitchen capacity and manpower to manage the cooking and prepping of the 50 turkeys (10 of which were donated by the Willits Police Department) and 10 hams (which were donated by the Little Lake Fire Department) and all the fixings, making the massive meal possible each year. The crew also comes to pick up those turkeys and many of the fixings at the annual Turkey Toss event.

Over the next week, the crew will prepare the meal before trucking it back over to set up at the Senior Center for the meal. Some of the crew members who came to the toss are some of the cooks at the camp, too. Crewmembers and officers will also return next week to help serve the meal, a pre-COVID tradition that will return again this year.

While the Parlin Fork crewmembers take on the bulk of the work, Willits Community Services and Food Bank Executive Director Ruthanne Volz noted that there is still a need for community volunteers to step up and help at the event. They are in need of servers, set up, clean up, and more.

To become a volunteer for the dinner, to reserve a to-go meal, or for more details on the upcoming dinner, contact the Willits Community Services and Food Bank at 707-459-3333 or call 707-354-3960 for more information.

The rest of **Eyster** | From page 1

Superior Court. The outpouring of support I have received over the last several weeks has been both gratifying and humbling. My heartfelt thanks go out to my colleagues on the bench, the attorneys who appear in my courtroom, and most of all to the hundreds of people in the community who stepped forward to offer their support. I look forward to continuing to serve the community I am so fortunate to call home," said Brennan.

Brennan's colleagues on the bench rallied to his side after learning of DA Eyster's intent to challenge him, as did retired judges and a long list of civic leaders.

Bartolomei said as of Wednesday there are nine candidates for three seats up for election in the March primary for the county board of supervisors. The filing deadline for those offices, for the First District, Second District, and Fourth District supervisors, is December 8.

The board races promise to be spirited given the slate of county finances, a forced consolidation of two independent county financial offices, and the suspension without pay of county Auditor/Treasurer Chamise Cubbison after Eyster in October charged her with felony misappropriation of public funds.

Eyster on October 13 filed charges against Cubbison and the county's former Payroll Manager Paula June Kennedy stemming from an investigation into an alleged \$68,000 in improper pay received by Kennedy during the COVID pandemic. Cubbison has said she allowed the payments because Kennedy had reached the salary agreement with now retired Auditor Lloyd Weer, who has not been accused.

Eyster's possible campaign to unseat Brennan was a reality before the public backlash about the Cubbison case. His announced intentions to run for judge sent shockwaves through the county courthouse when insiders first learned of his plan several weeks ago. Contested elections for judges are rare.

Eyster has earned a reputation as a hard-working, pugnacious prosecutor who regularly takes cases to trial along with a stable of deputies. But, Eyster also became known for using the wide legal discretion afforded to district attorneys to go after critics in and out of the courthouse.

Judge Brennan earned Eyster's enmity when he publicly questioned from the bench a marijuana restitution program the DA implemented shortly after he took office in 2011. Eyster used a section of the California health and safety code intended to reimburse police for the cost of cleaning up meth labs and pot grows and reshaped it for use in fast-tracking marijuana-related prosecutions. It allowed first-time offenders to pay fines rather than be criminally prosecuted for operating illegal growing operations, which were widespread then and created a lengthy court backlog.

Brennan said during a court hearing on one of the program's first plea agreements, "To put it bluntly, it looks like a criminal defendant charged with serious conduct can simply buy a misdemeanor disposition if he gets caught and has the money set aside to cover for that contingency."

Critics were harsh about a program that eventually generated \$7 million in new revenue for county coffers, and cemented the DA's role as a key player in politics at the county administrative center.

The program was nicknamed the "Mendo Shakedown," called extortion, and blamed for creating what appeared to some as an unequal justice system. A federal grand jury took a look at Eyster's unique program, as did major news media statewide like the Los Angeles Times. Eventually, the furor subsided, and the DA's controversial program quietly faded after California voters legalized marijuana in 2016.

While legalization quieted courtroom battles over Mendocino County's infamous underground marijuana culture, Eyster harbored his grudge against Brennan for years after. The DA regularly demeaned the judge internally and warned the bench that he would exercise his authority to oppose Brennan from presiding over cases at the Ukiah courthouse. In one momentous public showdown,

Eyster personally appeared in court and blocked Brennan from hearing a calendar of scheduled hearings.

A few years later Eyster went after Brennan again for his handling of a celebrated animal abuse case. The DA believed that the judge's sentencing was "too lenient" on the defendant, who had pled no contest to shooting a dog known as "Thunder" and leaving it to die in the woods. Thunder survived and returned to health under new care. The defendant in 2020 entered a guilty plea to felony animal cruelty. Brennan sentenced her to unsupervised probation for 36 months, court imposed counseling, and a ban on owning animals during her probation. She also was required to serve 500 hours of community service.

Eyster refused to give up on his efforts to publicly embarrass Brennan. Even after Eyster lost his bid in a state court of appeal to overturn the judge's sentencing, he brashly claimed victory in his failed "Hail Mary" legal challenge. Eyster pledged then to keep the "bright lights" on Brennan.

Eyster was unopposed for a fourth term in 2022 as DA, but within months he was embroiled in controversies over his handling of a string of police misconduct cases. In the highest profile case, Eyster agreed to a plea deal that dropped felony sex charges against a former Ukiah police sergeant, a move that triggered public protests and widespread news coverage that summer.

Now the DA is center-stage again with his criminal prosecution of elected county Auditor Cubbison.

During his long tenure, Eyster has been challenged by three county auditors, who have questioned his use of asset forfeiture funds for routine office costs, travel reimbursements, and whether he violated county policies by hosting office parties that he labeled annual "training sessions."

Citing Eyster's pending criminal case against Cubbison, the board of supervisors on October 17 took the extraordinary step of suspending her without a public hearing and before the accused auditor had a chance to enter an expected not guilty plea. Two weeks after the fact Cubbison was given the opportunity to present a defense to the board, but her attorney instead appeared with her and ripped county supervisors for violating the elected official's rights to due process. A legal challenge to the board action is expected.

Attorney Chris Andrian, a noted Sonoma County defense lawyer, at the time told the board Eyster's case was "very weak," and appeared more politically based than legal. "We will mount a vigorous defense," said Andrian.

The Cubbison case and the chaotic state surrounding county finances are certain to play a role in next March's election for three seats on the board of supervisors.

As of November 8, there are five candidates to succeed First District Supervisor Glenn McCourty, who is stepping down after only one term on the board. They are Carrie Shattuck, Adam Gaska, Trevor Mockel, Madeline Cline, and David Goodman.

