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Willits Large Item Dump Day August 6

Submitted by Caltrans District 1

Caltrans District 1, the County of Mendocino, and Solid Wastes of Willits announced Monday that a Clean California Dump Day event is set for Sunday, August 6, at the Willits Transfer Station.

The Dump Day allows residents to drop off large, accepted items for free. Dump Day events were made possible through Governor Gavin Newsom's Clean California initiative: A sweeping \$1.2 billion, multi-year cleanup effort led by Caltrans to keep roads and waterways free

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WPD hosts National Night Out event

Submitted by Chief Fabian Lizarraga, WPD

Neighborhoods throughout Willits are invited to join over 38 million neighbors across 17,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide, for "National Night Out," Tuesday, August 1 from 5 to 8 pm.

National Night Out is nationally sponsored by National Association of Town Watch, ADT Security Services, Starbucks, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, and co-sponsored locally by the Willits Police Department.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships

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1st Saturday Art Walk set for August 5

Submitted by WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts, the Chamber of Commerce and venues along East Commercial Street invite the public to join artists, musicians, dancers, artisans and other creatives for the August Summer Art Walk, set for Saturday, August 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Experience art, music, dance, crafts and food as you walk, or bike, from one venue to the next along the East Commercial Street corridor. The Mendocino County Museum and the Willits Center for the Arts will have free admission and special events for this August 5 walk, and for the final 2023 Summer Art Walk on September 2.

Willits Art Walks are the
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Above: Some of the 2022/2023 Otters Swim Team members pose together, including, back row, from left: Leah, Mia, Serenitee, Stormie, Grace, and, in front, Ava and Coach Carly Barbitta. Second row, from left: Coach Arora Chavez, Coach Robert Chavez, Estrella, Stella, Dana, Cora, Winter, Charlie and Sophie. Third row, from left: Kathia, Dee Ora, Alaska, Charlotte, Alastair, Caroline, Fianna, and Abel. Below: The Chavez family including swimming sisters Mia, left, and Sophie, right, and parents and coaches Robert and Arora, center.



At far left: Chavez sisters, Mia, left, and Sophie, right, smile with their friend and lifeguard Eva Semisch.

At left: Leah smiles with her number at the Tuesday party.

Pool Otters

2022/2023 swim team finishes season with pictures, pizza party and fun in the pool

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An evening of fun was had at the Willits City Pool Tuesday night when members of the Willits Otters gathered together for an end-of-the-season party with some team photos, splashing in the pool and, of course, pizza.

The 35-member team of swimmers ranging in age from 5 to 18 have spent the last year working on their strokes, improving their times, and having fun learning to be

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BOS gets update on Great Redwood Trail

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At the July 11 Board of Supervisors meeting, a presentation with an update on the "Master Plan" for the northern section of the Great Redwood Trail turned into an hour-long discussion with supporters and skeptics of the trail pushing back and forth on the overall impact of what the massive trail project could mean for Mendocino County.

As presented to the board by Louisa Morris, a project manager for the California

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Community meeting on shoplifting

Posted by City of Willits

The Willits Chamber of Commerce, the City of Willits, and the Willits Police Department host a community meeting on concerns about shoplifting in the community on Wednesday, August 2 at 2 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street.

"Many business owners have reported an increase in shoplifting throughout Mendocino County and in Willits city limits," the meeting poster said. "The Chamber of Commerce and the City of Willits are here to help local business owners share their experiences with the Willits Police Department. We heard you: Your business matters, to you, and to our community."

Man drowns in Russian River near Potter Valley

By Lt. J. Caudillo for MCSO

On July 22, 2023 at 3:46 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office personnel were dispatched to the east fork of the Russian River off of East Side Potter Valley Road near Potter Valley, for a report of a possible drowning.

MCSO initiated an emergency response, arrived on scene, and began checking the area for the victim, when they were flagged down in the 7040 block of East Side Potter Valley Road by citizens.

Deputies swam across the river to the location of the victim, later identified as Jorge Medina, 47, of Ukiah, and observed a citizen performing CPR. Deputies took over administering CPR until the arrival of police personnel. Paramedics

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Willits City Pool

Schedule ending August 11, 2023

Monday– Wednesday

7:30am–9am	Lap Swim
8am –9:30am	Otters Practice
10am–1pm	Swim Lesson
12pm–1pm	Aqua Aerobics
1pm–3:30pm	Public Swim
4pm–5:30pm	Swim Lesson
5:30pm–6:30pm	Otter Practice

Thursday & Friday

7am–9am	Lap Swim
10am–1pm	Swim Lesson
12pm–1pm	Aqua Aerobics
1pm – 3:30pm	Public Swim
4pm–5:30pm	Swim Lesson

Saturdays

11am-4pm	Public Swim
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You can always call the pool directly to confirm schedule and more at 707-459-5778.

Admission Price

Public Swim	\$5	Aqua Aerobics	\$7
Lap Swim	\$5	Senior Discount	\$6

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Attending 70th anniversary of truce in Korean War

To the Editor:
 "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met." Inscribed on the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The 27th of this month is the 70th anniversary of the signing of the truce which ended the fighting in Korea but left the country in a state of war. A ceremony will be held at the memorial on July 27, which I will be attending.

Give a thought if you will to the Korean families torn apart first by the split up of the country thanks to the Russians, then by the invasion of South Korea by North Korea in 1950.

Gunnery Sergeant John Henson, United States Marine Corps, Willits

Every acre is precious

To the Editor:
 In response to Bill Bruneau's letter. Your article regarding the need for property to grow vegetable gardens. There are approximately 2,000 acres, that were traded in order to build the overpass and are basically laying fallow.

Would it be possible to contact the powers that be to see if some of this property could be put to use? The useable acres in the valley presently are used for hay crops. Every acre is precious, as in drier years every acre is needed to supply food for livestock.

Carlin Horger, Willits

Getting land for farmers

To the Editor:
 "Food insurance" can only be gotten by finding more and better ways to feed ourselves. "Food security" in emergencies depends desperately on our

having the means to feed ourselves. As Bill Bruneau writes, we need to be providing aspiring farmers and gardeners with the land they need to help us feed ourselves. That can be as little as an acre or two; even half an acre can feed and family and a lot of neighbors. How do we find those little acres?

Many are right here in town or on Willits' outskirts. But the City of Willits' new Land Use Element proposes rezoning many of these plots "residential" in hopes of attracting developers to build low-income housing. Potential farming plots along Locust Lane and even ones already in use along the Highway 20 corridor are targeted.

If the City wants to drive up land values in these areas, make farming impossible and affordable housing unlikely, then rezoning is the right strategy. I think it precisely wrong.

We do not have affordable housing because developers cannot make a profit on low-cost housing, given the high costs of permitting, compliance with California's overbuilt code, and high cost of materials.

The only solution, the only way Willits will have more low-cost housing, is if someone – a church, a civic organization or the City itself – forms a non-profit housing development organization to take advantage of federal funds to get the job done. It's being done around the country. Why not here?

