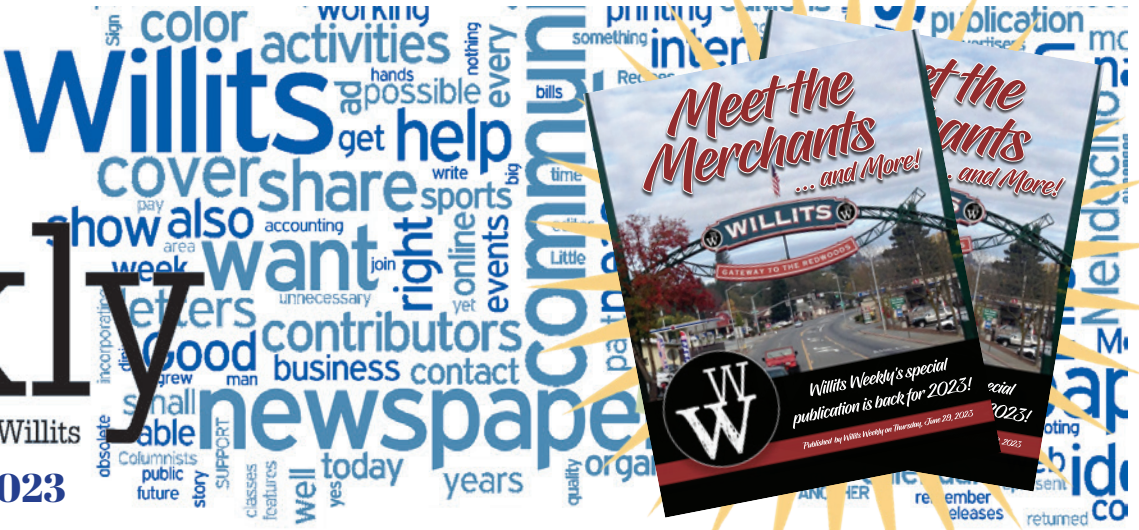


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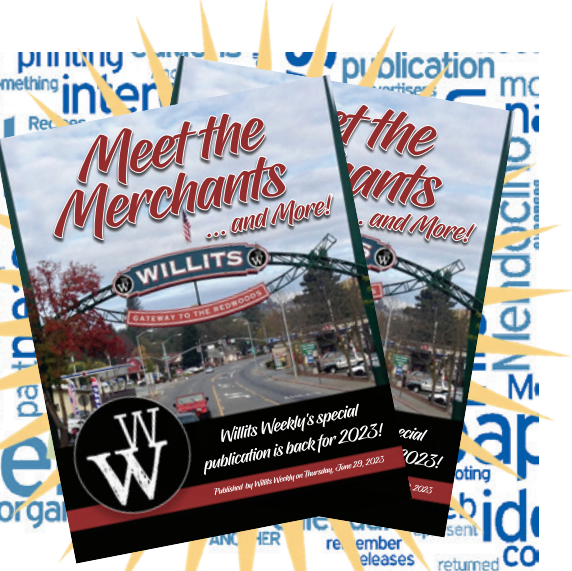


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Brooktrails 2nd access prioritized as county seeks \$50 million grant

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At their June 20 meeting the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved prioritizing a second access road for Brooktrails as they seek \$50 million in state grant money to fund the project.

The Brooktrails project was prioritized over a Redemeyer Road Extension project to potentially be built in the northeast hills

Read the rest of **Access**
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Brooktrails property owners OK fire assessment

Submitted by Brooktrails CSD

On June 27, 2023, the Brooktrails community came together and showed their overwhelming support for the Brooktrails Fire Department. Over 69% of voters supported the new assessment to secure additional funding for their fire department into the future.

On behalf of the board of directors, full-time staff, and our volunteer firefighters, the Brooktrails Township Community Services District wishes to graciously thank the voters for their tremendous show of community support for our local fire department.

In these times of economic uncertainty, unmiti-

Read the rest of **Assessment**
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Maximum CHP enforcement for long holiday weekend

Submitted by CHP HQ

While the holidays are a time of celebration for the public, they can also be a time of concern for the California Highway Patrol and the California Office of Traffic Safety. The CHP and its public safety partner, the OTS, are working together ahead of Independence Day to address the crisis on California's roadways by encouraging safe driving behaviors through education and enforcement.

"Reckless driving is a serious concern on California's roadways, and it is the responsibility of CHP and OTS to help keep the public safe," said CHP Commissioner Sean Durjee. "Every year, speed

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Photos by Maureen Jennison

Frontier Days Time

At top, left: Matthew Harbour of Harbour Quality Redwood drives his truck in the Truck and Tractor Pulls event last Friday, and his pull of 211.46 earned him 10th place in his class. Above right: Ribbons and buckles were the coveted prizes at the Willits Frontier Days Horse Show. Above: While waiting to get unhooked from the sled, Jason Whitby of Jeff's Gas and Appliance looks pleased with his pull of 270.09 feet, which earned him second place in the Stock Diesel Truck Class. Below: Jake Whitehurst of J.D. Redhouse holds one of the last pre-sale-price carnival tickets sold with just 5 minutes to spare until the 12 noon deadline Wednesday morning. Tickets will be available for at the carnival now through July 4.



Upcoming Willits Frontier Days Events

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| Friday, June 30:
HOMETOWN CELEBRATION
Main Street - Downtown Willits 5 to 9 pm | WESTERN DANCE
featuring The Boondock Boys Following rodeo Free |
| Saturday, July 1:
SWEETHEART CROWNED
Rec Grove Park 10 am | Tuesday, July 4:
HORSESHOE CONTEST
Rec Grove Park 10 am |
| Sunday, July 2:
LIONS COWBOY BREAKFAST
Rec Grove Park 7 am
Adult: \$13, Child: \$9 | PARADE "Wranglers, Boots & Spurs"
Main Street - Downtown Willits 11 am |
| JUNIOR RODEO
Jack Sharp Arena 9 am
Adult: \$10, Child (2 and under): free | COUNTRY MUSIC RODEOLA
Rec Grove Park Noon |
| Monday, July 3:
CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO
7 pm Jack Sharp Arena
Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10 | BEEF BARBECUE
Rec Grove Park Noon
Adult: \$20 & Child/ Senior: \$12 |
| | CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO
Jack Sharp Arena 4 pm
Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10 |

New sexual harassment suit filed against WPD, Willits

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A new lawsuit has been filed against the City of Willits, the Willits Police Department, and former WPD Lt. Derek Hendry, alleging sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and a hostile work environment.

As first reported by the Mendo Fever online news site, former WPD Officer Natalie Higley filed the civil lawsuit in Mendocino County Superior Court on June 6. The first hearing, a case management

Read the rest of **Lawsuit**
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Brickhouse crew gets emergency training at Little Lake Fire Station 54

By Annie Evarts for Willits Weekly

Tom Mann, owner of Brickhouse Coffee, gathered his staff for an hour of first aid and fire extinguisher training at the Little Lake-Fire Station 54 on East Commercial Street last week. Little Lake Fire Department Training Chief Jeff Donaldson and Fire Captain Harry So led the June 21 training, kicking it off by guiding the group through emergency response techniques.

Both firefighters reiterated that the first step in any emergency

Read the rest of **Training**
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Fireworks are illegal in Mendocino County

Submitted by CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit

Mendocino County, CA – The Fourth of July is synonymous for sun, fun, barbecuing, and fireworks. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit Chief, Luke Kendall, is reminding everyone to do their part to have a safe holiday and help prevent wildfires and injuries caused by fireworks. Two out of five fires on the 4th of July are caused by fireworks.

CAL FIRE is reminding the public of the state's zero tolerance regarding the use or sale of illegal fireworks. CAL FIRE is working closely with local law enforcement and firefighting agencies

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Photo by Tina Shull



At left: 2022 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Danielle Barry, left, smiles with 2023 Sweetheart contestant Hazel Cooke after Cooke gave her speech at the Saturday competition. Above: Sage Basler pulls against The Terminator during Friday's Truck and Tractor Pulls and earns first place in the 5,500-pound Street Truck Class with a pull of 224.97 feet. Below: Payton Shull gets some last-minute support prior to competition from her mom, Tina.



Photo by Mathew Caine

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Theft

To the Editor:

Last week someone stole about 50 2" by 6" of varying lengths, 8", 10", and longer pieces from our property. They are easily identifiable as all-heart, full-dimension redwood, which I got from a water tower in Fort Bragg.

They have not been commercially available for 100 years. I reported it to the Sheriff's Office. Assistance concerning this crime will be much appreciated. Please call 707-357-7155.

William Ray, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

We are writing to express our appreciation for two icons who have served our families, our friends and our community for as long as we can remember!

Dr. John Glycer has cared for our children, our parents and for us, showing skill and compassion at every turn. He has been involved with community groups and has been of invaluable service to the Willits Food Bank as a board member. We will miss his kind and steady presence, yet are thrilled that he can enjoy his hobbies and time with his family. Best to you, Dr. Glycer!

Dr. Tedd Dawson has also cared for us and our families for random surgeries and emergency situations. He is kind and funny, excellent at putting patients at ease ... which is really appreciated when it's a scary moment. We have heard comments about "that doctor in Willits that saved my mom's life when she was airlifted from remote Garberville. We don't remember his name ... but he came in from his ranch..." We mentioned Dr. Dawson's name, and they said: "Yes, that's HIM! We will never forget

him!" We hope his retirement is all he wishes for and hope he knows how much he has been appreciated!

Thank you both for the years you have dedicated to the well-being of our town, and to the patients from surrounding rural counties. You will both be missed!

Michael and Christine Griggs

Food Bank Summer

Fund Drive

To the Editor:

The Willits Food Bank will be starting our first-ever Summer Fund Drive on July 1.

We will be placing our sidewalk

"sandwich board" at Main and Commercial streets and will keep the thermometer painted to show donation amounts as they arrive.

Donations made during this fund drive will be applied to the expenses for feeding hungry people in the greater Willits community.

We're planning to move the food bank facility from 229 East San Francisco Street to 344 Railroad Avenue during the summer months. Sincere thanks to Mike Griggs of Sparetime Supply for generously funding the building upgrades, and for offering an outrageously low rent of one dollar (\$1.00) per month! This will begin when we move in. Hats off to Mike for being a true kind neighbor and a gentleman.

Additional costs for the move include the purchase of a new or used walk-in refrigerator; our existing unit is an antique circa 1990 and cannot be moved. We are seeking a funding "Angel" who will help in the purchase of a walk-in fridge for the food bank.