In the Second District, incumbent Maureen Mulheren will be challenged in her re-election bid by newcomer Jacob Brown. The district is Ukiah, the county's largest population, retail, and government center.

On the Mendocino Coast, Supervisor Dan Gjerde has declared he's not seeking re-election to his Fourth Supervisor District seat. Current Fort Bragg Mayor Bernie Norvell filed to replace Gjerde. Georgina Avila-Gorman is the second candidate to seek election in that district.

Editor's Note: On November 13, Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams announced on Twitter that he had filed as a candidate for California Assembly District 2. "I decided to run because our rural northern communities need a stronger voice in California," Williams posted. "The data shows we are being left behind, and I want to talk about how we can turn that around." Williams was reelected to his supervisors' seat in the 2022 election.

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and I stole her mom's grave."

After the jury was excused, the defendant was referred to the Mendocino County Adult Probation Department for a background investigation and sentencing recommendation.

Defendant Gribaldo was ordered to return to the Ukiah courthouse on January 3, 2024 at 9 am for his formal sentencing hearing.

The law enforcement agency that investigated and gathered the evidence used to convict the defendant was the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

The prosecutor who presented the People's evidence to the jury and argued for the guilty verdict that was returned by the jury was Deputy District Attorney Jamie Pearl.

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Patrick Pekin presided over the three-day trial. Judge Pekin will be the sentencing judge in January.

The rest of **Grade** | From page 1

81-year-old driver of the Toyota exited the Tacoma, while Pack was swerving to avoid colliding with his truck. As a result, the man was struck and sustained fatal injuries.

According to the CHP, driving under the influence "is not believed to be a factor in this collision." No injuries were reported for Pack, the Willits driver.

According to the Mendocino Action News site on Facebook, an earlier incident on Willits grade, November 9 around 6:22 pm, created a traffic hazard when a semi-truck collided with "almost every one" of the traffic cones marking lanes in the construction zone.

The post got nearly 100 comments, many from regular drivers on the Willits grade complaining about how difficult the changing traffic lines were to navigate and how hard it was to see without enough lighting. "It's so incredibly black I can't find the road," one commenter wrote, "even though I know the stretch.... And now with the rain it's 100x worse."

Other comments suggested slowing down was key. "It's clearly marked slow for the cone zone 45mph," one wrote.

"Complaints happen if the road isn't fixed, and complaints happen during construction," one commenter wrote. "If you can't see clearly, by all means, please SLOW DOWN."

Others suggested speed limits are not enforced, and said other drivers sometimes get dangerously close when they are going as slowly as they feel is safe.

On November 14, Mendocino Action News put up a Facebook poll: "Do you believe the Willits Grade aka Ridgewood Grade Project on HWY 101 between Redwood Valley and Willits, CA is currently safe for drivers?"

As of press time, the poll has 1,113 votes, with 47% saying they did not feel safe when driving the grade; 27% saying drivers should just slow down; 10% saying they feel safe; 8% saying they never liked driving the grade before the project; and 7% saying they feel the workers are doing the best they can with the current project.

One observer reported that as of Wednesday morning, there were no cones rerouting traffic on northbound and southbound lanes along Highway 101, and both lanes were open both ways, although the new pavement on the roadway remains unstriped.

The rest of **Permits** | From page 2

pass number for online purchases.

Permits can be also purchased by mail or in person at the Willows or Upper Lake Ranger Stations. If purchasing in person, individuals can purchase one permit per household and one tree per permit. Several local vendors will also be selling Christmas tree permits. For a list of locations selling permits, please visit the forest website at <https://bit.ly/MNF-Christmas-2023>. Before making a trip to purchase a permit in person, please call the forest office or vendor ahead of time to double check hours and permit availability.

The Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office is located at 825 North Humboldt Avenue in Willows; (530) 934-3316

Local permit outlets include:

Covelo Ranger Station
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Covelo, California 95428
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The Mendocino National Forest consists of approximately 927,650 acres along northern California's coastal range. The forest includes the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, four designated wilderness areas, two designated wild and scenic rivers, Red Bluff Recreation Area, and the Chico Seed Orchard. Headquartered in Willows, the forest maintains district offices in the communities of Covelo and Upper Lake.

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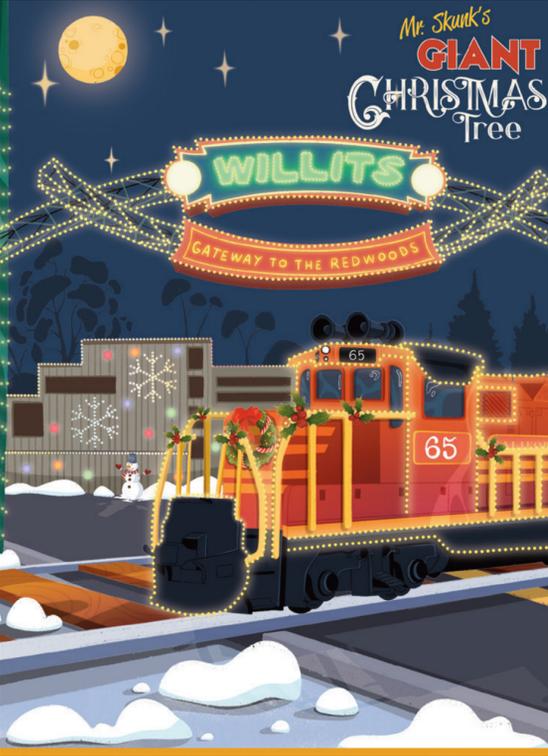
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Above: Artifacts from Blanche Brown, an Anderson Valley teacher born in 1892 in Philo, are on display at the exhibit "Her Side of the Story."

Below: Sheri Hansen of the Anderson Valley Historical Society speaks about Blanche Brown and the Concrete School.

At bottom: After the talk, the attendees stay to peruse the exhibit and ask questions of the participants.



At far left: Each of the featured pioneering women had an exhibit provided by Exhibit Envoy and augmented by the participating museums.

At left: Photographs make up a gallery of unknown women whose stories might never be told.

Below: Historian and author Kim Bancroft looks at the Helen Carter exhibit.

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'Her Side of the Story'

Local female pioneers remembered in new exhibit at Mendocino County Museum

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Most accounts of the old west and California and the county of Mendocino center on the things that have been built by men, the logging and rail industries among these. However, there are stories and people who have long been marginalized in history.