In the meantime, we also need to develop the capacity to feed ourselves. The semis that deliver to Safeway and Grocery Outlet do not run on batteries, and they are not likely to. The technology just isn't there. Nor is the Central Valley producing the food it used to.

More and more communities like ours have to look to ourselves – as we once did, successfully – to feed ourselves. Let's get started now. Let's reject any part of the new planning document that puts potential farmland out of reach and start finding ways, as Bill Bruneau suggests, to get those new farmers on the land.

Michael Foley, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:
 This letter is to our Mendocino County community. It is a letter from our hearts.

Since 2017 when we discovered Clarence had a liver condition called NASH, we have had our lives turned around. We both continued to work and added in all of the appointments and doctors that came with that discovery. In my line of work I saw and still see these situations happen to many of my clients. This time we were my clients.

And now ... everyone knows that men are terrible patients and husbands are the worst (a bit of humor). We were called a couple of times only to be sent back for one reason or another. It affected him psychologically each time, because it's anxiety, fear, excitement all rolled up into one ... and the wonder if you will make it through the operation.

My husband is my everything, and I had everyone I knew praying, as all who know me know that's what I do. He was on all kinds of prayer chains. He needed to be, because he was deteriorating ... and we noticed a difference.

It turned out he also had a cancerous tumor in his liver. Before the transplant when they had discovered the cancer, he had to undergo a procedure called an ablation. That was to microwave the tumor to death.

Then, May 15, 2023, we received another call. When the transplant team calls, you leave right away – apparently organs have a short shelf life. When we arrived they took him into the hospital and started all the hook-up procedures. May 16 they began the 12-hour transplant operation.

When you undergo a liver transplant, you then have to stay in San Francisco 40 days. We were under the care of Dr. Glycer here in Willits, whom we have been with since the beginning of time, and miss dearly. For the specialty care we were under the

care of Dr. Todd Fredrick at Sutter Pacific Liver Transplant Center.

Our actual transplant surgeon was Dr. Hassoon who we found out goes all over the world doing liver transplants. At the hospital the day of the transplant, they told us we hit the jackpot for a surgeon because he is not always around. They were awesome in every way: availability, patience, bedside manner, efficiency, integrity, professionalism, medical knowledge beyond the beyond.

We sooo much appreciated the relationship between Dr. Glycer and our San Francisco team. Dr. Glycer was there for both of us in our two most trying times of our lives and saw us both through until the end of each occasion. We were blessed to have him. Thanks, Doc. You know we love ya and wish you the best in this new part of your life. Dr. Barrish and Dr. Petrunco were involved a short period at the beginning when Clarence had medical events that were related. We appreciate them as well. Deeply, thank you.

Then one day, while we were in San Francisco, him in the hospital, me at the Hospital Transplant Apartments, I received a call from my best friend Christie Chacon who made sure the prayer chain was informed. Another very dear friend Mary Glanders had started a Go Fund Me account for us. I have to tell you my first reaction was, "Oh my gosh! That is for people who are destitute and have nothing and need help desperately." I felt guilty and did not tell my husband.

Then my sister and our kids said, it's for helping in unexpected and financially burdening situations. Accept it graciously. As it turns out it was a huge help – living in San Francisco is an expensive culture shock compared to living here. No matter how I tried, not just keeping up with what was going on at home and those bills, but living a complete separate life with new expenses turned out to be more than I expected.

We are home now and getting things in order, rearranging our

lives and incorporating everything that makes up our more detailed lives. There is a lot to do to organize all the new life my husband now has, and I will be getting back to my life in a couple more weeks.

So now what we want to say is: There are really no words that we have been able to come up with that can thank all of this community who has supported us in every way. There just aren't. We have been humbled to our knees. But I can tell you what we do know. We know that God provided us with people in our lives, all of you ... that whether you believe in God or not, you have done what God has put us here for, to show love and care for each other.

Clarence works for the City of Willits and wants to thank all of you, the motley crew he loves to go to work with, and Karen who helped us and still is, all the other city guys and gals that have been there for him. We know what you have done to help us in kind and spirit and believe us when we say Thank you, Thank you, God bless you all bigtime ... you are all really special.

I personally want to thank so many of my clients whom I know don't have something to spare, that contributed. It brings me to tears of gratitude and love. I loved you anyway, but you need to know we feel honored to have you think of us this way.

We had a number of caregivers at our home all the while for a family member that lives with us. Paul, Bryan, Sharon, Robbie, Tina ... you all mean everything to us and we love you. Thank you. And a special thanks to my friend Cheryl Abney for putting us on her radio time at the grange.

And to this whole community, we love being a part of Willits and Mendocino County. Yes we have our biological family, but you are another family that we truly love and appreciate. Thank you and all of God's blessings upon you.

Clarence and Priscilla Tarver, Willits



At far left: Taylor Perry, Willits city planner, holds up a map of the current plans for the Commercial Street Corridor. At left: Dan Burden measures the sidewalk to determine various use zones. Below, left: The group convened at the Skunk Train Depot to discuss accessibility for ADA purposes and general pedestrian safety. Below, right: Lucy Bartholomew, public policy advocate with the Blue Zones Project, helped organize the event. Photos by Mathew Caine

'Complete Streets'

Blue Zones Project of Mendocino County hosts workshop discussing ways to make roads safe and inviting for everyone

The concept of "Complete Streets" is not entirely new but is gaining momentum. According to the Blue Zones Project of Mendocino County who facilitated the recent workshop, "Complete

Street policies help communities create road networks that are safe and inviting for everyone, including bicyclists, drivers, transit operators and users, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities."

On Friday, July 21, an all-day workshop convened at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, in order to acquaint people with the principles of the Complete Streets movement, to assess Willits' needs in terms of these principles, and to begin a dialog on the manner in which these principles could be applied in the area, specifically the East Commercial Street corridor.

The workshop was facilitated by Lucy Bartholomew and Tina Tyler-O'Shea of the Mendocino Blue Zones Project and operated by Dan Burden, a Blue Zones fellow and a nationally recognized expert on Complete Streets.

Although the workshop went on from 8 am to 4:30 pm, it was broken up into smaller segments, including "Laying the Foundation for Complete Streets," "Complete Streets Elements," a walking audit of Commercial Street, a catered buffet-style lunch, "Performance Measure and Project Selection Criteria," and "Complete Streets Implementation."

Even though the invitation to attend was extended to the general population, the workshop was mostly attended by those across the county who are in a position to begin implementation of the practices and designs.

According to Tyler-O'Shea, "Our program today was attended by people from Fort Bragg (staff and council), Supervisor John Haschak, representatives from CalTrans, Mendocino Council of Governments, Lake County, community members, North Coast Opportunities, the City of Ukiah, and Brooktrails, a great cross-section of people who I am happy are here."

"This is a professional workshop for learning how to design and implement a Complete Streets policy," remarked Bartholomew. "Complete Streets are streets that are designed for ALL users: pedestrians, bicyclists, people with different mobility needs, and drivers."