Donations may be sent to the food bank at 229 East San Francisco Street in Willits, or call 707 459-3333 for more information. Thank you,

Ruthanne Volz, executive director, Willits Community Services and Food Bank

Hometown Celebration

June 30

To the Editor:

The Hometown Celebration is Friday, June 30 from 5 to 9 pm on Main Street – and celebrate we will! With all the exciting events Frontier Days offers and summer fun ahead, everyone can enjoy the community spirit in Willits. Please support your town by choosing to buy local! Here's a test to get you started.

Hometown Five-Way Test

Before you go shopping ask yourself these five questions:

- Do I love my hometown and do I want my hometown to thrive?
- Do I always try to make purchase choices that will benefit my hometown?
- Do I realize that when I purchase from a locally owned business, a much larger portion of my money will then recirculate in my hometown?
- Have I checked with my hometown businesses before I order a product online or purchase something from out of town?
- Am I remembering that it is our local businesses who are the largest supporters of our local charities?

Also, prospective members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce are welcome to attend a Chamber Mixer and Ribbon Cutting set for 5 to 7 pm on Friday, July 7 at a new local business, The Mane House, at 1722 South Main Street. Refreshments served.

Susan Mahoney, coordinator, Willits Chamber of Commerce

Food security

To the Editor:

I have been meeting with a food committee coming out of the Building Community

meetings that Willits Economic Localization, WELL, has convened this year. It has refocused me on several issues that I have understood for quite some time.

As a community we should recognize the need for protecting our future food security and to develop our capacity to be more food resilient. The national and international supply chains that bring us most of our food are much more fragile than they appear. We live in a world where every year more people become food-insecure. The next pandemic disease could be much more virulent. We have seen in recent years that wildfires can be much more disruptive than they've ever been before. Last winter showed us that snow has the potential to stop our access to food supplies. What happened in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021 showed us that political instability could happen here.

There are many other circumstances that we might like to think couldn't happen here, but war, rapid spread of plant diseases, earthquakes, floods, etc. could suddenly bring business as usual to a screeching halt. Other dire possibilities could also be enumerated, but what is important is that we use the potential of disaster to develop our local resources and not be depressed.

We should encourage each household to stockpile non-perishable food forms (dried grains and legumes, canned and dried foods, etc.), and we should also have civic supplies that can be accessed for those particularly hard hit or who have lost their homes or cannot get to their homes. Part of the responsibility for disaster preparedness clearly lies with our individual households, but we also need to push the City of Willits to be ready to help. And all of this doesn't have to be painful drudgery, it can go hand in hand with developing and celebrating our local farms, food culture, and native cuisine.

Kirk Lumpkin, Willits

Legends of the Redwood 5K Run and Walk, July 8

Submitted by North Coast Striders

A great local cultural/athletic tradition continues Saturday, July 8 in Talmage with the 17th Legends of the Redwood 5K Run & Walk, presented by the North Coast Striders.

The racecourse is on the well-maintained gravel roads of Beckstoffer Vineyards, beginning at 8 am at 2240 Old River Road, the Mendocino County Office of Education.

This annual event is a celebration of the Native American ultramarathon races in 1927 and 1928, which publicized the completion of the "Redwood Highway," covering the entire 480 miles from San Francisco to Grants Pass, Oregon – the equivalent of more than 18 consecutive marathons.

Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to join the Striders on July 8 for a much shorter but inspiring, race commemorating the amazing feats of superb athletes.

Yearly, this local event draws many of the area's best runners and walkers, and participants who come to pay tribute to the historic tradition.

On June 14, 1927, eleven Native American long-distance runners lined up in San Francisco, and were told the rules of the race: "Run when you can, walk when you wish, and sleep if you have to. Finish in 15 days, don't accept lifts, and don't get off the highway." The prize was \$1,000 for first place. Runners were cheered all along Highway 101.

The event attracted participants from as far away as New Mexico, and included Native Americans from the Karuk, Pomo, and Zuni tribes. The winner of the 1927 race was Karuk runner "Mad Bull" John Wesley Southard of Happy Camp, who averaged nearly 50 miles a day for 7 1/2 days. The 1928 race featured over twice as many runners. The winner, Flying Cloud – Mad Bull's brother – shaved a day off his brother's previous time.

All are welcome for a day of exercise, well-being, and community, as well as homage to these incredible athletes of the past and their feats of heart and stamina. All race proceeds will go to the Ukiah High School Cross Country team and North American running programs.

Register at RunSignUp or at MCOE on race day up to 7:50 am. Adults: \$25, NC Striders members: \$20, 17 and under: \$15; family: \$40.

Let the skies bring the sparkle this July 4

Submitted by the U.S. Forest Service

Celebrating July 4 outdoors is a time-honored tradition throughout the United States, and the USDA Forest Service is happy to welcome so many visitors this upcoming weekend. But remember, fireworks and pyrotechnics are prohibited on public lands – every forest, every campsite, every day.

More than 90% of all fires are human caused. Together, Californians can prepare and prevent wildfires with just a bit of planning.

"Public lands, like California's 18 national forests, see some of our highest numbers around July 4 celebrations. So it's a great time to remind everyone to

Read the rest of **Forest** | Over on page 13

Report from Building Community #3

By Madge Strong

Over 30 people gathered on June 18 for the third in the series of Building Community meetings, sponsored by WELL, Willits Economic Localization. We started with a sing-along of the "Garden Song" and an inspiring poem by Aurelie Clivas to set the mood of celebrating community and the start of summer.

Gardening was an apt metaphor, said Madge Strong (chair of WELL): "We plant seeds, and the ones that grow need gardeners to tend and water them and bear fruit. In Building Community, projects for improvements

are like that," and she thanked the many people who are our "gardeners".

Strong described the role of WELL, a non-profit organization working to increase community self-sufficiency and sustainability for the past 19 years. In sponsoring Building Community, WELL seeks to bring together diverse groups and individuals to learn about and collaborate on our efforts. As the signs say, "We're all in this together."

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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. Price is \$7.

Thursday, June 29: Chicken Fritter, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Friday, June 30: Turkey, Stuffing w/Gravy, Cranberry, Veggie, Roll

Monday, July 3: Sausage Dog, Chili, Sauerkraut

Tuesday, July 4: Center closed for 4th of July

Wednesday, July 5: Turkey Tetrazzini, Veggie, Garlic Bread

Thursday, July 6: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad

Friday, July 7: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie, Roll

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

Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am.

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

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.



Photos by Marcy Barry and Tina Holguin

Above: 2023 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestant Hazel Cooke gives her speech at the podium. Below: Cooke, center, poses with Poise and Personality judges Noemi Bertolino, left, and Nick Durupt, right. Not pictured: Third judge, Mattie Owen.



Sweetheart Speech

Poise and Personality judging took place Saturday afternoon at the rodeo grounds

Along with ticket sales and riding demonstrations, Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestants traditionally also model western clothing, give a prepared speech, and answer questions from judges in hopes of winning the title and tiara for the year's contest.

Hazel Cooke is this year's contestant, and, while the only one again this year, she's still participating in the traditional activities of the sweethearts of the past.

The speech centered on this year's theme of "Wranglers, Boots and Spurs," and was presented to gathered family and friends on the lawn at the rodeo grounds on Saturday, June 24.

Cooke also demonstrated her horsemanship skills on Sunday, June 25 during the horse show and will be crowned the 2023 winner during the Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, July 1 at 6 pm.

—Maureen Jennison



Above: Cooke, center, right, poses with family, including from left: brother Alton, mother Leslie, and father Joe. Below: Cooke models her western wear during the modeling portion of the judging.



WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

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Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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Level: Intermediate

HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Flat-topped hill
5. Fire usually accompanies it
10. Talked
12. Skillset
14. Unembarrassed
16. Where teens spend their days
18. Boxing's GOAT
19. Used to anoint
20. Rust fungi
22. Panthers' signal caller
23. Forests have lots of them
25. Lentils
26. One's self-esteem
27. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
28. High school test
30. Large, flightless bird
31. Expectorated
33. Some practice it
35. Prickly shrub
37. French river
38. Told on
40. Steep hillside
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Welsh river

CLUES DOWN

1. Advanced degree
2. Goes with flow
3. The Caspian is one
4. Accumulate on the surface of
5. Vascular systems or plants
6. A popular kids magazine
7. ___ podrida: spicy Spanish stew
8. Vandalized a car
9. Prefix meaning 'within'
10. Soviet labor camp system
11. Strong hostilities

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

May 29 to June 4

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **62 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 5

8:39 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Williams Street and Casteel Lane and issued a warning.

9:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

10:39 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1100 block of Locust Street and issued a warning.

June 6

11:48 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of Margie Drive and issued a citation.

June 7

8:05 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

9:46 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:51 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of South Main Street.

1:29 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

2:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:47 pm: LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank (53) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of Hawthorn Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 69 PC (Resisting an Executive Officer), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of assault on emergency personnel in performance of their duties and disorderly conduct (alcohol).

June 8

7:07 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:14 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

9:40 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:23 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

6:50 pm: WILLIAMS, Lydell Allen (33) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery) and on felony charges of violation of probation.

8:57 pm: VERDUZCO, Norma Mata (37) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. She was arrested on felony charges of domestic battery and violation of probation.

June 9

10:17 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Holly Street and issued a warning.

1:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of East Valley Street.

9:53 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

11:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

June 10

11:26 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a warning.

11:35 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:42 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

3:00 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

6:48 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

June 11

12:04 am: HAKE, Chad Tyler (35) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of burglary tools, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1:39 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

9:02 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 27000 block of Poppy Drive.

1:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

8:41 pm: MENDOZA, Jose (26) of Gilroy was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony penalties of fourth or subsequent conviction for DUI within 10 years, and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, combination DUI (alcohol and drugs), DUI while on probation, driving with a suspended license, habitual traffic offender (driving with suspended license), and failure to appear.



Jose Mendoza of Gilroy.

Looking for something to celebrate?