Among these are the women, who gave support to the men in their efforts to thrive in a sometimes harsh and challenging environment and who also stood on their own, as strong as the men in their own way and created the homes, farms, businesses and art that powered the westward migration. These women were the pioneers – adventurous, intelligent, and determined to survive and flourish.

The newest exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum, in coordination with the travelling exhibition company Exhibit Envoy, the Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House, the Kelley House, and the Anderson Valley Historical Society, honors several of these women, each of the museums' choosing to feature a particular Mendocino pioneer to honor and recount.

The exhibition, "Her Side of the Story," opened Sunday, November 12, with talks by the various museums and historical societies about their particular choice of pioneer. Mendocino County Museum Administrator Karen Mattson introduced each of the representatives who first spoke about their entities, the slices of history that each emphasizes, and their current needs.

Representing the Mendocino County Museum was Curator Lindsey Dick, who offered the museum's choice of Elsie Allen, a Pomo woman who was "for bringing the basket-making to the public because tradition said your baskets get burned when you died. Elsie's mother told her to

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Above: This display gives examples of the items that the pioneers brought with them.

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keep her baskets and give them to the next generation," said Dick.

Allen was taken at an early age to an Indian school where she was separated from her family and forced to learn the ways of the white occupiers. She told of her travels from her home near Hopland to the school in Covelo.

"Six other Pomo children travelled with me. First, I travelled on a wagon to Ukiah and then I was put on a flatbed railroad car on the Northwest Pacific Railroad and carried by train to the Sherwood Valley. We changed to a stagecoach which carried us north to Laytonville, where we stayed overnight. The next day, a gravel wagon picked us up to take us to Covelo."

Sheri Hansen, representing the Anderson Valley Historical Society, spoke about Blanche Brown, a teacher in the early 1900s. Brown authored "Grass Roots of Anderson Valley" in which she lamented that the history of the "first settlers were quickly slipping away and that the spoken history of those early days would soon be forgotten." She became one of the founding members of the historical society.

Representing the Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House was Chelsea Boehm. "If you have a family heirloom and you don't know the story behind it, it just becomes a piece of junk. It's important for museums to keep records because the history of the item is what gives the item meaning. That meaning comes either from the cultural significance, from the person who worked with it, from the person who made it, or an event at which it was present," said Boehm, demonstrating the need for the preservation of history.

The Hudson Museum's choice was Grace Hudson's mother, Helen, who crossed the continent with her family to settle in the Ukiah area and wrote about the history of Potter Valley and Ukiah and the Pomo people.

The Kelley House of Mendocino was represented by Marguerite O'Brien. They chose Carrie Costa-Fayal whose family travelled to the area from Portugal. Her son, Albert, one of 12 siblings was in attendance and offered stories of his early days.

The Mendocino County Museum's choice of pioneer woman was Louise Jennings. "She and her sister grew up in Cotto, near Laytonville," said Dick. "Their parents came to Mendocino to homestead. They did everything. They hunted mountain lions. They were independent. They homesteaded. She became the game warden for Charles Howard, the owner of Seabiscuit. She was allowed to hunt and fish on his property to supply food for her two daughters."

Local author and historian Kim Bancroft spoke about her book, "Writing Themselves Into History, Emily and Matilda Bancroft in Journals and Letters."

"This book emerged from my own delving into archives that were extraordinarily rich and wonderful," shared Bancroft. "I want to encourage everyone to go and find whatever letters and photos and albums that are lurking in your closets and drawers and attics."

History is rich with stories of women who faced the same, or even more difficult, challenges as the men who built the industry in the area. The exhibit will be at the museum until December 23, after which the museum will be closed for a couple of weeks.

The Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday 12 to 4 pm. For more info, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cultural-services-agency/museum.

The rest of **Breakfast** | From page 5

veterans for their service, courage, and devotion to duty.

The post's next project coming up is their participation in Wreaths Across America, an annual honoring of deceased veterans at which wreaths are placed nationally on their graves.

"The ceremony will be at the Willits Cemetery on Highway 20," explained Ham. "There will be wreaths placed at the Little Lake Cemetery as well. You'll see wreaths down by the Veterans Memorial. You see a wreath at each end of the bypass in honor of a Navy SEAL, Jesse Pittman. It will be in cooperation with the 4H, the FFA. Natalie Spackman has headed that up for a number of years. She does a fantastic job."

The Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place on December 16 at 10 am.

"On Saturday, January 20, we have a representative from Medicare and one from Social Security here on a Saturday for about three hours to answer questions. We want to invite veterans from in the community as well as from the posts in Ukiah and Fort Bragg. It will be here at this post, upstairs," said Ham.

The members of American Legion Post 174 enjoy meeting the public and being a part of events which benefit the public and introduce themselves to the people of Willits and, hopefully, other veterans. After the breakfast, the veterans raised the American flag in front of the Mendocino County Museum for all to see and honor those who have served and sacrificed for the country.



Above, left: Willits residents Patsy Brosske, left, and Julie Harris. Above, right: Ukiah theater director Jim Williams. Below, from left: Local director and playwright Don Samson and wife Annie Samson. Willits author Gregory Corben. Longtime WCT constituent Marlene Brown.

Photos by Steve Hellman:



High praise from locals for 'Wait Until Dark' production at WCT through November 26

By Steve Hellman for WCT

The Willits Community Theatre production of Frederick Knott's noir nail-biter "Wait Until Dark" drew high praises from audience members after a recent matinee performance. The show features a sinister con man Roat played by WCT veteran Steve Marston in a game of wits with the remarkable Sarah France as the blind woman Susy Hendrix.

The play is directed by Mathew Caine and also features Joshua Sternberg, Talisman Marshall, Garrett Moore, Zoe Robertson, Emmalia Pyle, Austin Peterson and Ben Wilson. The action starts with Roat and his two ex-convict henchman plotting to retrieve a doll filled with heroin that Susy's husband has unwittingly brought home. Once Susy begins to realize she's being played for sinister ends, she has to devise a plot of her own to outdo the lethal con artists.

After the recent performance, Willits author Gregory Corben praised Sarah France in her lead role. "She's absolutely a great stage presence. Her mannerisms, grace, she's a joy to watch on stage. She's going places."

A Willits resident who went by first name only, Patsy, said the cast did a great job with keeping her interest. She offered, "A special shoutout to Steve Marston and Sarah France for engaging us the whole time."

The rest of **Yoga** | From page 8

the former yoga studio that had previously occupied the Evergreen Village space came up, she "did a little soul searching" and "decided to trust my gut and go for it."