"We're working with the city to support their implementation of Complete Streets principles and policies on Commercial Street," explained Bartholomew. "This would include things like infrastructure changes to make streets more comfortable for pedestrians – sidewalks, bike lanes, trees on the streets, medians, etc.

"A big part of the work is for climate-change resiliency. If there's less pavement, there's less heat absorbed by the roadways themselves. Also, we would like to see people be able to use active transportation to mitigate carbon emissions.

"Studies show that more walkable communities have improved business conditions," Bartholomew. "If folks are walking down the street, they are more likely to stop in at a local coffee shop or other business. It does improve business outcomes. It also improves real estate values. If your home is on a street that is well-designed and inviting, everyone wants to live on a street that feels safe for their kids and has beautiful trees, and so on."

Taylor Perry, a Willits city planner, has been working on a plan to implement many of the tenets of Complete Streets. "As part of this project, I was asked to identify policies and specific plans that relate to Complete Streets," she explained. "I found nine dating all the way back to 1992. We have really great plans. I think where we've succeeded is in creating the plans and I think you'll find that it's easy to find money for those plans, however, it is the implementation where we're faltering.

"Lots of cities struggle to implement their plans," said Perry, "and then they tend to sit on shelves and collect dust. We have the Commercial Street Corridor Plan that's under way right now, in the very early planning stages. Lighting, crosswalks, gathering spaces, transition points. We're proposing some kiosks, sidewalk painting, solar streetlights along the entire corridor."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak was one of the attendees and commented: "I think we need to implement Complete Streets county-wide at all levels. There

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The rest of Walk

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perfect way to relax, connect and enjoy the showcased arts and creativity during a summer evening in Willits. Complete your evening with unique world music and art at the BACE after-party. located conveniently next to Northspur Brewing Co.

There is also a call for creators, artists, dancers, musicians, etc. whether individual or an organization to pop up and share with the community inside and outside venues along East Commercial Street on each dates. Email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org with Willits Art Walks pop up request in the subject line. Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian to have a pop-up.

Venue participants include the Mendocino County Museum, Kemmy's Pies, The Chamber of Commerce, Imagination Station, and the Willits Center for the Arts. For the August 5 Art Walk, artist pop-ups will be in the courtyard next to Imagination Station.

Senior Center menu for the week

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

- Thursday, July 27:** Sausage, Peppers & Onions over Rice
- Friday, July 28:** Turkey, Stuffing w/Gravy, Cranberry, Veggie, Roll
- Monday, July 31:** Carnitas Tacos, Rice & Beans
- Tuesday, August 1:** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad
- Wednesday, August 2:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Beans
- Thursday, August 3:** Turkey Tetrazzini, Garlic Bread, Green Salad
- Friday, August 4:** Ground Sirloin, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggies, 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.

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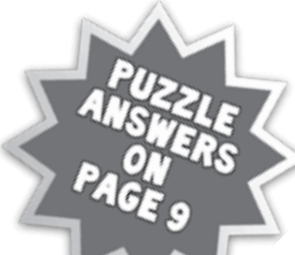
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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

SUMMER DAZE WORD SEARCH

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- Formal names
- Free from restraints
- One who scrapes away
- Type of device
- Skin cancers
- The Show Me State
- Plate glasses
- Red-brown sea bream
- Small (Fr.)
- Flightless Australian birds
- High IQ group
- Stiff structures
- Revolutions per minute
- Where a bachelor lives
- Licensed for Wall Street
- A place to park
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- An important creed in Catholic Church
- 18-year astronomical period
- Furies
- Removes from the record
- Noted child psychiatrist
- Feline
- High schoolers' test
- Not happy
- They __

CLUES DOWN

- Settle in tents
- Big
- Books
- Masses of eggs in fish
- Language
- Not standing
- Chinese philosophy
- Computer giant
- A device to catch
- Emits coherent radiation
- Actor O'Neill
- Smallest interval in western music
- Not lower
- Revolves
- Leavened bread
- Number above the line in a fraction
- Cable
- Adult male
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Bullfighting maneuvers
- Broadcast
- __ Angeles
- Vehicle
- Not religious
- North American peoples
- A baglike structure
- Body art (slang)
- Picked for a role
- Actress Tomei
- Former hoopster 'Big Country'
- Ice/landic poems
- More pleasant
- It can add flavor to meat
- Self-immolation by fire rituals
- Expression of annoyance
- __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Consumed
- Body part
- Thus
- In reply (abbr.)

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

July 3 to July 9

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **52 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 3

12:35 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

July 4

1:05 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.

9:34 pm: GANDARILLA-TORRES, Angelica (24) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Holly Street and South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher, and driving without a license.

9:59 pm: VORIS, Michael Jack (29) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher.

11:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

July 5

No incidents to report.

July 6

6:33 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue and issued a citation.

1:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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are a lot of opportunities out there right now with federal funding and grants. With climate change, we need to take into consideration methods to make us healthier and happier and safer in our communities. This presentation has been informative and inspiring."

Willits City Council member and past mayor Madge Strong thinks the Complete Streets concept is one of common sense. "This presentation is a helpful reminder of things that I forgot I knew that are so easy to lose sight of," said Strong. "This is all common sense, which unfortunately is very uncommon. As a council member, I see the value of this plan. I have been behind this my whole life."

The "audit" walk down Commercial Street convened at various locations including the

1:58 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

3:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a citation.

3:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:29 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued citations.

July 7

11:28 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a citation.

11:51 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

July 8

12:12 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

11:32 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a citation.

4:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:00 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

10:01 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Hollands Lane and Highway 101 and issued a warning.

10:44 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

July 9

2:14 am: GARCIA, Raymundo Uriostegui (28) of Orange Cove, California was contacted near the intersection of Pine Street and School Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

2:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Williams Street and Casteel Lane.

5:20 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.



Above: The Jesse Pittman Bridge is festooned with a foundation banner and the American flag. Below: Lining up for the 5K race, the participants are eager for the starting pistol. At right, top: Jesse Pittman's parents, Terry and Ida Pittman, have accepted scholarship winner Cassidy Baroni, who is going to Morehead State University in Kentucky to study law enforcement, into their extended family. At right: The North Coast Striders help by keeping and recording the times.



Jesse Pittman Race

Annual 5K event honors local Navy SEAL and raises money for college scholarships

Willits local Jesse Pittman died a hero, doing what he believed was the right thing, protecting the sanctity of our way of life, far from home and loved ones, with his extended family of SEALs by his side. But Pittman is not remembered for the tragedy of his death, rather he is remembered for his adherence to his principles, his courage, and his willingness to "not run, charge," toward the job that needed to be done without regard for his own safety and comfort.

In this spirit, the Pittman Family Foundation has dedicated itself to identifying exceptional high school seniors who embody Pittman's ethic and sense of responsibility, in order to adopt them into the family, help guide them on the path to their goals, and contribute financially to the best outcome for them and the society in which they live.