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

June 29: National Almond Buttercrunch Day, National Camera Day, National Waffle Iron Day, International Mud Day, Feast Of Saints Peter And Paul, Fishermen's Day, Hug Holiday Day, International Day Of The Tropics, National Bacon Burnt End Day, National Work From Home Day, World Industrial Design Day, World Scleroderma Awareness Day

June 30: National Meteor Watch Day, Social Media Day, National Corvette Day, International Asteroid Day, International Day Of Parliamentarism, International Sailor Moon Day, National Meteor Day, National Ootd Day, National Organization For Women Day

July 1: National Postal Worker Day, National U.S. Postage Stamp Day, National Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day, National Gingersnap Day, Zip Code Day, Second Half Of The Year Day, International Reggae Day, International Joke Day, American Zoo Day, Canada Day, Devotion To Duty Day, Early Bird Day, International Chicken Wing Day, National Baby-Led Weaning Day, National Financial Freedom Day, National Television Heritage Day, National Wrong Trousers Day

July 2: Foam Blaster Day, National

Aniset Day, I Forgot Day, World Ufo Day, Freedom From Fear Of Speaking Day, Made In The Usa Day, National Disco Day, National Report Military Fraud Day, National Wildland Firefighter Day, Special Recreation For The Disabled Day, World Sports Journalists Day

July 3: National Eat Your Beans Day, National Fried Clam Day, National Chocolate Wafer Day, Disobedience Day, Stay Out Of The Sun Day, Compliment Your Mirror Day, International Plastic Bag Free Day, Air Conditioning Day, American Redneck Day, International Drop Rock Day, National Independent Beer Run Day

July 4: Independence Day (USA), National Barbecued Spareribs Day, National Caesar Salad Day, Independence From Meat Day, Alice In Wonderland Day, Filipino-American Friendship Day, Invisible Day, Invisible Day, Jackfruit Day, National Country Music Day, National Hillbilly Day, Sidewalk Egg Frying Day

July 5: National Bikini Day, National Apple Turnover Day, National Graham Cracker Day, Mechanical Pencil Day, National Workaholics Day, Work Without Your Hands Day



Above, from left: Chris Daniels drives and his wife crews Baby Huey, a 6,200-pound truck that had the second-best overall distance of 311.15 feet. Jeff Whitby proudly shows off his ride, the Rust Bucket, which competes in the 5,000-pound Street Class. Baby Huey's crew helps to warm up the truck for its event. At left: Competitors and their supporters wait in the pits for their turn on the track.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Above, left: Jason Titsworth with his daughter, Ashley, and his Flash, a '42 Chevy military truck. Above, right: Young Colter Basler came to support his father. Below: White Lightning, driven by Matt Leinfelder, lives up to its name with a burst of fiery power.

Power and Engineering

Massive engines try to make the 300-foot mark in annual Truck Pulls

It didn't matter if the trucks or tractors were pretty, or even fast-looking. As long as they could drag a sophisticated 20-ton sled down an approximately 300-foot run in front of the bleachers of the Jack Tharp Arena.

MLM Motorsports once again ran the show, with their "Terminator" sled that was equipped with a weight that slid down the machine to increase the load as the trucks or tractors pulled, tugged and wrangled the increasingly heavy vehicle, trying for the 300-foot mark, with only four actually making it that far. The others bogged down around the 250-foot mark, or lost their transmissions, or blew engines, or just did not have the power to lug the weight to the desired distance.

The crowd in the almost-capacity stands, the kids playing in the box-seat sections, and the other competitors cheered each contestant on as the dirt and smoke billowed from the powerful vehicles, eliciting appreciative yells that could be heard over the roaring of the engines of these trucks and tractors.

The competitors in the infield area, where the trucks were lined up in anticipation of their turn on the track, brought family and friends and were eager to talk about their innovations and the engines that powered their beasts.

Jeff Whitby brought an old truck, aptly named "Rust Bucket" for obvious reasons. His vehicle "got lighter every year," he said due to the massive rust holes in the bed. "We put a 454 Chevy engine in it," explained Whitby.

"Almost everything is recycled on it. I traded a guy who had an '89 food-service truck in his field and he needed the transmission, and he didn't know how to get it out. He said I could have the motor if I pulled the motor and transmission out. I gave him the transmission and kept the motor.

"It runs in the 5,500 [pound] Street Class," continued Whitby. "We have to do some extensive work on the transmissions and suspension to be able to haul the sled. I have a Turbo 400 automatic transmission and I went in and changed the valve body so it's manual valve body. If you leave it stock, it has a governor built into it. When it reaches a certain RPM, it makes it shift. When it shifts and you're on the sled, things break. I made it manual so it will stay in first gear."

Whitby even left the "avian pinstripping" (bird feces) on the truck to give it that stock farm look.

For the automotive aficionado, the technical aspects give insight into the dedication and creativity that the builders and racers put into their craft. Some of the vehicle classes were stock and not to be modified, but in several of the classes, modifications were allowed and encouraged to give them the power, weight and traction required to haul the massive sled as far as mechanically possible.

California Polytechnic State University had an entry, a 5,800-pound modified tractor, built and driven by a club of students. Piloted by Trevor Massetti, the tractor made it

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Free sports physicals and Back-to-School Fair at Redwood Medical Clinic on July 9

Submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Adventist Health Howard Memorial to host free sports physicals and Back-to-School Fair in Willits for school-age children on Sunday, July 9, from 9 am to 12 pm at the Redwood Medical Clinic. The event will include free physicals for youth athletes as well as backpacks and other school supplies for students.

A sports physical is required by California schools before a child can join in any school sports and is aimed at identifying problems that might pose a health hazard – such as a hernia, untreated asthma, an undiagnosed heart condition or concussion injury.

While sports physicals meet all the requirements for participation in sports, they are not intended to replace annual, comprehensive physical exams. Annual exams are recommended for all children to ensure overall health.

Parental consent will be needed for youth athletes to receive a physical, and forms will be available at the event.

Since the cost of preparing for the start of the school year can be great, Howard Memorial will also give away backpacks and school supplies, which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Back-to-School Fair will also include booths from partner organizations to create awareness about resources available for local families.

"As a father of two, I know the cost of preparing for back to school can add up. We want to make sure we're doing what we can to help our parents, and help children be ready to learn and have a great school year," shares Judson Howe, president for Adventist Health across the North Coast Network. "We certainly don't want the cost of a sports physical to be a barrier to anyone who desires an active lifestyle by playing sports."

Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit, integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii with over 400 sites of care. Founded on Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care, and hospice agencies in both rural and urban communities.

Our compassionate and talented team of 37,000 includes employees, physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope. We are committed to staying true to our heritage by providing patient-centered, quality care. Together, we are transforming the health care experience with an innovative and whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing to support community well-being.

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The first Building Community gathering, on February 5 at the new firehouse, identified topics people were passionate about. At the second meeting – "BC2" – on March 19 at the Senior Center we broke into topic groups to develop ideas and projects to implement improvements.

At "BC3" on June 18, we heard about progress to date and encouraged people to join in on next steps. Reports in brief:

• **Health** – The Spring Market on Health & Wellness, held on April 30, showcased scores of local health care providers and products. Claudia Wenning is now offering free consultations on Long COVID. A Mobile Apothecary recently created with grant funds will be activated soon. And plans are afoot for a Health Symposium in the fall addressing self-care and gender-specific healthcare approaches.

• **Blue Zones** – This nationwide group, with an active team in our county, seeks to improve community-wide health and longevity. They've helped lobby for regulating tobacco products and creating safe streets, and have certified healthy local restaurants (Brickhouse Coffee and Dahvi's Kitchen). People are invited to join their "walking Moai's" on Friday mornings at 8 am, starting at Brickhouse.

• **Local Food/Farms** – This year's Farmers Convergence (Lake and Mendocino counties) was held Tuesday, June 20 at Ridgewood Ranch. Our local group is working to include farm-friendly policies and programs in the City of Willits' new Land Use Element, including promoting home and community gardens. A big concern is emergency preparedness, such as food supply and evacuation centers with alternative energy supply.

• **Housing/Warming Center** – This topic group is seeking grant funds and working with the county to establish a warming center (ideally also showers) for people needing shelter. Meanwhile, they've met with police and the Sheriff's Office to not harass people who have no recourse but sleeping in vehicles. Best is long-term safe, affordable housing for all!

• **Land Use Planning** – The update currently underway was reviewed by Willits City Council and the public on June 21. When adopted later this year, it will direct city policy on housing, economic development, and infrastructure for the next 20 years, addressing many of the issues raised today.

• **Disaster Response** – The Community

Foundation of Mendocino County is hosting disaster response meetings throughout the county to coordinate community organizations that are active in a disaster, with the first meeting held in Willits on June 27.

After these reports were given at the June 18 Building Community meeting, Willits City Manager Brian Bender addressed a question about disaster and evacuation plans: the city works with the county Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Services, with responses that will vary depending on the nature and location of the emergency.

Community announcements shared at the meeting included: The Chamber of Commerce will soon revive the community calendar, and they'd love volunteer help on projects such as a directory of youth activities. Senior Center also welcomes volunteers, including for their garden. Madge and Don Willis are hosting a monthly Song Circle on first Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church. Blue Zones was featured at the June 26 Avenues to Wellness meeting at the Community Center.

Building Community hopes to continue meetings more or less quarterly. Next one is set for a family-friendly potluck picnic at Rec Grove on July 23. (We'll have a planning meeting on July 10, 6 pm at the Hub, for that event, or contact Madge for more info.)

Following the meeting, chatting and munching snacks, some of us walked the Labyrinth in front of the Methodist Church, meditating on what we're seeking to change or manifest in our lives and the world.

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Chamber of Commerce – Susan Mahoney info@willits.org or 707-459-7910



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situation is always to call 911. They then demonstrated on a CPR doll how to assess if a person is truly unresponsive. Next they showed how and where to check for a reliable pulse, and how to properly perform chest compressions.

The firefighters explained that chest compressions can be extremely challenging for one person to do in a consistent and firm rhythm. It's very physically taxing, so having multiple people to help share the work can be helpful for both the person receiving compressions, and the person performing them.

The Brickhouse crew took turns practicing on the CPR doll while their instructors offered tips on their approach. Donaldson and So did talk the group through mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but echoed the COVID-19 protocol that mouth-to-mouth should only be done on someone you know, and that chest compressions are enough to keep blood pumping through the body.

Though CPR and first aid procedures can seem a little daunting, especially for someone unfamiliar, Chief Donaldson made it clear that the only bad CPR is no CPR, so it's important for anyone who finds themselves in an emergency scenario to do what they can.

CPR training and certification is offered through a variety of organizations including the American Red Cross, but the firefighters provided a useful and practical beginners-level first aid education to the Brickhouse team.