When asked how she would describe Flourish & Flow and how it differs from just another fitness studio, she elaborated on her visions for her business, saying at its base level "it's about providing a safe, clean, and affordable space for anyone in the community to come and start, continue, or advance their wellness journey through movement. Flourish & Flow is not exclusive, and the classes offered reflect that ethos.

"When I decided to open the studio," she continued, "I wanted there to be something for everyone, so we added seniors and beginners classes, a kids class, Zumba, and Capoeira (a blend of Brazilian martial arts and dance)."

"I also wanted the space to encompass a holistic approach to wellbeing," said Corley, "so we have some excellent massage therapists on our staff. We offer holistic supplements for things like gut health, because it's such an important part of regaining your energy and balancing your mood, and we're still adding classes and services, so there's much more to come! Most of all, I want members to feel like they have of a supportive network when they come in."

Classes at Flourish & Flow also include HIIT Pilates, a class open to all levels, but folks should be aware that it's meant to be challenging: Beginners Dance / Barre which involves ballet principals in its postures; Vinyasa Yoga for those that want a more fluid yoga practice; 26X2 which is a style of Hatha yoga performed in a heated practice space; Chakra Dance, a guided meditation done seated or with movement; Golden Hour for seniors which can include chair yoga if desired; Groove, which is an intuitive dance class set to upbeat music; a 7 am Piyo Class that blends yoga, Pilates and cardio; and Buti Yoga and it's more advanced approach, Buti Bands.

The studio also has separate male and female locker

Local theater director and playwright Don Samson and his wife Annie Samson were on hand for the season finale on the WCT main stage. Remaining shows are through November 26. "It's good," Don Samson said. "Lots of activity, excitement, close calls. A terrific piece of work. Annie Samson said, "I liked not knowing what's going to happen next."

Ukiah theater director Jim Williams perhaps summed up best the show's mix of endearing feeling for a sightless woman who must come to terms with her growing horror over mounting deceptions—and deaths. "I thought it was something, a sweet, charming horror story," Williams said. "Being charmed by it, and then horrified – a great combination you don't get that often."

Longtime WCT constituent Marlene Brown was particularly impressed by the production set. "It's marvelous, spectacular. The whole show is fun to see," she said.

Remaining performances are November 17 through 26, with shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm, with the exception of Sunday, November 19, which is reserved for a private showing. Tickets are \$20 for all shows, available online at www.wctperformartscenter.org or at the door.

rooms with hot showers, basic toiletries, and towels.

To further her ambition to create a community-oriented wellness space, Corley said she's added a Sober Social Hour to the last Friday of the month after the Buti Glow special event, as well as several creative workshops.

"So far," she said, "We've had a pumpkin-crafting event, there's a sensual dance workshop scheduled, I'm going to start a hiking group, and we have a monthly women's circle starting in the new year."

Corley reiterated that she wants the studio to be affordable for everyone. To do this, she's enrolled Flourish & Flow in the Silver + Fit and Active + Fit programs which folks could potentially qualify for through their health insurance.

"Studio members can provide their fitness card to identify themselves as participants of either of these programs and the programs allow the members 10 visits a month," Corley explained.

The regular drop-in rate is \$15 per class for adults and \$7 for children. A one-month unlimited package is \$99, with a variety of other class bundles offered at affordable rates.

Corley has also recently received her citizenship with the Cherokee Nation, and created a non-profit called 7 Hearts Healing. She hopes to be able to access grants that help pay for memberships for the Native community and victims of trauma.

Flourish & Flow Mendo information, services, updates, and current class schedules can be found on Instagram, Facebook, or their website: www.flourishandflowmendo.com. Flourish & Flow is also on the MindBody app where you can see weekly class times and descriptions and preregister and pay for classes online.

If you'd prefer to call for information, the telephone number is 707-750-9515. The studio is located at 1726 South Main Street, Suite B in the Evergreen Shopping Center.

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Outgoing Daffodil

Daffodil here came in with her brother, Sweet William, and her sister, Daisy May. All three have been

in a foster home for the past few weeks, and their foster mom says they are all very sweet, snuggly, and outgoing. She also says that Daffodil is the sweetest of the three and even likes to sit on her shoulder.

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

Firecracker JoJo

JoJo is ready for fun! He is ready to explore everything at top speed. JoJo loves to run and play with his brother, Maxwell. He is the feisty one, and wants to take charge. JoJo will need a steady hand training him, as he has a strong personality, and wants what he wants.

He does, however, love humans, and wants to play all the time. He comes when called, and wants to be near you. JoJo loves the water, and is interested in chasing a ball or playing tug-o-war. JoJo would love to become part of a fun-loving home full of activity.



Jojo

As with all puppies, it is important to create a haven for your pup, provide consistency, nurturing, and training, and know that they take, time, patience, demand resources, and require good nutrition and health care. Be ready to be sensitive, and give lots of love, warmth, belly rubs, and cuddles!

To learn more about JoJo 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 707-459-4900.

Smart Lexi

Lexi was brought to the Mendocino County Animal Shelter with seven 2-day-old puppies. She did her best raising her babies in a kennel with dogs barking all around her. She was a good mama and all the puppies were adopted, but poor Lexi has been waiting for her forever home. With the help of staff and volunteers, she has made

great improvements.

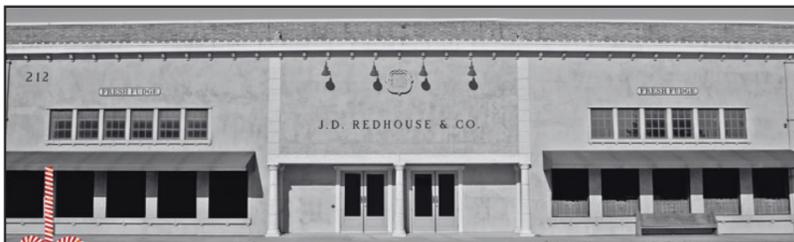
Lexi is loyal, smart, and committed. She's a mama bear, a best friend, and a life partner. We promise, you'll fall in love!

Lexi is looking for someone who can take her to foster or adopt. She's a bit shy but she does a happy dance and play bows to the people who have taken the time to be her friend. With time and patience, she will flourish! HSIMC provides lots of support to anyone who takes home one of our special friends and we would love to support you and Lexi!

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



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Get your Mele Kalikimaka on with River Fox's Tiki Santa on Friday, December 1. It's a Hawaiian paradise of Mai Tais, teriyaki bowls, and a laid-back tropical vibe perfect for building holiday cheer. Tickets are \$84. Entertainment includes well-known Hawaiian Hulu dancers Ohana Dance Group.