"Our scholarship recipient, this year, is Cassidy Baroni, from Fort Bragg High School," explained Barry Scott, a onetime teammate of Jesse and a member of the board of the foundation. "Cassidy is the 16th student who has been awarded a scholarship, but it's our 12th year. There are a couple years where we've done two scholarships.

"We follow them throughout their college and after," said Scott. "We keep track of them and that's the deal for the scholarship. We ask them to keep in touch with the family, so we're essentially adding students to the Pittman Family. They stay in touch with Ida. They send Mother's Day cards, Christmas cards, report cards. They check in with her throughout the year, let her know how school's going. As long as they do that, we renew the scholarship for all four years."

To pay for this scholastic largesse, the foundation stages a footrace each year, the Jesse Pittman 5K, which, although it involves a race, is really a celebration of the life of this local SEAL team member. About 120 participants signed up this year with 103 completing the approximately 1.5-mile course twice to make a double-circuit 5K.

In addition to the actual race, there was a plethora of merchandise: hats, bracelets, patches, pens, sweatshirts,

T-shirts, and coins, all with Jesse Pittman branding, even a limited-edition Jesse Pittman red and white wine. Attendees could also bid on several silent auction items or participate in a couple of raffles.

This is the second year that the race and celebration have taken place in Willits, having been at Lake Mendocino in previous years, and at one time including a swimming component to emulate the training course that the Navy SEALs are subjected to.

The course began on Lenore Street, next to Recreation Grove Park, turning right on Commercial Street, right on Bray Road, right on East Valley Street, and right again onto Lenore Street, to the finish line. The race, led by Jonas Trigo, on Jesse's old bike, was populated by serious runners, people in star-spangled costumes, people with dogs, wheelchair riders, and families with kids. The course took the racers under the Jesse Pittman Bridge four times.

Of course, Jesse Pittman himself was ever-present in memory and through his family members who are integral in the foundation. It seemed everyone had their favorite Jesse Pittman story or remembrance. His uncle, John Borges, recalled: "Jesse loved the SEALs. He sent me a photograph from Afghanistan. He had a long beard and hair. I told him that he looked like a hippy. He couldn't say why he looked like the Taliban. He couldn't say what he did. One of the things he didn't like was the underwater work in Alaska. He didn't like that cold water. He loved everything else, jumping out of airplanes at 30,000 feet."

Steve Carter, who graduated with Pittman at Willits High School, remembered: "I was in Jesse's graduating class at Willits High School, class of 2001. He had a very special, unique personality. He was different from all the other guys, very humble. He had this blue jean jacket with a wool collar on it. He always stood out, always respectful to everybody. I never knew he was going into the service. He was just a quiet, humble guy. He did the right thing without wanting recognition."



Above, left: This young lad competed in the Kids Fun Run. Above, right: Jonas Trigo rides Jesse Pittman's old bike to lead the runners around the short course. Below: Two members of CAL FIRE piped "Chariots of Fire" and "Amazing Grace" before and during the race.



Above: The racers take a moment of silence to honor Jesse Pittman prior to lining up for the race. Below: The race begins with participants running, walking, pushing strollers, and running with their dogs.

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"Don't let the summer heat get you down! Chill out with a good book." Friends of the Willits Library presents a Summer Pop Up Book Sale at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial. Through Saturday, July 29. Come browse our garden and home project books, as well as children's, fiction and non-fiction titles. Books are CHEAP- 50 cents to \$1.

Thursday, July 27

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.

Blushin' Roulettes at Shanachie: Guitarist / songwriter Angie Heimann and Cas Sochacki on dobro, deliver old-time tunes with a modern twist. Thursday, July 27 at 7 pm. \$10. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Friday, July 28

'A Midsummer Night's Dream': Annual Gateway to the Stage Summer Camp put on by the Willits Community Theatre brings its children's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to the Willits High School auditorium on July 28, 29 and 30 and on August 3, 4, 5, and 6. Fri/Sat: 7 pm; Sun: 2 pm. This condensed version of Shakespeare's classic of romance and magic features 30 young actors ages 7 to 13 performing the passion, humor and fantasy of the bard's original poetry—along with the use of love potions and other mischiefs. \$10; available online at www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

'A Night of Jazz': Sultry vocalist Sharon Garner joins the Lincoln Andrews trio for an evening of rare and vivid jazz sounds at the Willits Community Theatre on Friday, July 28 at 7:30 pm. Garner's vocal work extends impressively from the 1980s into the present, while she performs regularly at the North Coast Brewing Company and the Headlands Coffeehouse. The global perspective in the beats of Mendocino County native Lincoln Andrews on his double bass blend with Andrew Loudon on guitar and Gabriel Yañez on drums. Tickets: \$20. available online at www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.



Forrest & Friends at Shanachie: An evening with Forrest Glycer, founding member of Schindig, with fellow schindigger Malakai Schindel, joined by several local musicians. Saturday, July 29 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, July 30

'A Midsummer Night's Dream': Willits Community Theatre's summer camp kids' production at Willits High School. See July 28 listing for more details.

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S BACK!
What's Happening Around Town

Wednesday, August 2

Community Meeting on Shopping: brought to you by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, the City of Willits, and the Willits Police Department. Wednesday, August 2 at 2 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. "Many business owners have reported an increase in shoplifting throughout Mendocino County and Willits city limits. The Chamber of Commerce and the City of Willits are here to help local business owners share their experiences with the Willits Police Department. We heard you: Your business matters, to you, and to our community."

Willits Song Circle: Every first Wednesday, this month August 2, from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, School and Pine streets. A "song Circle" is a group of people who like to sing together, a community of song. Open to all. Hosted by Jane McCabe, led by Don Willits and Madge Strong, but anyone can lead a song: Rounds, popular songs, folk songs, simple part songs—anything that can be learned easily. Free. Donations accepted for the use of the hall.

Thursday, August 3

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Blind Lead at Shanachie: "High energy and multi-instrumental duo, Blind Lead's goal is to rock your socks off via rock, punk, blues and funk." Friday, August 4 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Saturday, August 5

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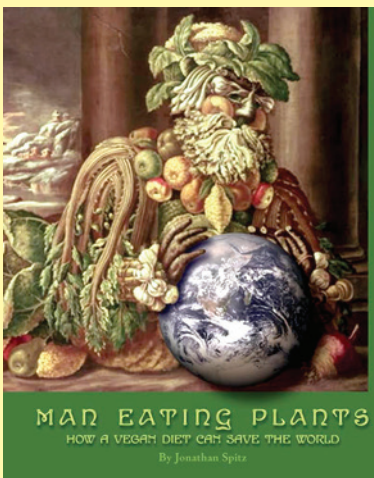
Willits Summer Art Walk: The Willits Center for the Arts, with business/organization venue partners and the Chamber of Commerce, invite you to join artists, musicians, dancers, artisans and other creatives for the second 1st Saturday evening stroll this summer. Saturday, August 5 (and September 2), 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Venues include: The Mendocino County Museum, Kemmy's Pies, The Chamber of Commerce, Sparetime, Ace Copy, Imagination Station, and the Willits Center for the Arts, with August pop-ups in the courtyard next to Imagination Station. World music and art at BACE after party (located conveniently next to Northspur Brewing Co.) More info, including if you're interested in having a pop up, at www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

'This Is Willits' at WCA: Willits Center for the Arts presents "This Is Willits," a showcase of local talent, featuring 20 artists from the Willits Photography Club and 14 painters displaying their impressions of Willits. The exhibit opens Saturday, August 5, with reception from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, and runs through August 27. Galleries open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street.