After the first aid training, the crew went outside to get some hands-on experience using a fire extinguisher. It was explained

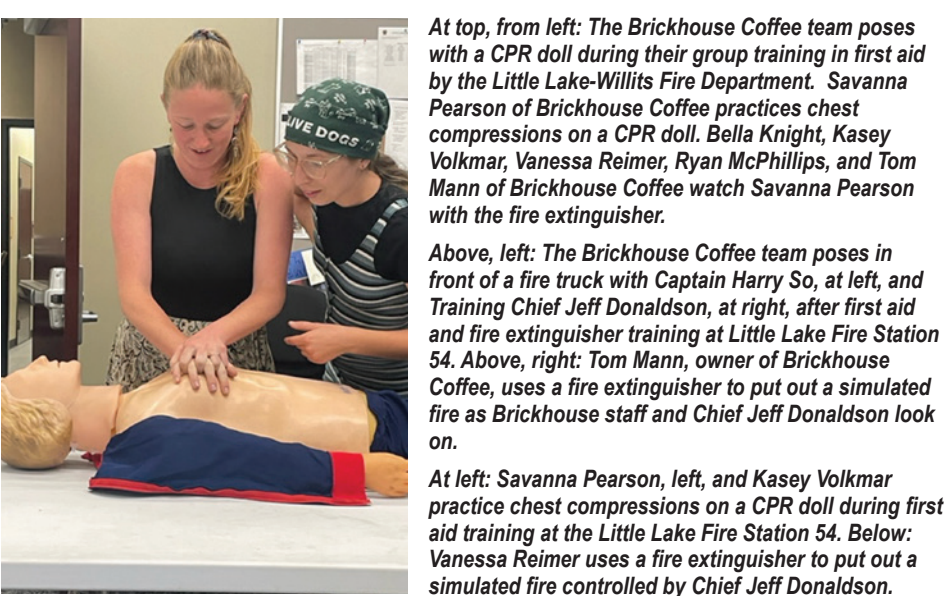
to the Brickhouse staff to always try to remember the acronym "PASS," or "Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep." Everyone took turns testing their hand at pulling the pin, then aiming the nozzle low at the base of the fire, squeezing the lever, and sweeping the nozzle from side to side, putting out a controlled fire created by a propane simulator.

Chief Donaldson and Captain So stressed that with proper education, fire extinguishers can save lives and protect property. They went on to talk about the different classes of extinguishers, counsel the team on fire events specific to a cafe setting, and answered general safety questions.

This first aid and fire extinguisher training is free to any local business that would like to participate, and if you and your staff can't make it to the firehouse, Chief Donaldson and Captain So are happy to bring their equipment to you for onsite demonstrations. What better way for employers in our community to enter the 2023 fire season than to be as prepared as possible with a work force that's ready, educated and aware.

For Tom Mann's part, he urges folks to keep a shovel and a fire extinguisher in the back of the truck whenever possible. It's the little details that can make the biggest difference when it comes to emergency preparedness.

If you'd like more information on trainings offered through Willits' Little Lake Fire Department, you can call their office at 707-459-6271, or go to www.littlelakefire.org. And, as a reminder, they're always looking to train volunteer firefighters!



At top, from left: The Brickhouse Coffee team poses with a CPR doll during their group training in first aid by the Little Lake-Willits Fire Department. Savanna Pearson of Brickhouse Coffee practices chest compressions on a CPR doll. Bella Knight, Kasey Volkmar, Vanessa Reimer, Ryan McPhillips, and Tom Mann of Brickhouse Coffee watch Savanna Pearson with the fire extinguisher.

Above, left: The Brickhouse Coffee team poses in front of a fire truck with Captain Harry So, at left, and Training Chief Jeff Donaldson, at right, after first aid and fire extinguisher training at Little Lake Fire Station 54. Above, right: Tom Mann, owner of Brickhouse Coffee, uses a fire extinguisher to put out a simulated fire as Brickhouse staff and Chief Jeff Donaldson look on.

At left: Savanna Pearson, left, and Kasey Volkmar practice chest compressions on a CPR doll during first aid training at the Little Lake Fire Station 54. Below: Vanessa Reimer uses a fire extinguisher to put out a simulated fire controlled by Chief Jeff Donaldson.

Dance improvisation with mother and daughter duo at WCT on July 8 and 9

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

The improvisational dance duo of Linda Posner and Pearl Marill will perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9. The mother and daughter pair navigates into the unknown, using dance, movement, poetry, music, and impromptu conversation with the audience.

While performing without a plan, what unfolds in real time is always something unique and engaging. The pair combines more than 100 years of dance experience between them to provide a solid foundation for the performances.

Posner says, "We bring our love of improvisation and collaboration to the audience and invite them to contribute from their seats, so they become a part of the inevitable excitement."

Marill is an award-winning actress, dancer, comedian and choreographer based in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Her work has been showcased at venues and festivals throughout the Bay Area and Los Angeles. She has garnered the Isadora Duncan Dance Award for "Outstanding Achievement in Ensemble Performance 2012," and won the top prize at the "Shortlived 2016" short-play festival.

Posner has been immersed in theater and dance for 55 years, starting out as a chorus dancer in civic light-opera productions in Los Angeles. She went

on to become a leading dancer on the Broadway stage in New York where she acted and sang in "Hello Dolly," "A Joyful Noise," "Applause," and "Pippin."

She won a Tony Nomination for best supporting actress for "A Joyful Noise," and won a Tony Nomination for best actress in Bob Fosse's original "Pippin." Off-Broadway she starred in the rock-musical "Your Own Thing" and had leading roles in the films "Valentino," directed by Ken Russell, and "All That Jazz" by Bob Fosse.

Tickets for the performances on Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2 pm are \$20 and available at the WCT website: www.wctperformingartscenter.org.

OBITUARY |

Claudia Dear

Claudia V. Dear, age 79, of Willits, passed on June 13, 2023 following multiple health issues. She died quietly at home with close family friend and sister by her side.

Claudia is predeceased by parents Kenneth Dear and Virginia Dear Cole, stepfather Donnell Cole, and older brother, Leland Dear. Claudia is survived by an older sister, Judith Dear Armstrong.

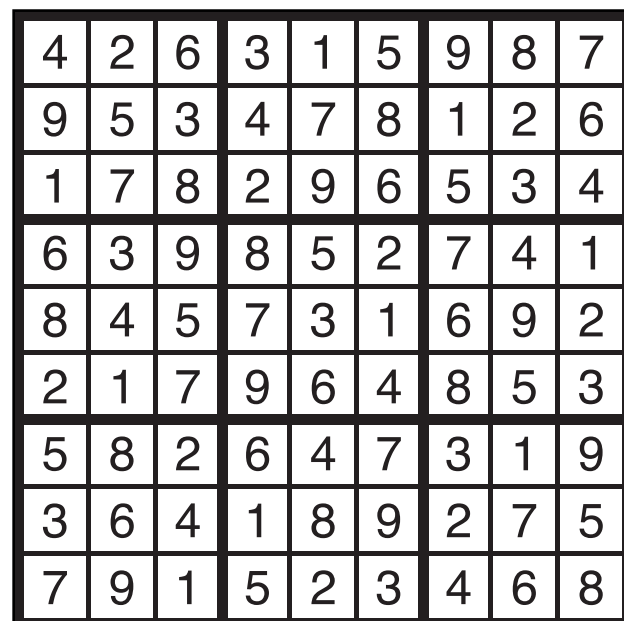
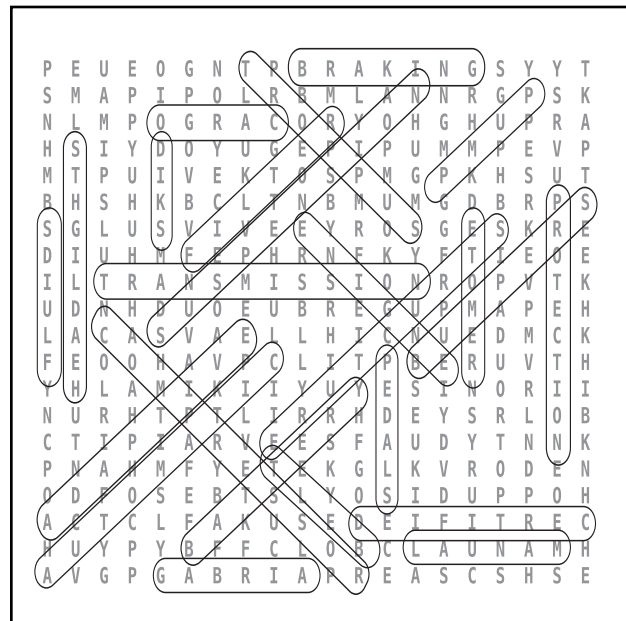
Claudia, born February 6, 1944 in Palo Alto, was raised in Mountain View and graduated from Mountain View High School in 1960. She lived and worked in the Bay Area and then relocated to Willits, in the mid-70s to be with family and to enjoy the slower country life amid forest and wildlife settings.

Claudia enjoyed diverse and challenging careers: Dispatcher for the Willits Police Department and Mendocino County Sheriff's Office; Youth Program Coordinator under the JTPA workforce program; and her real love – teaching youth computer skills as a paraprofessional at Pomolita High School.

Claudia could be outspoken at times, but was always a staunch supporter of friends and family. Her wit and humor brought much enjoyment and laughter and helped her face adversity. She loved music, had a great singing voice and played piano. She loved trivia (sports, politics, people), but her expertise and favorite was older movies and a diverse range of music.

No memorial service or funeral is planned. Please, no flowers or plants. Instead, in lieu of, consider donations in Claudia's name to her favorite charity, Shriners Hospitals, serving children with special health needs.

I sorely miss you my little sister, my best friend, confidante and loyal supporter. You always stood strong for what you believed, what was right and true, at times against the odds, especially for those in need and the underdog. I love you, cherish the time we had together and will carry you in my heart always – Judy Dear Armstrong



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Thursday, June 29

"A Touch of Mendocino" at the Library: Join us Thursday, June 29, from 11 am to noon, as local author and historian, Katy Tahja, reviews the more interesting aspects of Mendocino County history, from the visit of Winston Churchill in 1929, to herds of white deer, to stagecoach robbers. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or 459-5908.

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for the season on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales" story time from 3:30 to 4 pm.

Friday, June 30

WCA YART Sale: Willits Center for the Arts holds their "half yard sale" and "half art supplies" fundraiser on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1 from 11 am to 7 pm, in the rear garden at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. "Huge selection of art and crafts supplies! Incredibly low prices: Great for artists, home crafters and schools." Donations can be dropped off during gallery hours through June 30.

WFD Hometown Celebration: Willits' annual celebration of local businesses, community and fun during Willits Frontier Days is set for 5 to 9 pm, Friday, June 30 in downtown Willits. Free to attend. Enjoy food, Circus Mecca's aerial silk performers, classic cars, motorcycles, face painting by Ashley Rodriguez and Tiffany's Family Circus, henna artist Hilary, bounce houses, sales and specials at downtown businesses, and more. Live music by Pavlos Garage.

Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: Local Mendocino County jam band: "Sharing original music that is a reflection of being a part of this amazing community - we're the Cosmic Family Band and so are you." Friday, June 30 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

W.H.S. Class of 2003, join us for our 20 year high school reunion: On Friday, June 30 we'll be gathering at Northspur Brewing Co. from 5 to 8 pm, swing by if you're around! Our main event will be a potluck style dinner and BBQ, music, and reminiscence on July 1, 6 - 10 pm at 300 East Commercial Street (Sparetime Distribution warehouse) Please RSVP in the Facebook event: <https://tinyurl.com/btv6f9b> if possible.

Saturday, July 1

WCA YART Sale: "Half yard sale" and "half art supplies" fundraiser at the WCA: See Friday, June 30 listing for details.