After Tiki Santa, these fun Tiki Trains will be happening all 2024 on the first Friday of each month. Look for updates at: <https://www.riverfoxtrain.com/experiences/tiki-train/>

Also available on the December River Fox calendar are holiday Refreshers for the adults on December 15, 26, 27, 29 and 30. A great way to grab a group of friends and explore a holiday gathering that is truly moving. Tickets are \$59 per person. Check it out at: <https://www.riverfoxtrain.com/experiences/river-fox-refresher/>

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Submitted by Mendocino Railway

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Above, left: Mr. Skunk enjoys his Christmas workshop in the redwoods. Above, right: A beautiful graphic of the Willits Skunk Train passing under the Willits Arch. At left: One of the singers on the River Fox's Magical Christmas Train. At left, below: A boy wonders at finding Santa Claus on the train. Below: Another graphic of the Skunk Train parked in front of the Willits Depot in a snowy winter wonderland.



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- Hindu deity
- Polynesian garland of flowers
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- Tall, rounded vase
- Musical composition
- St. Francis of
- Discover the location of
- Compact group of mountains
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- Pouches
- Southern Thailand isthmus
- Mends with yarn
- Downwinds
- One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
- Italian archaeological site

CLUES DOWN

- Cold appetizer
- Yes
- Peninsula
- Of that
- A way to divide
- Relating to the physical senses
- One who makes money
- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Inconvenience (abbr.)
- South Dakota
- Snow sport
- The products of human creativity
- Change mind
- Born of

CLUES DOWN

- Home to the Flyers
- Female parent
- Pre-1917 Russian emperor
- Outsourcing (abbr.)
- Regal
- Line
- Hermann, author of Siddhartha
- Clearing up
- No seats available
- Leaves of an Arabian shrub
- Groove in organ or tissue
- Not of this world
- Cooking device
- Forget
- Operational flight
- Actress Danes
- Poke holes in
- A way to discolor
- Shouts of welcome or farewell
- Pharrell's group
- Red fluorescent dye
- Jr. s dad
- Electronics firm

Newspapers to re-use are at Willits Transfer Station

We get questions this time of year about do we have any returned newspapers to give away. The local newspaper distributor has a special newspaper bin at the Willits Transfer Station. Anyone is welcome to go grab old newspapers to use for fire starting, wrapping, craft projects, or whatever else.

Willits Transfer Station is located at 351 Franklin Avenue. Take the right to drive into the station. The big public recycling bins are on your right, and the guys buying cans and bottles are to the left. Straight ahead, on the back fence, is the smaller bin with leftover newspapers of all varieties, that are just waiting to be reused instead of recycled.

- Willits Weekly

Willits Weekly publishes Wednesday for Thanksgiving week

As usual, Willits Weekly will publish its Thanksgiving week edition on Wednesday; that means we'll be publishing on Wednesday, November 22 next week, and newspapers should be in the boxes Wednesday morning.

Subscribers should get their Thanksgiving papers on their regular schedule.

Deadline for submission every week is always end of day Monday, and that won't change - but earlier submissions are especially welcome, and late submissions are less likely to make the paper that week.

Thank you all for your contributions to Willits Weekly!

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

October 16 to October 22

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 68 incidents in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 16

1:11 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of North Street.

8:24 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

12:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

11:36 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1300 block of Buckhorn Road.

October 17

9:04 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Baechtel Road and East Hill Road and issued a citation.

9:37 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:06 am: SHANOFF, Timothy Robert (30) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 22310 PC (Carrying a Concealed Dirk or Dagger) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

10:29 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Hazel Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:29 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:58 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.

October 18

2:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Mendocino Avenue and issued a citation.

2:45 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and North Street and issued a warning.

10:17 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Sandy Avenue.

October 19

12:58 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 2100 block of

Center Valley Road.

8:06 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue and issued a warning.

8:43 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:17 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

9:32 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Alder Lane and Elm Lane and issued a citation.

10:22 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street.

3:08 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street and issued a warning.

4:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:37 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Central Street and East Oak Street and issued a warning.

8:55 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

October 20

10:13 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

7:25 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

8:18 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.

11:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Casteel Lane and Williams Street.

October 21

5:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

October 22

3:27 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:40 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Valley Street and Creekside Drive and issued a citation.

Looking for something to celebrate?

Learn more about these, or see a list of other celebrations and days at <https://www.listofnationaldays.com/>

November 16: Clarinet Day, International Day For Tolerance, National Button Day, National Check Your Wipers Day, National Fast Food Day

November 17: Homemade Bread Day, National Baklava Day, National Butter Day, National Farm Joke Day, National Take A Hike Day, Zinfandel Day, International Students' Day, The Little Mermaid Day

November 18: Apple Cider Day, Mickey Mouse Birthday, Minnie Mouse's Birthday, National Princess Day, National Vichyssoise Day, National Occult Day, Push-Button Phone Day

November 19: Equal Opportunity Day, International Men's Day, National Camp

Day, National Play Monopoly Day, The Anniversary Of The Gettysburg Address, Women's Entrepreneurship Day, World Toilet Day, International Journalist's Remembrance Day, National Blow Bagpipes Day

November 20: Black Awareness Day, Future Teachers Of America Day, Name Your Pc Day, National Peanut Butter Fudge Day, World Children's Day

November 21: National Gingerbread Cookie Day, National Stuffing Day, World Fisheries Day, World Hello Day, World Television Day, National Red Mitten Day, November 22: Go For A Ride Day, Love Your Freckles Day, National Cranberry Relish Day

WCA Holiday Craft Fair

Shop local, shop creative,
be creative, December 8 to 10
at the Art Center

Submitted by WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts Holiday Craft Fair 2024, December 8, 9, and 10, will be the 36th annual fair. The annual holiday fair is one of the few Fine Art and Craft shows in inland Mendocino County, with over 35 fine artists and artisans offering unique gifts and work including soaps, ceramics, jewelry, cutting boards, knives, herbal gifts, and so much more.

The Craft Fair coincides with the opening of the "Small Works" show in the main gallery of the Willits Center for the Arts on November 24, featuring 35 additional artists with artwork in all media including gift cards.

The fair provides free live entertainment throughout, and food available for purchase. The Fair is Friday, December 8 from 3 to 6 pm; Saturday, December 9 from 10 am to 6 pm; and Sunday, December 10, from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

The annual WCA Members "Small Works" show reaches out to the community to display art and gift-giving diversity. There are too many talented people in our town to mention all the members participating in the show. Come by the Art Center to see the show and find one-of-a-kind gifts for friends and loved ones.