Sean Lehe at Shanachie: Neo-American psychedelia and groove music by Sean Lehe, guitarist for West Coast festival favorites Jelly Bread. Saturday, August 5, at 8 pm, \$10. Shanachie Pub, 50 S Main Street.

Sunday, August 6

'A Midsummer Night's Dream': Final show of Willits Community Theatre's summer camp kids' production at Willits High School. See July 28 listing for more details.



Vegan Book Talk: Local author Jon Spitz presents, "Man Eating Plants: How a Vegan Diet Can Save the World," his new book about "how the human transition from a herbivorous to a carnivorous diet over the past two million years is the primary driver of the three most existential threats of our times: epidemics of chronic degenerative disease, runaway global climate change, and mass species extinction." Saturday, July 29, at 2 pm, Willits Library, 391 East Commercial Street. With book signing and delicious vegan refreshments.

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Avenues to Wellness presents a Bereavement Support Group

This facilitated 8-week group starting August 10 provides an opportunity to learn the symptoms of grief, as well as to recognize the individual nature of its expression and duration. With a fuller understanding of the grief process and effective ways to cope, we can find meaning and move forward. This group will start August 10, 2 to 4 pm at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free of charge. Limited to 8 participants. Please call Suzanne to register or for more information: 707-456-9676. Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit: avenuestowellness.org

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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES
'Oppenheimer'

The Story: Bio-pic of the theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer (Cillian Murphy) during his directorship of the Manhattan Project: America's invention of the atomic bomb in World War II. After the obliteration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the resulting tens of thousands of deaths, Oppenheimer's deep sense of guilt put him at odds with Washington DC's desire to press on with the development of the even more potent and destructive fusion bomb aka the hydrogen bomb.

Oppenheimer had a long-running love affair with communist Jean Tatlock (Florence Pugh) who was under surveillance by the FBI, a love affair which he maintained even after his marriage to botanist Katherine Puening, also a communist. Oppenheimer himself was under suspicion of disloyalty, and conspiring to help the Russians (who were our allies at the time against the Nazis). During the early post-war period, FBI reports (some false) were used to strip him unjustly of his official duties, and prevent him from continuing his connection to any secret United States nuclear research project. Certainly his loss, but our loss, too.

My Thoughts: Let me put it simply: This flick is brilliant. Is absorbing. Is visionary. Is complex, and is occasionally maddening. Oppenheimer's drama of guilt and moral horror (and political backstabbing) is worth pondering more than a half-century after the events took place. I watched the flick in the adult theater last night. I've been thinking about it ever since.

I am absolutely going to watch it again. I've been to our movie house (twice already), and the theater has been "sold out." The combination of great performances, tangled emotions and tangled motives, and political chicanery, plus the fact that the development of the A bomb is the single most important technological event in the 20th century ... or perhaps ever ... make this movie exemplary.

And it is our very own history: a hellscape! And Oppenheimer was a most unusual man haunted by his own genius. Gifted writer/director Christopher Nolan shows us all of these things - he is imaginative and deft. This is a great movie.

Parents: Projecting in the grown-ups' theater. Too many adult political and moral issues for children. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*



Dan Essman
Columnist

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This mostly young audience cheers on Cook's Racing Pigs, which will be one of the free attractions at REF this season.

'Jungle of Fun' at 2023 Redwood Empire Fair

Submitted by REF

This year's Redwood Empire Fair theme is "Jungle of Fun."

Running from Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6, the Fair promises great music, animals, thrills, and family fun for the young and the young at heart, says Fair CEO Jennifer Seward. In addition, new entertainment and activities promise to amaze and entertain.

Pony rides, a hypnotist, pig races, and a karaoke contest are just some of the new features of this year's fair.

The 4-day annual event opens to the public at 3 pm on August 3. Pre-sale carnival wristbands are available until Thursday, August 3 at 2 pm. The discounted wristbands are \$30 each and are available at Mendo Mill Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg, Ukiah Taco Bell, Raley's, Super Chavez Market, Creative Workshop and J.D. Redhouse in Willits.

The Fair continues to be committed to supporting 4H, FFA and Independent youth members of the Ag community. "Our animal market, breeding, showmanship, and Junior Livestock Auction continue to be one of the most successful programs in the state," Seward notes. This year's Sheep Showmanship and the Market and Breeding Sheep Show take place on Thursday, August 3 at 8 am.

The Market and Breeding Sheep Show takes place Thursday, August 3, at 8 am, with Swine Showmanship scheduled for Friday, August 4 at 8 am.

Beef Showmanship, Market and Breeding Beef take place on August 3 at 5 pm. The Dairy Cattle Show starts at 1 pm on Friday, August 4. The Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest is on August 4 at 1:15 pm.

The Primary Goats and Breeding Goat events take place on Friday, August 4 at 1:30 pm, with the Pygmy Goat Show to follow at 2 pm. The Round Robin Large Animal Showmanship event also takes place on Friday at 4 pm, and the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship event is scheduled for Friday at 7 pm.

Saturday is the Community First Credit

Union Ag Day, beginning with the Junior Livestock Auction, starting at 10:30 am at the Racine Pavilion. To close out the Ag events, the Livestock Awards Ceremony commences Sunday, August 6 at 10 am.

Racing enthusiasts should prepare themselves for four nights of free, hair-raising fun. On Thursday, watch motorcycles, side-by-sides, quads, and monster trucks beginning at 6 pm. Friday night's favorite Mudd Bogg and Monster Truck fest rolls out at 6 pm. Truck and Tractor Pulls will begin competing at 6 pm on Saturday evening. Finish out the weekend on a wild note with Boat Races, Junior Mudd Bogg, and Jalopies on Sunday evening beginning at 6 pm.

Don't forget to bring dancing shoes and take some time to practice your favorite songs! On Thursday evening, the popular Warehouse 21 will perform two sets: one at 6 pm and one at 9 pm. On Friday evening, welcome Waylon and the Wildcats to the Fair for the first time at 6 pm and 9 pm.

Come and sing, dance, or root for your favorite local karaoke artist at DJ Ken Steely's Karaoke and Country Dancing at 6 pm and 9 pm. For intrepid songsters, there will be a \$250 prize awarded to the best karaoke performance.

The legacy of the Ukiah Idol competition continues, and the public is invited to enjoy the show-stopping level of local talent competing for prizes and fame! "Little and Junior Idol" Finals contestants will be competing on Friday, August 4 at 5 pm. The "Grand Finals" will be announced on Sunday at 3 pm.