Willits Summer Art Walk: Join artists, musicians, dancers, artisans and other creatives for this first Willits Art Walk of the summer on Saturday, July 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Also happening August 5 and September 2. Experience art, music, dance, crafts and food as you walk (or bike) from one venue to the next

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along East Commercial Street. Venue participants include the Mendocino County Museum, Kemmy's Pies, Willits Chamber of Commerce, Sparetime, Imagination Station, and the Willits Center for the Arts, with pop-ups along the way. After-parties set for BACE and Northspur Brewing Co. More info at: www.willitscenterforthearts.org

July Exhibit opens at WCA: The Willits Arts Center presents a Pomo / Native American art show in July, opening with a reception, Saturday, July 1, from 6 to 9 pm. WCA is also featuring a free rock painting event in front of the art center, as part of the Summer Art Walk.

The Scott Forbes Band: A western dance for the whole family at the Little Lake Grange Saturday, July 1, a benefit for Willits Frontier Days. 291 School Street. Doors open 6:30 pm; music starts at 7:30 pm. \$20 at Eventbrite; tickets also available at Flying Dog Pizza (\$20) and at the door (\$25) Beer, wine and soda, plus dinner from Smokey's BBQ, available for sale. Cosmic Pickle Productions in cooperation with the Grange.

Bug Guts at WCT: Dynamic lyrics and witty good times are coupled with intricate guitar weaves when the alternative folk duo Bug Guts appears at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 pm. Celebrating the release of "Orb," their latest album, Bug Guts' blend of genres from Folk to Punk and Americana promises a joyous and raucous show. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org and at the door.

W.H.S. Class of 2003, join us for our 20 year high school reunion: Our main event will be a potluck style dinner and BBQ, music, and reminiscence on July 1, 6 - 10 pm at 300 East Commercial Street (Sparetime Distribution warehouse) Please RSVP in the Facebook event: <https://tinyurl.com/btv6f9b> if possible.

Blue Luke at Shanachie: "Blue Luke" Andrews is a prodigy guitarist, born and raised in Dos Rios, Mendocino County: "Imagine a band that takes the soul of the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of rock & roll and the rich harmonies of jazz to create exactly what you've always wanted to hear." Saturday, July 1 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, July 2

WFD Lions Club Cowboy Breakfast: The Willits Lions Club serves up a hearty Cowboy Breakfast, including pancakes, ham, eggs, and hot coffee at the Rec Grove Park, Sunday, July 2, from 7 to 11

am. Adults: \$13; children 5-12: \$9.

WFD Junior Rodeo: featuring young riders competing in rodeo events like calf and steer riding, and the Mystery Scramble, for even younger enthusiasts. Sunday, July 1 at the Jack Sharp Arena at 9 am. Adults: \$10, kids free.

Monday, July 3

A Benefit for Willits Frontier Days Rodeo

The Scott Forbes Band

July 1st 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Music at 8pm - 10pm
at The Little Lake Grange
291 School Street

Caregiver Support Meetings: Beginning Monday, July 3, and continuing first and third Mondays. 9:30 to 11 am, at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free. Call for more info or to sign up: 707-354-3960

Willits Frontier Days CCPRA Professional Rodeo: California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association brings its show of top-ranked cowgirls and cowboys who participate on a circuit of professional-

grade rodeos throughout the state to Willits every year for two shows over the 4th of July. Contestants participate in eight events - bareback, saddle bronc, team roping, calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, barrel racing and bull riding - hoping to win the coveted All-Around title. Local riders from Lake, Mendocino and Humboldt counties compete in local team roping events, and more. Monday, July 3 at 7 pm and Tuesday, July 4 at 4 pm at the Jack Sharp Arena. \$25 box; \$20 adults; \$10 ages 3-12. More info: www.willitsfrontierdays.com

Willits Frontier Days Western Dance: featuring live music by The Boondock Boys with Southern-style Rock and Country, originals and covers. Following the CCPRA Rodeo. Free admission.

Tuesday, July 4
Happy Independence Day!

Willits Frontier Days Horseshoe Contest: Come try your luck and skill at the Horseshoe Contest, Tuesday, July 4 at 10 am at Rec Grove Park.

Willits Frontier Days Parade: The annual 4th of July Parade along Main Street in downtown Willits starts at 11 am, from Commercial Street to East Valley Street. This year's theme: "Wranglers, Boots & Spurs." The announcer's stand, introducing each parade entry, is located at the corner of East Mendocino Avenue and Main Street.

Sherwood Firewise July 4th EXPO and Raffle: Sherwood Firewise Communities hosts a July 4 EXPO and Raffle at the Mendocino County Museum from noon to 5 pm. Representatives from Sherwood



Firewise, CAL FIRE, Mendocino Fire Safe Council, and the Community Emergency Response Team, with presentations and exhibits on Home Hardening and Fire Safety, as well as fun, games and prizes for the kids. Raffle tickets will be available at the Sherwood Firewise booth or online - visit www.sherwoodfirewise.org/july4th-fundraiser-and-affle/ to see the lengthy list of donated raffle prizes. The drawing will be held that night. Winners need not be present to win.

Willits Frontier Days Country Music Rodeola: at the Rec Grove at noon on Tuesday, July 4. Free to attend.

Willits Frontier Days Beef BBQ: The tasty Beef Barbecue, featuring Black Angus tri-tip roast, cowboy-style beans, salad, garlic-buttered French bread, and corn on the cob, draws a happy crowd. Noon on Tuesday, July 4 at the Rec Grove. Tickets, available at the gate, are \$20 for adults; \$12 kids 5 to 12.

Willits Frontier Days CCPRA Professional Rodeo: the second California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association show featuring top-ranked cowgirls and cowboys in Willits over the 4th of July. Tuesday, July 4 at 4 pm at the Jack Sharp Arena. \$25 box; \$20 adults; \$10 ages 3-12. See July 1 listing for more details. More info: www.willitsfrontierdays.com

Friday, July 7

Commonwealth Garden Farmstand: The farmstand at the Commonwealth Garden across from the Howard Hospital campus opens to the public on Friday, July 7, from 10 am to 1 pm. Usually open on Fridays with beautiful organic veggies for sale.

Mandolin Manny & Friends at Shanachie: A modern take on bluegrass band, dipping into many

influences from their elective collective of musicians. Friday, July 7 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. \$10.

Saturday, July 8

"Up Close & Personal": The improvisational dance duo of Linda Posner and Pearl Marill performs at the Willits Community Theatre on July 8 and 9. The mother and daughter pair navigate into the unknown using dance movement, poetry, music and impromptu

conversation with the audience. What unfolds is always something unique. Tickets for the Saturday, July 8 show at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 9 matinee at 2 pm are \$20 and available at the WCT website: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

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July 8th @ 7:30pm
July 9th @ 2:00pm

Tracorom at Shanachie: A blend of southern rock, soul, honky tonk, and roots Americana with elements of funk, Latin-Caribbean and gospel stamp. Saturday, July 8 at 8 pm. \$10. 50 South Main Street. Advance tickets available at the Pub and Flying Dog Pizza & Vinyl.

Sunday, July 9

Free Sports Physicals: Adventist Health offers free sports physicals to students. Sunday, July 9 at Redwood Medical Clinic, 3 Marcela Drive, Suite C, from 9 am to 12 pm. Pls. bring any required paperwork from your child's school. Info: 707-459-6115.

"Up Close & Personal": The improvisational dance duo of Linda Posner and Pearl Marill performs at the Willits Community Theatre on July 8 and 9. Sunday, July 9 matinee at 2 pm. See July 8 listing for details.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Elemental'

The Story: Richly animated Disney/Pixar production of a world in which the population is divided into four groups - each group is one of the Four Elements: Earth People, Air People, Fire People, Water People. This is a romantic story of doomed love.

Beautiful Ember, a Fire maiden (who's quite a hot number) meets Wade, a sensitive and friendly Water person who, on many occasions is quite given to weeping. Ember and Wade know it's impossible, but they can't help it, they are in love.

Yet the facts are the facts, Fire and Water don't blend; they hiss and bubble and produce an unfair, even mocking amount of steam. But We the Motion Picture Audience know better because "this is a Movie!" and we will root for them to be together despite their obvious, and perhaps unresolvable differences.

My (tongue firmly in cheek) Thoughts: I am certain that the screenwriters at Pixar did not set out to do this, but what they created is a great anti-divorce movie. How often have we heard on the radio the sad soggy story of some petulant, but quite pretty, movie star couple separating due to "irreconcilable differences." And we think: Life in Beverly Hills must be so hard.

Then Disney/Pixar up and makes a flick about a Fire and Water couple who really do have actual real world differences and work really hard to resolve them. And succeed! It's a lesson for us all. This story has a special resonance for me personally because my actress mother did an episode of "Divorce Court" where the irreconcilable problem was her TV husband spent all his time and money on a sports car. "Oh, the Humanity!"

Parents: I think the kids will like it. Everybody's happy at the end. And it's a cartoon with a more-or-less physically coherent imaginary world. Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

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Above, left: Alihna Diaz scored the game-winning goal in extra time for the "Argentina" team at the local World Cup final to win the under-13 age group. Above, left, top: Summer camper Eian Doyle and his teammates have a blast learning new skills and making new friends at MCSA's Willits Summer Camp. Above: Coach Naoto Horiguchi and players in his under-8 age group laugh it up during a rousing game of Lions on the Loose.



At top: Debanhi Aguilar-Ochoa and teammates work on their footwork with toe-taps and ring the bells. Above: Players from the under-13 age group improve their ball control and dribbling skills with innovative activities taught by MCSA Director Coach Hector Toscano.

Mendocino County Soccer Academy's World Cup-themed summer camp leaves a lasting impression

Submitted by MCSA

Mendocino County Soccer Academy kicked off the summer with an exhilarating week-long camp from June 19 to 23 that transported over 50 enthusiastic young soccer players on a thrilling journey around the globe.

Led by the seasoned coaching trio of Hector Toscano, Felipe Chavez and Naoto Horiguchi, the camp embraced a World Cup theme, offering an immersive experience that fostered cultural awareness, camaraderie, and a deep love for the beautiful game.

Nestled on the main city soccer field on Commercial Street, MCSA spared no effort in creating an unforgettable experience for kids. Each child was assigned to one of the numerous teams, each representing a different country from around the world. Throughout the week, the young athletes honed their soccer skills and immersed themselves in the rich tapestry of the global game.

Under the guidance of their dedicated coaches, the children learned about their assigned countries' history, traditions and customs. Through engaging discussions and interactive sessions, they learned about the diverse aspects that make each nation unique. From Brazil's vibrant festivals to Germany's disciplined precision, the campers gained a broader perspective of the world.