The Small Works show opens on Friday, November 24, from 9 am until 5 pm. A chance to meet the artists will be held during the craft fair, December 8 to 10. There will be special extended hours to coincide with the 35th Annual Craft Fair December 8 and 9.

Regular WCA gallery hours are Friday- Sunday between 11 am and 5 pm.

WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street right next door to the Noyo Theater. The Craft Fair will also be at 111 East Commercial at City Hall across the street.

Info: willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707-459-1726.



Above: Erin Berg and Sofia Alouli sell ceramic vessels created at the Willits Center for the Arts at last year's fair. At right, from top: Juanita Melendez uses semi-precious stones in her creative necklaces. Twenty-eight vendors filled the Willits Community Center during the 2022 Holiday Craft Fair. This ceramic piece is a favorite of Bonnie Belt, the organizer of the Holiday Craft Fair.



Photos by Mathew Caine

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At left: Greenery sprigs that will turn into lovely wreaths. Above: Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County is now open for orders of holiday wreaths.

Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County needs greenery

If you or someone you know has Redwood, Cedar, or Douglas Fir we could use it! You can drop off during business hours.

We also need volunteers for this fundraiser to be a success and we have two upcoming orientations:

Wednesday, November 15 at 11am @ HSIMC
Saturday, November 18 at 11am @ HSIMC

Mark your calendar and bring gloves and pruners with you if you have them. We will be making wreaths from November 24 to December 20. Looking forward to having you join our crew this year! If you would like to place an order, you order here: <https://mendohumansociety.com/events>

Contact us:
Wreath orders: director@hsimc.org,
Wreath volunteers: fundraising@hsimc.org,
Call the office: 707-485-0123

-- Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

Alliance for Rural Community Health offers scholarships for healthcare training programs

Submitted by MCHC

Submitted by To address a shortage of local healthcare workers, the Alliance for Rural Community Health, aka ARCH, is offering \$2,000 scholarships to qualified applicants who enroll in medical assistant or dental assistant training programs through the Mendocino County Office of Education. The applicants would also agree to complete their externship at an ARCH-member health center in their community (Boonville, Fort Bragg, Gualala, Lakeport, Laytonville, Point Arena, Ukiah, or Willits).

The scholarship covers approximately half of the cost of the program. Applications are available online at bit.ly/MCOEcareer. The deadline for the scholarship application is December 4.

Dental assistants often work in dental clinics or dental offices preparing patients for treatments and teeth cleanings, processing x-rays, and working with patients on billing issues. Becoming a dental assistant is the first step in becoming a registered dental assistant and obtaining additional specialty certificates.

Classes run January 9 through May 16, 2024, and are held in Ukiah on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 to 9:15 pm. Once classroom training concludes, students must complete a 120-hour externship. The cost is \$4,000, which can be paid in two installments.

Medical assistants work alongside medical providers, primarily in outpatient or ambulatory care facilities, such as health clinics and assisted living centers. They have both administrative and clinical responsibilities, including updating medical charts and scheduling appointments, as well as preparing patients for a doctor's examination and collecting laboratory samples. Medical assisting is a fast-growing occupation and is often an entry point for people aspiring to become nurses.

Medical assistant classes are held in Ukiah, Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 8 pm, January 2 through October 10, 2024. The cost is \$4,500, which can be paid in two installments.

MCHC Health Centers is a federally qualified health center with clinics in Ukiah, Willits, and Lakeport. It provides externship opportunities for students studying to become dental assistants and medical assistants.

"MCHC is happy to support local training programs. The more we can encourage compassionate and dedicated people to pursue a career in healthcare the better," MCHC CEO Rod Grainger said.

Not only does MCHC provide a clinical setting for students to hone their skills, it also provides some tuition reimbursement to full-time employees who have worked there for at least a year. MCHC is one of several ARCH

members. ARCH is a consortium dedicated to strengthening and supporting its network of Mendocino and Lake county community health centers to improve the health of local communities and provide access to quality health care for all.

Other ARCH members include: Anderson Valley Health Center, Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic, Long Valley Health Center, Mendocino Coast Clinics, and Redwood Coast Medical Services. All members offer externships for MCOE's medical training programs.

ARCH President Lucresha Renteria of Mendocino Coast Clinics said, "Community health centers all over Mendocino County work hard to recruit and train local people. We realize the advantages of a workforce made up of people who come from—and want to give back to—their community. Our goal with the ARCH scholarships is to make it easier for people to start a career in healthcare in their hometown."

To learn more about working at MCHC (including a list of current job openings), visit mchcinc.org/careers. For more information about MCOE's medical training programs, visit bit.ly/MCOEcareer. For details about ARCH, visit ruralcommunityhealth.org.

For questions regarding the ARCH scholarship, email Miranda Ramos at mramos@ruralcommunityhealth.org and include "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

MCHC Health Centers includes Hillside Health Center and Dora Street Health Center in Ukiah, Little Lake Health Center in Willits, and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport. It is a community-based and patient-directed organization that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services as well as supportive services such as education and translation that promote access to healthcare.



Above: MCHC Director of Nursing Jasmin Pintane, at right, trains medical assistant and dental assistant students, in programs offered through the Mendocino Office of Education.

Holiday wreath season has arrived

Every year, Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County brings in their Holiday Helpers, also known as Elves, to make these beautiful wreaths and swags.

We are now accepting orders and hope you will join us this year in supporting the animals while enjoying some beautiful holiday greenery.

Stop by, give us a call, or visit our website to place an order: Online orders: <https://mendohumansociety.com/events>

Interested in helping? Join our wreathmaking orientation. No experience necessary, we will train you.

Please attend wreath-making orientations for this fundraiser, whether you're new or a returning volunteer, on Saturday, November 18.

This weekend's orientation will begin at 11 am at the Humane Society, 9700 Uva Drive, in Redwood Valley. Please bring pruning shears and gloves, if you have them, and a festive attitude. We look forward to seeing you! Info: 707-485-0123.



Above: Coach Ian Fitzpatrick, left, with some players from Mendocino County Soccer Academy's Winter Futsal Program last year.

Winter Futsal
Get ready for kids ages 3 to 11 for MCSA Eagles

Submitted by Mendocino County Soccer Academy

Winter is just around the corner, and with it comes an exciting opportunity for kids aged 3 to 14 to stay physically active and mentally engaged while developing their soccer skills during the colder months.