On Opening Day, Thursday, August 3, children 6 to 12 years old and seniors 65 and older are admitted free until 6 pm. Children under 5 are always admitted free. Grandstand shows are always included with fair admission. The Redwood Empire Fair opens at 3 pm on Thursday and Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 1-707-462-3884, or visit "Redwood Empire Fair" on Facebook or www.redwoodempirefair.com/summer-fair

Full Redwood Empire Fair 2023 Schedule

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3:
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8 am: Sheep Showmanship, Market & Breeding Sheep Show
8 am: Market and Breeding Swine Show
3 pm: Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens
3 to 10 pm: Brad's World Reptiles
3 to close: Pony Rides
4 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
4 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
4:30 pm: Flo the Clown
5 pm: Racing Pigs
5 pm: Ukiah Idols Finals "Little Idol & Junior Idol"
6 pm: Mudd Boggs & Monster Trucks
6 pm: Live Music by Waylon and the Wildcats
6 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
6:30 pm: Flo the Clown
7 pm: Racing Pigs
7 pm: Round Robin Showmanship – Small Animals
4 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
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8 pm: Junior Building Closes
8:30 pm: Flo the Clown
9 pm: Live Music by Waylon and the Wildcats
9 pm: Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close
9 pm: Racing Pigs
9 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
10 pm: Purdy Hall Building Closes
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5:
Community First Credit Union Ag Day
10:30 am: Junior Livestock Auction
12 pm: Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens
12 to 3 pm: "Fair Themed Cupcakes"
12 to 10 pm: Brad's World Reptiles
12 pm to close: Pony Rides
1:30 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
2 pm: Flo the Clown
2:30 pm: Racing Pigs
3 pm: Ukiah Idols Finals "Grand Finals"
3:30 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
4 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
4 pm: Junior Building Closes
8:30 pm: Flo the Clown
9 pm: Live Music by Warehouse 21
9 pm: Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close
9 pm: Racing Pigs
9 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
10 pm: Purdy Hall Building Closes
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4:
8 am: Swine Showmanship
1 pm: Dairy Cattle Show
1:15 pm: Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest
1:30 pm: Primary Goats & Breeding Goats
2 pm: Pygmy Goat Show
3 pm: Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens
3 to 10 pm: Brad's World Reptiles
3 to close: Pony Rides
3:30 pm: Pie Eating Contest
4 pm: Round Robin Showmanship – Large Animals
4 pm: Mickey O'Connor

Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks
4 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
4:30 pm: Flo the Clown
5 pm: Racing Pigs
5 pm: Ukiah Idols Finals "Little Idol & Junior Idol"
6 pm: Mudd Boggs & Monster Trucks
6 pm: Live Music by Waylon and the Wildcats
6 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
6:30 pm: Flo the Clown
7 pm: Racing Pigs
7 pm: Round Robin Showmanship – Small Animals
4 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
4:30 pm: Flo the Clown
5 pm: Racing Pigs
5 pm: Beef Showmanship, Market & Breeding Beef
6 pm: Live Music by Warehouse 21
6 pm: Side-by-Sides, Quads, Motorcycles, & Monster Trucks
6 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
6:30 pm: Flo the Clown
7 pm: Racing Pigs
7:30 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
8 pm: Junior Building Closes
8:30 pm: Flo the Clown
9 pm: Live Music by Waylon and the Wildcats
9 pm: Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close
9 pm: Racing Pigs
9 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
10 pm: Purdy Hall Building Closes
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6:
10 am: Livestock Awards Ceremony
12 pm: Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens
12 to 3 pm: "Fair Themed Cookies"
12 to 9 pm: Brad's World Reptiles
12 to close: Pony Rides
1:30 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
2 pm: Flo the Clown
2:30 pm: Racing Pigs
3 pm: Ukiah Idols Finals "Grand Finals"
3:30 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
4 pm: Flo the Clown
4 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
5 pm: Racing Pigs
5 pm: Hot Dog Eating Contest
6 pm: Jalopies, Boat Races & Junior Mudd Boggs
6 pm: Live Music by Banda Pacifica
6 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
6:30 pm: Flo the Clown
7 pm: Racing Pigs
7:30 pm: Hypnotist Chris Mabrey
8 pm: Junior, Flower, Fine Arts & Home Arts Buildings Close
8 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
8:30 pm: Flo the Clown
9 pm: Racing Pigs
9 pm: Mickey O'Connor Juggling, Unicycling, Tricks & Stunts
9 pm: Purdy Hall Building Closes

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: UTA C. BAVIERE AKA UTA CHRISTINE BAVIERE AKA UTA BAVIERE-STEGEMANN

CASE NO. 23PR00116
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: UTA C. BAVIERE AKA UTA CHRISTINE BAVIERE AKA UTA BAVIERE-STEGEMANN

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: August 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner: ALEXANDER C. RICH, CARTER RICH PC, 716 S. Main Street, Willits, CA 95490. Telephone: 707-456-9210.

Publication Dates: July 13, 20, and 27, 2023

WW444
NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and Provisions of the Civil Code.

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The following said property stored at Cougars Closet II Mini Storage 317 Robert Drive, Willits, CA 95490 County of Mendocino State of California.

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The goods are described as miscellaneous household items & boxes, (contents unknown), clothes, furniture, tools and miscellaneous articles. Purchases must be paid for and picked up within 72 Hours of winning bid by credit/debit or cash. All purchased items sold as-is, where-is and must be removed within 72 hours of sale.

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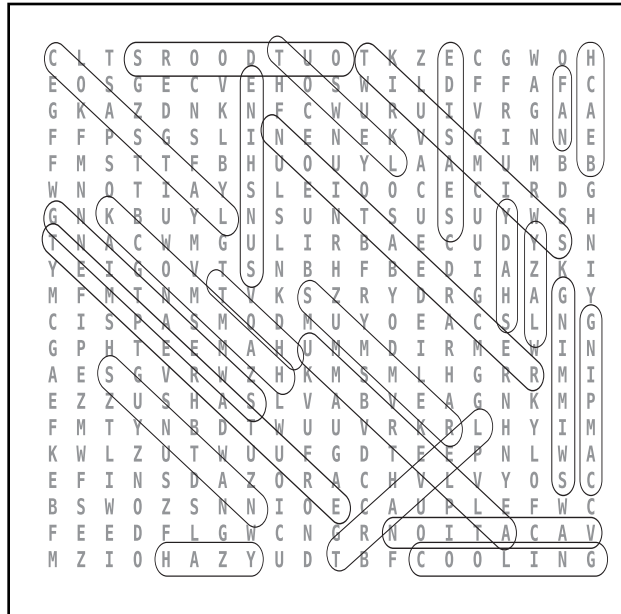
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 Join us for a lively discussion on spiritual experiences with a starter topic on Health and Healing. Come share or just listen! Willits Library 390 East Commercial Street. Saturday, August 12th, 10 to 11 am. Questions? Call April at 707-972-2475. Sponsored by Eckankar of Lake & Mendocino Counties. See at <http://www.oakvine.net/tp>

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of litter, create thousands of jobs, and transform state and local public spaces through beautification efforts.