To further enhance the cultural experience, the young players were encouraged to bring traditional dishes from their respective countries to share with their teammates on the last day of camp. It was a delicious melting pot of flavors that mirrored the unity and diversity witnessed on the soccer field.

The campers' creativity shone as they enthusiastically designed and adorned their team jerseys. Inspired by their countries' vibrant colors and symbols, children proudly wore their self-designed jerseys, transforming the soccer field into a display of national pride.

Throughout the week, the campers participated in age-appropriate activities and games carefully crafted to enhance their soccer skills and foster teamwork. Coaches Toscano, Chavez and Horiguchi expertly guided the players, imparting their vast knowledge and passion for the sport. The young athletes honed their abilities through drills and a mini-World Cup Tournament, gaining confidence each day.

The pinnacle of the camp was the highly anticipated "World Cup Final," a culmination of the week-long tournament where the teams battled it out on the field. Each match was filled with exhilarating moments, showcasing the impressive progress and sportsmanship the campers had developed throughout the week. The final matches were a sight to behold, as the young players displayed exceptional skills, determination and teamwork.

Reflecting on the success of the camp, Coach Toscano expressed his delight in seeing the growth of the campers both as soccer players and as people: "We aimed to create an environment that fosters not only soccer skills but also cultural appreciation and teamwork. Witnessing the children embracing their assigned countries, working together, and forming lifelong friendships has been incredibly rewarding."

MCSA's World Cup-themed summer camp in Willits was a shining example of how sports can transcend boundaries, unite communities, and nurture young minds. By combining soccer with cultural immersion, the camp empowered the next generation of athletes to become compassionate global citizens equipped with the skills to succeed both on and off the field.

For more information about MCSA fall programs for kids ages 3 through 15, visit www.MendocinoSoccer.com/Fall-2023 or email Club Director Ian Fitzpatrick at lan@MendocinoSoccer.com.

LEGAL NOTICES



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 - Community Health Worker II**
\$18.48 - \$22.47 Hourly
 - Corrections Deputy**
\$54,184 - \$65,873
 - Deputy District Attorney I/II/III**
\$76,419 - \$122,824
 - Deputy Probation Officer I/II**
\$51,937 - \$69,617
 - Deputy Sheriff-Coroner in Training**
\$23.48 - \$28.54 Hourly
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\$62,628 - \$87,214
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 - Juvenile Corrections Officer**
\$50,710 - \$61,630
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\$50,897 - \$68,244
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\$39,748 - \$48,318
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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

(CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 22CV01021
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso al Demandado): **Raul Carrillo Escareno, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (Lo Esta Demandando El Demandante): Rocky Top Rentals, LLC, NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

iAVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en forma legal correcta si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de

Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la cortes es): **Mendocino County Superior Court 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado es): **Alexander C. Rich, Esq. Carter Rich PC 305 N. Main Street Ukiah, CA 95482**

Date: (Fecha) November 18, 2022
s/ J. Lozano/Clerk (Secretario)
s/ Kim Turner/Deputy (Adjunto)

Publication Dates: June 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF AILEEN DORATHEA RECIO, aka AILEEN D. RECIO, aka AILEEN RECIO, aka "BOBBIE" RECIO, DECEDENT

Case No. 23PR00091
1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Aileen Doratheia Recio, aka Aileen D. Recio, aka Aileen Recio, aka "Bobbie" Recio

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Lorena Dye and Danielle Sherman in the Superior Court of California County of: Mendocino

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Lorena Dye and Danielle Sherman be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: July 20, 2023, Time: 2:00 p.m. Dept: TM Address of Court: 700 So. Franklin St., Ft. Bragg, CA 95437

7. 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.

8. 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 581(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.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a primary source of calls for service to the fire department still come from medical aids.

10. Attorney for petitioner: Christopher J. Neary (#69220)/ Jennifer M. O'Brien (#278821), Neary and O'Brien, 110 So. Main St., Ste C, Willits CA 95490 Telephone: 707-459-5551 Publication Dates: June 15, 22, and 29, 2023

LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2023-F0292
The following person is doing business as KK Consulting, 251 Shell Lane, Willits, CA 95490. Mailing address: 30001 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490. Registered owner: Kristi Koopman, 30001 N. 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 July 1, 2018. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 6, 2023. /s/ Kristi Koopman Publication dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023

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I am not an attorney, and can only provide self-help services at your specific direction.

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Home care, Companion-ship available in Brooktrails. IHSS certified. I will be happy to care for you & help you with your needs. Call Yanrick. 707-738-9645 or Yanrickyonne@icloud.com

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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 Arkelian @ 459-5049. (Prices change effective 6/25/23)

For Sale Camp Trailer
2002 Nomad, 23-foot, pull-behind camp trailer (25 feet to the 2-5/16 ball). Registration paid through July 2024, no leaks, no smoking and well-cared for. Ready for an adventure! \$10,000. Call 707-459-3141.

The Fruit Group
Fruit Group has apricots and pluots (\$38/small lug), cling peaches, nectarines both yellow and white (\$37/lug). Tomatoes in mid-July. Order at dobbins99@SBCGlobal.net or call 707-459-2713. Pick up every other Friday at Napa Auto Parts, next date June 30.

Willits Center for the Arts
Help support local artists, your community and art education by helping to keep the doors open to your art gallery. We need volunteers to sit at our desk and greet people. Shifts are Friday, Saturday and Sunday; 11-2 and 2-5. Contact Lexi at wcalvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com or 904-295-9481

'Have You Had A Spiritual Experience?'
Join us for a lively discussion on spiritual experiences with a starter topic on Inner Guidance. Come share or just listen! Willits Library 390 East Commercial Street. Saturday, July 8th, 10 to 11 am. Questions? Call April at 707-972-2475. Sponsored by Eckankar of Lake & Mendocino Counties.

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to seize illegal fireworks and prosecute those found in possession of them.

In Mendocino County, all types of fireworks are illegal, and their use is punishable by law. Anyone possessing, transporting, or using fireworks in Mendocino County is in violation of the law.

Fireworks are inherently dangerous and can quickly change a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday into a sad and costly one. Children are at the greatest risk of injury. Any person can be held liable for the firefighting costs as well as property damage costs associated with the start of a wildfire. Often, these costs are in the hundreds of thousands and sometimes, millions of dollars.

For information and tips to prevent wildfires, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org, and download the ReadyForWildfire App at google play or the App Store to receive alerts for wildland fires in your area.

Have a safe Fourth of July and help prevent unwanted fires: One less spark means one less wildfire.

Editor's Note: There are legal fireworks shows for spectators in Fort Bragg, Point Arena, and Ukiah, all on Saturday, July 1. See the Calendar for posters for those three out-of-town events.

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gable wildfire, and unpredictable drought, we know that the primary source of calls for service to the fire department still come from medical aids.

Brooktrails residents and visitors can rest assured knowing that their fire department will retain three full-time staff and can continue to fund apparatus and training for emergency response due to this new source of revenue.

"Thank you, Brooktrails!" – Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer

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21+ to participate. Please drink responsibly.
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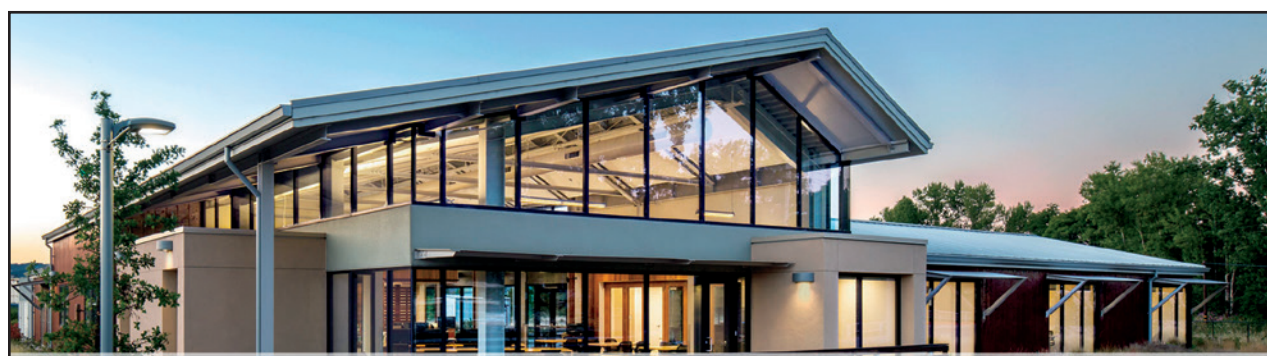
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 ASL 200-#0202 Sign Language: Level 1- Mon 5:30- 8:20 p.m.
 ART 210A-#0241 Fundamentals of drawing- Tue/Th 5:30- 8:20 p.m.
 ART 210B-#0242 Intermediate Drawing- Tue/Th 5:30- 8:20 p.m.
 ART 522-#0524 Watercolors for older adults- Mon/Wed 2:00-4:50 p.m.
 BIO 202-#0724 Human Biology- Online/Hybrid
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 COM 210-#0413 Interpersonal Communication- Online/Hybrid
 CED 195-#0197 General Work Experience- TBA
 CED 196-#0194 Occupational Work Experience- TBA
 CAM 71-#0071 Food and Wine Pairing- Fri 5:30- 7:35 p.m.
 ENG 200-#0020 College Composition- Tue/Thu 9:30- 10:45 a.m.
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California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association brings its show of top-ranked cowgirls and cowboys who participate on a circuit of professional-grade rodeos throughout the state to Willits every year for two shows over the 4th of July. Contestants participate in eight events – bareback, saddle bronc, team roping, calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, barrel racing and bull riding – hoping to win the coveted All-Around title. Local riders from Lake, Mendocino and Humboldt counties compete in local team roping events, and more.

Monday, July 3 at 7 pm and Tuesday, July 4 at 4 pm at the Jack Sharp Arena. \$25 box; \$20 adults; \$10 ages 3-12. More info: www.willitsfrontierdays.com



WFD Hometown Celebration

Willits' annual celebration of local businesses, community and fun during Willits Frontier Days is set for 5 to 9 pm, Friday, June 30 in downtown Willits. Free to attend. Enjoy food, Circus Mecca's aerial silk performers, classic cars, motorcycles, face painting by Ashley Rodriguez and Tiffany's Family Circus, henna artist Hilary, bounce houses, sales and specials at downtown businesses, and more. Live music by Pavlos Garage.



Willits Frontier Days Parade

The annual 4th of July Parade along Main Street in downtown Willits starts at 11 am, from Commercial Street to East Valley Street. This year's theme: "Wranglers, Boots & Spurs." The announcer's stand, introducing each parade entry, is located at the corner of East Mendocino Avenue and Main Street.