Mendocino County Soccer Academy is thrilled to announce its Winter Futsal Program with the Eagles on weekends from December 9 through February 11 in the Tom Tilton Gym at Baechtel Grove Middle School.

Originating in Uruguay, futsal has earned a reputation for honing the foot skills and creativity of South American soccer players. Today, this thrilling sport has grown into an international phenomenon, widely embraced for youth development worldwide. Futsal, a fast-paced game, challenges players to problem-solve under pressure while emphasizing decision-making, foot skills, and personal style.

Registration for MCSA's Winter Futsal Program is now open, but hurry, as space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. No prior experience is required. Coach Ian Fitzpatrick, an MCSA director, United States Soccer Federation D-licensed coach, and La Liga Level 3 certificate holder, leads the sessions. With his expertise and passion for the game, your child will be in excellent hands.

Futsal differs from traditional soccer in several ways. It's played with a smaller, heavier, low-bounce ball, and the game takes place on a basketball court without using walls. The teams consist of 5 players, including goalies. However, for our younger u6 players, a modified 3 vs. 3 version is played without goalies to ensure age-appropriate fun and learning.

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Above and at right: Brooktrails Fire Department receives Brush 5261, their new Type VI wildland fire engine.

Photos courtesy of Brooktrails Fire Department

Delivered

Brooktrails Fire gets its new wildland and multi-purpose fire engine

Posted by Brooktrails Fire Department

It's finally here! After nearly two years of supply chain issues, and other hurdles, our new Squad replacement has arrived. It replaces our 1990 F350 that was overweight and underpowered. This will be called Brush 5261.

It is a Type VI wildland fire engine, and it rides on a Ford F550 chassis. It is a custom-built body, and it has 300 gallons of water and 20 gallons of foam. The build-up was performed by Derotic Emergency Equipment.

It will carry a mix of essential tools to include medical, extrication, rope rescue, and wildland and structural firefighting equipment. It doesn't require a special license to drive which is a huge plus.

The multi-purpose use of this vehicle will help reduce wear and tear on our bigger and older apparatus. It will be staffed by both volunteer and paid staff as our primary response.



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WW457

CITY OF WILLITS
SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING FORMAL BIDS
PROJECT NO. 2023-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:
The work shown on the project plans entitled:
**CITY OF WILLITS
SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
PROJECT PLANS**
For:
2023 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2023-07

The work for this project includes grinding and repaving portions of Boscabelle and South Lenore Avenues totaling approximately 37,000 square feet and completing approximately 11,250 square feet of asphalt digouts on Baechtel Road. It also includes construction of two sidewalk bulb-outs, six pedestrian ramps, 5 driveways, and approximately 2,032 square feet of sidewalk.

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City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &

The work described in specifications books entitled:
CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET
CITY OF WILLITS - EXAMPLE AWARD PACKET

For:
2023 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2023-07
IN

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.

THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$531,008.50

The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.

Key Dates:

- Pre-bid Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. (Onsite - Intersection of E. San Francisco St. & S. Lenore Ave., Willits, CA 95490)
- Final Questions from Bidders: Monday, November 27, 2023
- Final Addendum Issued: Thursday, November 30, 2023
- Bid Opening: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
- Project Start Date: Monday, January 8, 2023
- Project Length: 90 calendar days

Interested bidders should contact the following to obtain electronic copies of plans and other bid documents:
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2023-F0347

The following corporation is doing business as Terphogz IPC, THIP, 95 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490. Registered owner: Terphogz Intellectual Property Corp., 95 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 7, 2023.
/s/ Jon Orantes, COO
Publication dates: November 9, 16, 22, 30, 2023

WW460

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2023-F0514

The following person is doing business as Esthetics by Eden, 152 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Eden Hincker Tye, 24900 North Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 23, 2023.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on November 6, 2023.
/s/ Eden Hincker Tye
Publication dates: November 9, 16, 22, 30, 2023

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Mendocino County invites applications for:

Corrections Deputy
\$54,184 - \$65,873

Deputy Probation Officer I/II
\$51,937 - \$69,617

Deputy Public Defender I-IV
\$81,785 - \$154,960

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

Director of Nursing - Public Health
\$123,406 - \$150,009

Juvenile Corrections Officer - Extra-Help
\$24.38 - \$29.63 Hourly

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
www.mendocinocounty.gov/jobs
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT E. WHIPPLE. CASE NO. 23PR00184

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: ROBERT E. WHIPPLE.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JOSHUA M. PINA in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that JOSHUA M. PINA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: December 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Alexander C. Rich, CARTER RICH PC, 716 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 Telephone: 707-456-9210
Publication Dates: November 16, 22, and 30, 2023

LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2023-F0451

The following corporation is doing business as EuRoad Travel Guides, 1816 Buckeye Road, Willits, CA 95490. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2127, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Digital Aeon Inc., P.O. Box 651, Nyack, NY 10960.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 25, 2023.
/s/ Victoria Lief Bertotti
Publication dates: November 16, 22, 30, December 7, 2023

Willits Weekly can run legal notices including fictitious business name statements, foreclosure notices, storage unit auctions, and more.

Contact us for more information at willitsweekly@gmail.com

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Need help with your computer? PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email uiccarbhall@gmail.com

Room for Rent
Quiet master bedroom and bath, with private entrance. Includes refrigerator and utilities. No range, no shared spaces. In Willits. 1 person only, no smoking, no pets. \$625 + \$400 deposit. 805-259-9155.

Counseling / Psychotherapy
Accepting new Med/Cal clients, Divora Stern LCSW, sliding scale available. PHONE SESSIONS only: 707-354-9911. No need for computer / travel, just call. 22-year private practice, CBT, energy psychology, and alternative modalities.

RV/Trailer Space for Rent
Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Highway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 972-4696. See at <http://www.oakvine.net/tp>

For Rent
2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Brand New. Only 3 apartments left. Close to town and Howard Hospital. Well-appointed kitchens with granite counters and large pantry. Spacious bathrooms. Laminate floors throughout and window coverings. 1200 sq. ft. Air conditioned. \$1800.00/mo. More information call 707-489-1080.

Willits Food Bank Open
Willits Community Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, with an increase in numbers served. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the front office at 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits CA 95490 - knock or leave in the locked mailbox in front. Food distribution is available at the back door on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333.

John Ford Ranch Beef
John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkellan @ 459-5049. (Prices change effective 6/25/23)

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CITY OF WILLITS
SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 8, 2023 at their regular noticed meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2023-04.