The August 6 Dump Day is for Willits area residents. It's scheduled for 9 am to 1 pm – or until capacity is reached – at Willits Transfer Station, 351 Franklin Avenue.

This Dump Day event is limited to furniture, appliances, off-rim car and light truck tires (limit nine per load), mattresses, green waste, and large/bulky residential items. Caltrans District 1 partnered with the Mattress Recycling Council and Castle Tire to recycle mattresses and tires dropped off at this event.

Hazardous waste, electronics, business waste, construction debris, commercial tires and tires on rims cannot be accepted.

Please separate recyclables, trash, green waste, appliances and metal to help the line move faster.

million cubic yards of trash, created acceptable items, contact Solid Wastes of Willits at (707) 459-4778.

Caltrans reminds motorists to properly secure and tarp all cargo loads prior to driving. Transporting unsecured loads is unsafe, illegal, and pollutes California's roads and waterways. Loads that are not tied down, enclosed, or secured by tarps or other means will not be accepted.

Tips for securing your load:
 • Completely cover loads with tarps or cargo nets. Debris can escape from gaps.
 • Remove loose material and trash before driving.
 • Don't overload – keep materials level with your truck bed.
 • Put light items lower, tie large items to the vehicle for traffic safety.

Clean California Community Dump Day events are made possible through Governor Gavin Newsom's Clean California initiative. Since 2021, the \$1.2 billion program has removed 1.7 million cubic yards of trash, created 3,500 jobs, and awarded \$300 million in local grants. Visit CleanCA.com to learn more about how Clean California is transforming communities and educating the public.

In February, Gov. Newsom announced a new funding round for \$100 million in grants for local Clean California projects. There are also a variety of career and job opportunities through Clean California. For more information on this, please visit the jobs section at <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/hiring>.

Caltrans is also developing the Clean California Community program, in which communities from across the state can earn a designation by meeting criteria centered around preventing and cleaning up litter, promoting recycling, and otherwise greening or beautifying their communities. Incentives will also be offered to encourage communities to earn this designation.

The reason for the season

Finally, the garden is starting to produce some summer goodies, and the zucchini are coming in plentifully. While some think of it as a bland, boring veggie, if you treat it right, miracles will be shown to you in return.

I give you:

Fried Zucchini



Above: Most of this plentiful rainbow of zucchini will follow its destiny to become fried zucchini. ... and yes, that is an American quarter coin on the center of that yellow starburst squash. These were big 'uns.

A delicious crispy slice of fried zucchini.

Photo by Maureen Jennison



INGREDIENTS

- 3 medium zucchini
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup panko bread crumbs
- 3/4 cup brewer's yeast
- Salt
- Oil for frying

DIRECTIONS

Heat oil just to cover bottom of heavy skillet. Slice zucchini in 1/4 inch rounds. Place in single layer on paper towel and pat dry.

Mix dry ingredients in one bowl.

Crack eggs into a separate bowl, and stir with a fork to mix until brown.

Dip slices one at a time into the egg, and then into dry mix. Fry in hot oil quickly on each side until brown.

Sprinkle with salt while still hot. Let cool slightly and inhale.

Dougan the Sweetheart

Dougan is a charming and enthusiastic fellow! What a love!

A volunteer said:

"I had the pleasure of spending some time with this boy today. The minute I took him out of his kennel, he greeted me with a hug, overjoyed to meet me. At first it seemed like he wasn't used to walking on leash, then he walked right by my side, pressed up against my leg. At the park I let him off leash to run but instead he chose to stay close to me. We had a nice time just walking and romping around. When bringing him back to his kennel, he acted a little hesitant. I went in with him and sat for a minute. It seemed to make him a bit more comfortable. But I really wish I could have brought him home with me! Whoever gets to take him home is a very lucky person!"

To learn more about Dougan 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.



The rest of Trail

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State Coastal Conservancy who "works exclusively on the Great Redwood Trail," the project is "envisioned as a 316-mile, multi-use rail-trail project that will one day connect San Francisco Bay and Humboldt Bay," which "follows the former, inactive North Coast Railroad Authority rail line" and is intended to "transform the rail corridor into a community asset and economic engine for the North Coast."

Morris noted that 28 miles of the Great Redwood Trail have already been completed, including 1.7 miles through Ukiah.

According to numbers presented by Morris, the trail is expected to eventually have "economic benefits for Mendocino County" of more than \$49 million annually, including around \$29.6 million in "recreation, tourism and retail benefits," \$18.5 billion in "health benefits," and \$1 million in "transportation benefits."

These numbers came from an "economic benefits assessment" completed in January of 2023 "using benchmarks for economic growth from similar trails around the U.S., estimating local and visitor trail use."

Morris explained that the state has been working with several partner agencies and groups on a "Master Plan" for the sections of the trails going through Mendocino, Trinity and Humboldt counties.

While it's unclear when exactly this plan will be completed, according to the presentation, work began on it in October 2022, and it's intended "to provide a high-level roadmap on operations & maintenance, trail design, cultural & natural resource protection, habitat restoration, project prioritization, and funding sources."

Morris summarized some of the recent developments involving the trail, including the state legislature passage of SB 1029, the Great Redwood Trail Act, in 2018, which she said accomplished three goals.

"It transferred ownership of the rail lines in Sonoma and Marin counties to SMART, and this is why that stretch of trail is undergoing separate planning processes to this endeavor," said Morris. "It turned the former North Coast Railroad Authority into the Great Redwood Trail Agency which now owns and will manage the corridor in Mendocino, Trinity and Humboldt Counties.

"And it required that the corridor be preserved via a legal process called 'railbanking,' which allows the trail to be built on the rail corridor," she continued. "And this has been completed from East Commercial Street in Willits north, and it's in process between the county line of Sonoma and Mendocino and East Commercial Street to the south."

According to the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy website railstotrails.org, "railbanking" is "a voluntary agreement between a railroad company and a trail sponsor (such as a trail organization or government agency) to use an out-of-service rail corridor as a trail until a railroad might need the corridor again for rail service," and was established in 1983 as an amendment to the National Trails System Act.

Morris said they "put together a big team of consultants to address both the technical elements of the Master Plan and listen to the community," and the plan is "not a CEQA document," she said.

"The firms involved bring a broad range of expertise from local community insight as [North Coast Opportunity] is the representative in Mendocino County, to engineering analysis, to tribal Eel River access," Morris said.

She noted that one element of the Master Plan is the types of paths in different landscapes along the trail.

"For example the trail is more likely to be paved in the urban areas so it can serve as a transportation corridor, compacted gravel in the outlying areas, and then in the remote wilderness area in the Eel Canyon probably just a recreational dirt path," she said.

Using a couple maps in the presentation, Morris outlined the projected path of the Great Redwood Trail's northern section.