B.A.C.A.
Submitted by Suzen Ingle

One of the B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) members saw some children with a lemonade stand and decided to help support the kids who were trying to raise money to go to the carnival. This made my heart smile! They gave so much money for these kids, they were throwing \$20 bills in their jar! Great support or these kids, and I thought this was so cool.

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conference, is scheduled for December 1, 2023, under Judge Jeanine Nadel.

The complaint alleges that "On an ongoing and continuing basis beginning in or around July 2020 [when Higley joined WPD], the plaintiff "has been subjected to harassment, discrimination, and a hostile work environment on the basis of her gender. Plaintiff has also been subjected to harassment and discrimination on the basis of her disability/medical condition."

Higley was put on light duty status after a July 2021 biopsy diagnosed skin cancer. After what the complaint states was "as a result of Hendry's unending harassment and discrimination," Higley was placed on medical and stress leave by her physician on October 6, 2021.

The complaint says Officer Higley made a formal complaint to Willits Police Chief Fabian Lizaraga regarding the ongoing harassment on October 5, 2021.

On October 7, 2021, according to the complaint, Chief Lizaraga informed Higley she was being placed on administration leave.

Higley alleges she was retaliated against for what should be a "protected activity" – "reporting and opposing the harassment, discrimination, and retaliation to a government agency."

Specifically the complaint states that, on or around January 4, 2023, Police Chief Lizaraga informed Plaintiff that she had to turn in her badge, gun, police I.D., and Department-issued phone and radio, amongst other things."

"The harassment was not occasional, isolated, sporadic, or trivial," the complaint states. "Rather, the harassment was part of the accepted, long-term, and consistent policy, custom, habit, pattern, and practice at WPD."

The complaint lists details about multiple incidents of sexual harassment from Hendry, including comments and questions of a sexual nature Hendry allegedly made to the female officer, including comments about how likely Higley was to have sex with him. Some of the allegations contain language that a family newspaper can't reprint, even with asterisks.

The allegations also include a story about Hendry allegedly inviting Higley out for a drink to celebrate the completion of her six-month field training program. Higley says in the complaint that it was Hendry who had originally recruited her for the Police Academy, allegedly telling her he would "take care" of her if she joined WPD after graduating.

The complaint states that Hendry picked Higley up, then drove them "for approximately 20 minutes toward an isolated and unknown location before stopping on a deserted road, where no homes or buildings were in sight." Both parties were drinking from a bottle while driving, the complaint alleges, after Hendry instructed Higley to drink. "Plaintiff felt pressured to drink," the complaint states, "because Hendry was her boss, and because he often called her a 'p----' when she refused to engage in conduct that Hendry suggested."

After stopping, Hendry allegedly "began speaking in a sexual manner to Plaintiff about how women wanted him" – not the only time comments about his sexual attractiveness were allegedly made to Higley. The complaint claims Hendry also asked more personal questions about her sex practices during this incident, again in language not appropriate for a family newspaper.

Although the complaint alleges intimidation, harassment and pressure, it does not charge Hendry with any sexual kind of assault. It does detail an alleged incident after Higley informed Hendry about the biopsy she'd just had for a mole on her shoulder when "he dug his thumb into the area," and when told he was hurting her, he allegedly said "not to be a p----."

The lawsuit also claims that: "in an attempt to intimidate Plaintiff, Hendry often blocked doorways with his body when Plaintiff tried to enter"; that he regularly told her "without provocation" when she was passing his office to "Shut the f--- up, Higley!"; and that "in further harassing, discriminatory, and hostile conduct, Hendry often stuck his fingers in Plaintiff's food." The complaint states that "Hendry did not engage in similar conduct with any of the male officers."

The civil lawsuit asks for punitive damages from Hendry only, "in an amount to be determined" at the jury trial. But many other claims for damages are listed in the complaint, several claimed against Willits Police Department only, and some for all defendants.

WPD fired Hendry in April 2022. The racial and gender lawsuit filed by former Willits Police Chief Alexis Blaylock that the City of Willits settled for \$250,000 in December 2022, also named Lt. Hendry as a sexual harasser.

A reported criminal investigation of Hendry was handed to Lake County Sheriff's Office to avoid conflicts of interest. Details of the extent and status of the investigation are not clear.

At the end of 2022, NBC Bay Area published an interview with a former Willits resident on allegations of sexual assault against Hendry. Lorna Allen accused Hendry of forcing sex from her about 12 times over 5 years, while he was working for the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and then the Willits Police Department.

According to the NBC report, WPD Chief Lizaraga confirmed that his department had received "multiple reports of criminal conduct by Hendry." However, NBC continued, "he declined to divulge the nature of those alleged crimes or comment on whether any of the complaints came from Allen."

Higley is represented by McNicholas & McNicholas, LLP of Los Angeles.

Willits Weekly asked for comment from Willits City Manager Brian Bender, but as expected, Bender said he could make no comment on active litigation, other than the lawsuit was being reviewed by the city.

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of Ukiah connecting with North State Street, as the county prepares to apply for the state-based "Local Transportation Climate Adaption Program" grant.

As described in a June 5 letter from Department of Transportation Director Howard Dashiell, "the LTCAP grant provides funding for the development and implementation of projects that are intended to adapt to the changing climate, increase climate resiliency, and protect at-risk transportation infrastructure as well as vulnerable and under-resourced communities."

Dashiell said that there's \$296.5 million of LTCAP money available, "with a maximum of \$50 million for a single project," and that the Brooktrails and Redemeyer projects "are each estimated to cost approximately \$50 million."

The board was told they had to choose one of two projects as the top priority for the county's grant application, "and that the California Transportation Commission may elect to only evaluate the highest priority project nomination submitted by each applicant."

The plan for the Brooktrails road laid out in the letter from Dashiell said it would "consist of construction of a new roadway near the intersection of Primrose Drive with Sherwood Road to the east over Upp Creek to intersect with North Main Street in Willits, including the construction of a new bridge across Upp Creek."

A map with the "approximate location" of the "proposed evacuation route" shows it winding down southeast of the Primrose/Sherwood intersection, jutting up north a bit, then continuing southeast and coming out north of town.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak proposed the motion to prioritize the Brooktrails second access route, and talked about the importance of having such a road for the community there, referencing an earlier discussion the board had about housing at the meeting.

"Well certainly, contrary to Supervisor [Ted] Williams' idealization of housing planning in the '60s and '70s, Brooktrails is a case in point of planning without the necessary foresight into what it would look like," said Haschak. "And we're seeing that for the last 50 years, of only having one way in and out of that community."

"The [California] governor, when he did his analysis after the Paradise fire, Brooktrails was ranked in the top 13 most high-risk areas in the state for one-way-in, one-way-out communities and at risk of fire," he added. "And so we've worked hard in getting some of these emergency access routes open. But this is an opportunity that people have looked at for the last 30, 40 years of trying to get a real second access route in there."

"The population is almost 5,000, and it's a disadvantaged community, it has tribal lands out Sherwood Road, and it meets a lot of the criteria of this grant," he continued. "Talking with Director Dashiell, you know this is going to be a competitive grant, there's no guarantee that we're going to get it, but I think Brooktrails would be the best shot we have at getting it because it does meet many more of the criteria than the Redemeyer Road option."

Haschak was referencing criteria laid out by the state to obtain the LTCAP grant, including population of the area, wildfire risk and other climate change impacts, income of residents, and presence of tribal lands.

A chart Dashiell had attached to the June 5 letter showed that Brooktrails had a much higher population than the Redemeyer area (4,528 compared to 951), and much higher average daily traffic (4,304 vehicles compared to 2,249). It also had a much higher wildfire risk indicator, and a significantly lower median household income.

Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren and First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty both expressed agreement with Haschak that the Brooktrails second access road made more sense to prioritize based on the numbers, despite the fact that the Redemeyer road project would have more impact to their districts.

"I do agree with placing Brooktrails first and I appreciate that staff brought forward both options," said Mulheren. "And I hope that we'll continue to pursue grants for Redemeyer Road if we're not able to get this one."

"I think that the numbers themselves speak for the need that is in Brooktrails, but as a board and as an agency we should continue to work proactively with any property owners that want to help us achieve fire access," she continued. "I

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know that we have a property owner in the eastern hills [of Ukiah] that would like to help us with that. So I'm in agreement with the motion, but as much as we can look at more opportunities throughout our entire county for fire access in streamlining that process, I think it's really important."

McGourty added, "I agree with the action too, but in defense of continuing to pursue Redemeyer Road, remember it's kind of a two-for. So we have fire we have to be concerned about, but we also have floods. There's times where everything from Hopland to the east hills is inaccessible from Ukiah. So that I think originally is why the bridge was even proposed."

"Is that correct?" McGourty asked Dashiell.

"Flood was a major consideration in the beginning, yes," Dashiell responded.

Krista Pickens, a Brooktrails resident, strongly supported prioritizing the second access road there, and during public comments talked about the dire circumstances a wildfire could have on the Brooktrails community.

"Since I bought my home and moved to California in 2016, I have been part of one evacuation," she began. "I found the process to be very well-handled by all of our emergency responders and neighbors. This evacuation was on a workday and we had hours if not days notice, which obviously lessened the sense of panic and stretched the time for vehicles to get out of the Sherwood Road."

"But imagine though a wildfire raging through Brooktrails with just minutes to escape," she warned. "On an average day according to the [Dashiell] letter, Sherwood Road – a two-way road with no margin for error on much of it – averages 4,304 vehicles. During an active fire emergency or evacuation, add to that the families who are attempting to evacuate their animals, some of their property, and most likely they will try to take all of their vehicles."

"It takes just one magnificent redwood or tan oak tree to fall across Sherwood Road, one traffic accident that blocks the two lanes, and we are trapped," she continued. "Up to 4,500 humans trapped. The radiant heat and the smoke that would emanate from the trees along Sherwood Road if on fire would seriously endanger an entire community just if traffic was slowed. But if the one road was blocked, it could very well be fatal," she said.

"The bottom line for me is that if that awful moment comes and I have to drive away from my home, perhaps for the last time, I'm hoping for the best chance for my neighbors, our brave emergency responders and me to survive the evacuation," she summed up. "To me, this grant and your prioritizing the second access for Brooktrails is the best and currently what seems to be our only chance."

At one point during the discussion Williams and Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde went off on a tangent about the gloomy prospects of the county's ability to fund roads in general, and both agreed that the county should look into ways of encouraging maintenance of roads by private entities such as homeowners associations.

"We have a road network that we can't possibly maintain," said Williams. "If I were relying on that road, I would rather have local control, even if it means pulling out my checkbook once a year, than leaving it up to the county to maintain because I know the county won't maintain it. We can't maintain it. We don't generate enough revenue."

"Maybe it's appropriate for the county to give a disclosure that adding more miles of roads, doesn't mean those miles will be maintained," he added.