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLITS ADDING CHAPTER 8.10 MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION, TO TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE CITY OF WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE

By Resolution, the City Council adopted the above referenced ordinance adding Chapter 8.10 to the Willits Municipal Code entitled Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction. The Willits Municipal Code will include reference to the new Chapter 8.10. A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2023-04 is posted and may be read at the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA. The foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting, held on the 8th day of November, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Rodriguez, Stranske, Strong, Gonzalez and Kanne
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

This summary of the adopted Ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code Section 36933.
/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk
Publication Date: November 16, 2023

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Church Bazaar



Baked goods, crafts, unique items
 Saturday, Nov. 18
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Willits United Methodist Church
 Corner of School and Pine Sts.

MENDOCINO COLLEGE CERAMICS CLUB ANNUAL

Holiday Ceramics Sale

Friday, December 1st, 2023
 11am to 4pm



Gifts, Kitchen and Dining Wares, and Collectibles

Holiday wreaths available from the Ag Department

Proceeds benefit Mendocino College Ceramics Club

Ukiah Campus
 Lowery Student Center
 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah CA
 707-468-3087 facebook.com/ceramicsclub

JOIN WILLITS SENIORS FOR A HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.
 9AM TO 3PM

LOCATED @ WILLITS SENIOR CENTER
 1501 BAECHTEL RD. WILLITS, CA. 95490

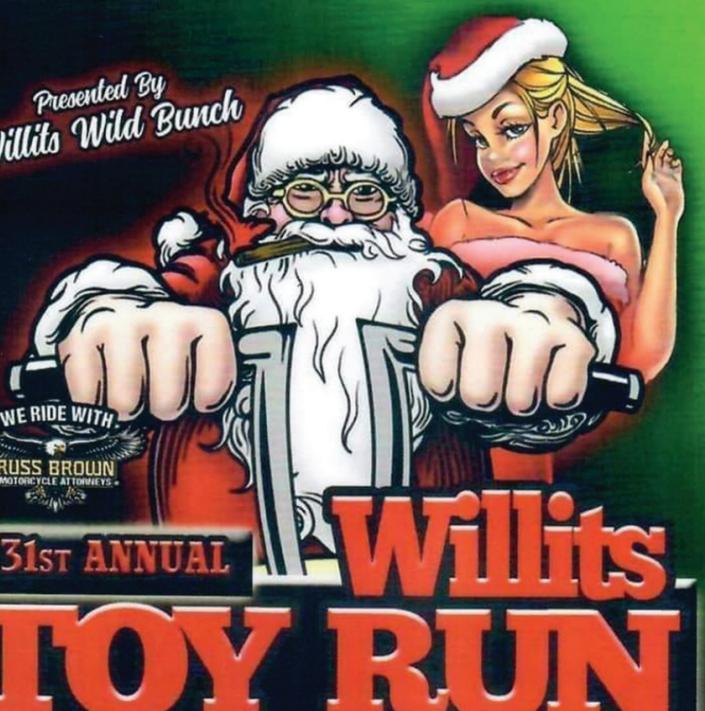
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31ST ANNUAL Willits TOY RUN

Sunday Nov. 26, 2023

Admission - One Unwrapped Toy & or \$10
 GIVEAWAY PRIZES, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS, 50/50

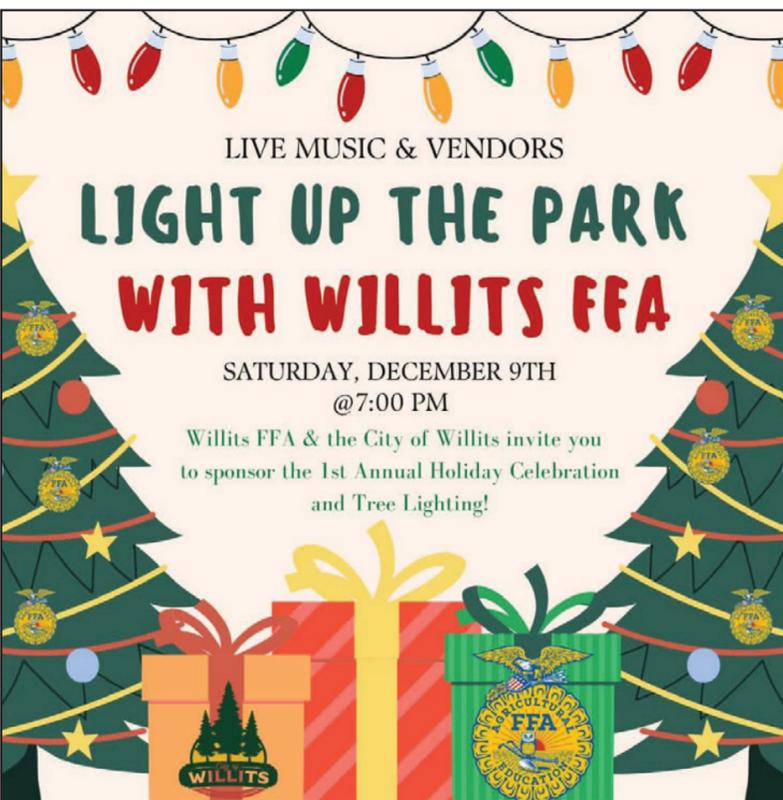
Meet N' Greet at Evergreen Shopping Center
 Pack Leaves at Noon for a Beautiful Ride
 Through Little Lake Valley to Little Lake Grange
 FREE Lunch - Beverages provided for additional donation
 MUSIC by: DJ Mikey T
 All Bikes, Riders & Non Riders Welcome

LIVE MUSIC & VENDORS

LIGHT UP THE PARK WITH WILLITS FFA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
 @7:00 PM

Willits FFA & the City of Willits invite you to sponsor the 1st Annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting!



2ND ANNUAL

WILLITS TRUCKERS LIGHT PARADE

DECEMBER 9TH START TIME 6:00 PM

PARADE ROUTE:
 WILLITS EVERGREEN SHOPPING CENTER TO THE WILLITS CITY PARK.
 TREE LIGHTING AND FESTIVIES AFTER!



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SAVE THE DATE - MORE DETAILS SOON

ONE DAY ONLY

GRINCH PHOTOS 2023

Saturday, December 9 at The Toy Depot
 Mphotographress - Maureen Jennison

SAVE THE DATES - MORE DETAILS SOON

TWO DAYS ONLY

SANTA PHOTOS 2023

Sun: 12/3 and Tue: 12/5 at J.D. Redhouse
 Mphotographress - Maureen Jennison