Gjerde said he believed the problem is particularly pronounced for properties in the unincorporated areas of the county outside of cities and towns, since they don't have city sales tax money to help with road maintenance.

"It's only recently that some members of the public who track our meetings closely know that of the 630 miles of paved roads, about 300 will ever be paved, and about 330 will never be paved," said Gjerde. "Because they're the minor roads, the cul de sacs. They're not collector roads, basically, and there is no plan to fund those roads because we don't have enough revenue coming in to fund them. What we have is a limited funding source that pays for basic maintenance of weed abatement, keeping culverts clear on those roads, but we have no money to repave those roads."

"We encourage you to safely enjoy your holiday weekend," added Commissioner Duraye. "Travel at a safe speed, avoid distraction behind the wheel, buckle up, and drive sober. Rest assured, CHP officers will be working diligently to protect those who are traveling on California's roadways."

Throughout the extended holiday weekend, all available uniformed members of the department will be on patrol to enhance public safety, deter unsafe driving behavior, and, when necessary, take appropriate enforcement action.

"Maximum enforcement helps save lives and protects everyone on our roads by holding drivers accountable for dangerous, unlawful behaviors like speeding and impaired driving," said QTS Director Barbara Rooney. "Whether you are traveling near or far, make a plan to go safely before heading to your destination. We want you and your loved ones to enjoy a safe and happy Fourth of July weekend."





Above, left: Various trophies and ribbons were sponsored by local merchants, including the perpetual trophies where names of winners are added each year. Above, right: This year's Willits Frontier Days contestant, Hazel Cooke, competed in the horsemanship portion of the judging competition during Sunday's horse show.

At right: Aurora Beebe and Tulsie Bixler, trained by Marta Bartow of MB Boarding and Training, won several ribbons.

At right, below: Sue Clark awards Danielle Barry riding Rebel with a ribbon and gift bag. At far right, below: Three competitors line up for the judges at the end of their class.

Below: Competitors line up to await the results in one of the 31 classes.

At bottom, right: Some of the English-riding contestants watch as one of their competitors is asked to demonstrate backing up on their horse.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Equestrian Occasion

Riders show off their skills at annual Willits Frontier Days Horse Show on Sunday

By Willits Weekly

"There's really no difference between English and Western," opined Marta Bartow, horse and rider trainer. "In a show, there is a difference in appearance. It's all about control of the animal and rhythm and good equitation. English, they might go chasing after a fox, whereas Western is about working on a ranch. All the horses should be able to do both."

The annual Willits Frontier Days Horse Show took place at the Jack Tharp Arena on Sunday, June 25, with riders of all ages competing in 31 age-divided classes of both English and Western disciplines, including Model Horse, Showmanship, Pleasure (judged mostly on the horse), Equitation (judged mostly on the rider), Hunter Hack, Trail Class, Walk / Jog and Walk / Trot, Ranch Reining, and Ranch Riding – an art formed out of utility on the hunt or ranch.

The best riders were awarded ribbons and / or had their names inscribed on Perpetual trophies along with other past winners whose identities will be on the trophies to see forever.

These trophies are sponsored each year by various families and are given to the winners of select classes including: the winner of the Model Horse, 3-and-over class receives their name on the R Horse Ranch Perpetual Trophy; the winner of the Showmanship, local rider 17-and-under class receives their name on the Barbara Hamilton Perpetual Trophy; the winner of the English, Equitation/Horsemanship (pattern), local 17-and-under class receives their name on the John Fish Memorial / Hawthorn Farm perpetual trophy; the winner of the Western, Pleasure, local 17-and-under class receives their name on the Goss Family perpetual trophy; and the winner of the Western, Equitation / Horsemanship (pattern), 17-and-under class receives their name on the Randy Clark Memorial / Mill Iron Ranch perpetual trophy.

These riders could be the upcoming stars if they continue their journey, as they learn how to have a symbiotic relationship with another animal, in which human and horse learn to work together with a powerful bond of respect that transcends the differences between the species.



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At top, from left: Puffing thick black smoke, this stock truck attempts to pull the sled. At top, right: This stock truck proves that the entries don't have to be pretty, just strong. Above, from left: The tractor, Field Boss, attempts to take the weight sled to the distance. This tractor looks as though it just finished working in the fields. Trevor Massetti drives Cal Poly's entry, Mustang Legacy, in the 5,800 lb tractor class, while Mackay Langley works in the crew.

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over 250 feet. Coming up from San Luis Obispo, the club has entered truck-pull competitions all over California and Nevada.

For those technically inclined, Massetti said, "It has an Allison V-12, a WWII airplane engine for a P-39; 1,710 cubic inches; 1,500 horsepower." This is not a vehicle one would find on granddad's farm.

After each run, the team of Kevin Bouthillier (on the grader) and Taylor Drew (on a road roller) deftly re-graded the track which they had created by scraping "the top layer off," said Drew, "which is all the gravel from rodeo, and fold it over to one side and get it down to the dirt. Then we have to rip it (tear it up), water it. Then we grade it a few times and water it some more.

"We just keep watering it and moving the dirt around until it's nice and wet," Drew said. "You want to end up with it hard but not like concrete. You want it a little soft so the tires can dig in." After the pulls, the pair had to restore the arena to its rodeo consistency, with all the proper materials.

Several of the vehicles had been repurposed as drag machines. Jason Titsworth had a '42 Chevrolet military truck.

"It was built to go pulling back in the late '70s," Titsworth explained. "We have about \$75,000 into it. Some of these trucks are about \$300,000. It's a hobby. It's a good family sport. We've campaigned this truck to Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, all over Nevada and California. The truck burns about three gallons in 300 feet."

Another competitor, John, a volunteer fire chief for 29 years, modified a "1962 Dodge Power Wagon Van Pelt Fire Truck. It was my grandfather's chiefs truck. This is a tough class. It's about who makes the least amount of mistakes in the night. You can choose the wrong gear. You can choose the wrong air pressure," he said.

Although the Truck and Tractor Pulls may seem rudimentary to the casual observer, they are actually an extremely sophisticated effort of power and engineering that require dedication, time and funding (sponsors in many cases) to create the beasts that can haul that much weight for an appreciable distance.

Truck Pull results

TOP IN EACH CLASS

- 5,500 lb. Street Truck:**
Sage Basler – 224.97 feet
- 5,500 lb. Super Stock Truck:**
Lee Benson (Flat Broke) – 256.17 feet
- 6,500 lb. Street Truck:**
Richard Gomes – 229.00 feet
- Stock Diesel Truck:**
Randy Miramontez – 274.15 feet
- Work Stock Diesel:** Juan Estupinan
(This Hoodlum) – 310.08 feet
- 6,000 lb. Super Stock Truck:** Joseph Bisceglia (Lomaduck) – 273.36 feet
- 5,800 lb. Tractor:** Bruce Belschart
(Wild Thing) – 326.04 feet
- 12,000 lb. Hot Farm Tractor:** Kevin Lucas (Onery Deere) – 290.11 feet
- Limited Pro Stock Diesel:** James Massetti (All Smoked Out) – 301.64
- Pro Modified 6,200 lb. Truck:** Chris Daniels (Baby Huey) – 311.15 feet
- Pro Stock Diesel:**
John Esteves – 296.57 feet
- 7,200 lb. Tractor:**
Nick Guriel (Semper Fi) – 363.93



Above: Kevin Bouthillier uses a backhoe to smooth down the track between pulls. Below: Randal Parker and his truck "Old Iron" pulled 239.20 feet earning him sixth place in the Stock Diesel Truck Class.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



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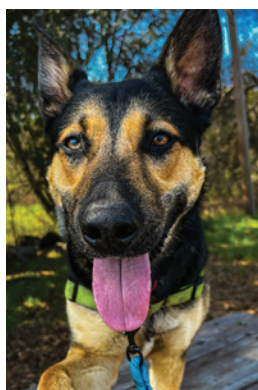
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Kid-friendly Periwinkle

Periwinkle is sadly still looking for her family! You might remember her from Violet's litter of pups named after the color purple. They hung out in kennel 21 until homes were found for all! Periwinkle was adopted as a young pup and is a year old now. Sadly her home didn't work out due to housing issues. Periwinkle is back on the scene and ready for a new adventure! Periwinkle lived with kiddos and seems like a well-rounded dog. Come see her soon!

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Chummy Oscar

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Gracie is a true gem, with a heart as big as her adorable face. She's a fantastic companion who walks politely on a leash, making your strolls together a breeze. Gracie knows her manners and will sit on command, eager to please and impress you with her intelligence and willingness to learn.



With her calm and content nature, Gracie is perfectly fine being left alone. Gracie has the potential to become a remarkable therapy dog. She possesses a remarkable empathy and an understanding of human emotions. Gracie is always up for an adventure and loves going places. Please note that Gracie prefers a home without cats.

To learn more about Gracie 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 510-900-2275.



Inventor Phil Jergenson puts together a tiny chair with grid beams.

'Inventor Takeover' at Museum for Summer Art Walk, July 1

The Mendocino County Museum will be open and FREE for the first of this summer's East Commercial Street Summer Art Walks, on Saturday, July 1.0

Join us for an evening of exploration at the Mendocino County Museum, featuring "Inventor Takeover," from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Building on the concept of "Gadgets Galore," our current exhibit, "Inventor Takeover" features local inventor Phil Jergenson and brother Richard Jergenson, who will display their latest work using grid beam. "Grid beam is a modular, reusable building system that is fast, easy, affordable, and virtually goof-proof. Ordinary people, with few skills and even fewer tools (all you need is a wrench!) can tackle projects ranging from furniture and shop benches to more ambitious projects like wind turbines, truck racks, small buildings – even electric vehicles." – New Society Publishers

Explore the incredible ways grid beam construction can be utilized for temporary housing and micro-transportation! Phil

and Richard will display their latest creations: the Funkadoodle Railroad and a modular home Gypsy Wagon in the Museum Courtyard. Come check it out!

Enjoy live music by 2MuchFun! David Pierce and Paul Hailey will be performing Pop Rock songs from the 1960s and '70s in the Tall Gallery.

You are the featured artist of this event! Enjoy our gadget still life stations throughout the main gallery and create your own drawings (with the help of a few gadgets) using materials provided.

The Friends of the Mendocino County Museum will host a refreshment fundraiser while sharing their favorite gadgets for making lemonade! Enjoy the spirits of summer while supporting the Friends.

The museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street, and will host additional special events at the August 5 and September 2 Art Walks.



Free sports physicals

You are made for more. More big plays, more cheering sections and more wins. As part of our continued dedication to our community, our team is offering free sports physicals, so you can be sure that your child is ready to play this season.

Sunday, July 9

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Redwood Medical Clinic
3 Marcela Drive, Suite C, Willits
707-459-6115

Please bring any required paperwork from your child's school.