"It follows [Highway] 101 and the Russian River from the county line [north of Cloverdale] up to the Ridgewood Grade," she said. After going through Ukiah "the trail will continue north and at the top of the Ridgewood Grade, it enters the Eel River watershed. It'll go through the city of Willits where the city's planning to build the trail, 1.6 miles of it, next year.

"And north of Dos Rios, the wild and scenic river makes up the state's third largest watershed, and flows through rugged interior mountains and fog-shrouded coastal rainforests," she added. "As it continues north the Great Redwood Trail dips into Trinity County briefly before heading northwest towards the Avenue of

the Giants, Eureka and eventually Blue Lake."

While the vision for the trail is certainly bold, there were several at the meeting who voiced criticisms over the idea, saying that many factors hadn't been properly accounted for, including fire danger, crime, homelessness, and impact on adjacent private property owners, among other concerns.

One of those with critiques was Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams, who repeatedly expressed the opinion that the state should pay for "full cost recovery" for the county involving the trail in the future, including maintenance, crime prevention, and emergency response.

"So I'm a fan of trails, I'm really happy to see this development," he began. "But ... a concern I have is I expect this trail will have a homeless problem, there will be wildfires started as a result of it. There will be people lost, there will be people kidnapped, probably people stabbed or shot periodically. Looking at where the trail goes and the type of violence we have in that corner of the county, I expect that kind of activity to persist on the trail," he said.

"What is the ongoing funding source to cover the actual cost to local public safety?" he asked. "Because our public safety is stretched thin. And frankly when I read about a shooting or a body found in Covelo I think, 'There goes the roads in my district,' because the cost of the sheriff, the district attorney for the investigation, jail, probation, medical services, mental health provided in jail.... You add all that up, violent crime doesn't leave anything left in our budget.... How does the state plan to provide cost recovery given that we can't afford those services?"

Morris responded to Williams' comments saying that they do plan to have funding for such concerns, though it sounded like they were still working out the details to that plan.

"I think that one of the things that the Master Plan is going to make recommendations about ... emergency rescue that might be needed, particularly in the more remote sections of the trail, and we're working with and talking to emergency fire departments and CAL FIRE about how to proactively prevent this kind of amenity and recreational use from starting fires and being a source of things like that.

"There will need to be additional funding for patrols, including law enforcement and fire, and fire response, and emergency response, once the train is open," she added. "Right now it's mostly an abandoned rail line. But we are going to put that recommendation into the Master Plan, that additionally, either it could be staffing that is included in the Great Redwood Trail Agency or our partner agencies that are operating and maintaining the trail. So for the law enforcement I think that there will just need to be a source identified for long-term funding for that.

"And then for operations and maintenance as well, because just things like picking up litter and doing patrols and responding to vandalism," she continued. "And just keeping the trails shipshape and safe is going to be a responsibility of both the partners and the Great Redwood Trail Agency."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak and Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren are the board's representatives on the Great Redwood Trail Agency, and both expressed optimism that the concerns about the trail could be addressed and it could have a net positive impact on the county.

Mulheren, whose district includes Ukiah, talked about her experience and changing perception of the trail as a Ukiah city councilmember and a supervisor as the plans for the trail have emerged.

"As a city council member I was new to the city council as the first section of the Great Redwood Trail was built in the city of Ukiah and ... I've grown to understand the economic and health benefits as well as the environmental benefits of the Great Redwood Trail," she said. "And I think that the really important thing for our community to understand right now is that we go through this master planning process that this is the perfect time to make sure that your concerns and solutions are included.

"And right now the city of Ukiah has a 1.7 mile stretch of the Great Redwood Trail that runs essentially from end to end in the city," she added. "And it certainly hasn't been without challenges, but it's certainly been with its benefits, and the city's been able to fold that section of the Great Redwood Trail in as a linear park. And often you will see the police department patrolling it, the parks department, and there are a lot of people walking and biking using it for active transportation as well as for recreation and health benefits.

"And I just want to keep reminding the

community that there are solutions to some of the challenges," she continued, "so let's make sure that we include these in the master plan before it gets too far down the road."

Haschak also thought it was important to address the safety concerns of the trail, though he felt Williams may be exaggerating the overall risks.

"I think some of those concerns are ones that we've been dealing with," he said. "We've been having these outreach sessions in Alder Point and other places, Hopland, to work out these problems. Certainly there is a risk for some of these activities, but I don't think we're looking at the kidnapping and everything like that - that's a little hyperbole there. Some of these issues are issues that you'll have in any kind of campground or anything that we're providing.

"And certainly there's economic benefit and recreational, all these benefits to Mendocino County," he added. "So I think our commitment is to make sure that there is a plan for dealing with these emergency situations, because people are going to break their legs or whatever in a hiking situation so that does need to be considered. And we don't want to put the burden on these local fire departments that are out there in Alder Point or Laytonville or any of those places."

During public comments, local landowner Carrie Vau said that she and other residents were extremely skeptical of the project in general, and that their concerns had not really been listened to at community outreach meetings by Morris and others.

"I'm a hiker and I believe in trails, I think this is not the place for it and the best solution for our county," she began. "This trail will be right in the middle of the most valuable profit-generating land in Mendocino County. Some of your biggest taxpayers, you're putting the trail right adjacent to their property. Farmers, vineyards, you've got timber, Mendocino Forest Products, one of your biggest taxpayers. They've expressed their concern, farmers expressed their concern. You've got commercial, industrial property owners, a big tax base that has expressed their concerns.

"And what we say, it's in one ear and out the other," she added. "We've come up with some things that Louisa hasn't addressed, that we know that there are environmental impacts that haven't been considered," she went on. "Where's the toilet facilities? How far apart are they spaced? Fencing, we understand that there's no money in the budget to any fencing. So I predict what'll happen is all the private property owners, including myself, that are along a trail are going to fence in the entire trail.

"This is going to be not a beautiful trail for people to go on," she continued. "It's going to be a single corridor that's lined on both sides by fences. And maybe wire at the top, razor wire, which is what I'll install on my property.... I don't think this is going to be as great of a trail as you think it's going to be when you have all the private property owners, they're going to have to protect themselves and screen off and block off the public from trampling through their property and creating damage and so forth."

Williams responded to Vau, saying that the Great Redwood Trail is a state project, and that the county and BOS can give input, but won't have the final say on the details.

"I don't want the public to be misled and believe that this board will be voting on whether to implement the trail," said Williams. "The trail was approved by the state legislature. It's happening, right. We have some influence on the Master Plan, we can offer ideas, the state can adopt it.... We couldn't decide to not have the Redwood Trail, we can't decide about the fencing. We can give input just like you're giving input, but I don't think we actually have any authority."

Haschak chimed in that with board representatives on the agency helping with the plan, the county and local residents will have significant input on how the project is implemented.

"The [public] input is to create a Master Plan that deals with these issues," he said, "because we know that there are going to be the issues that you cited and everything, and so the plan should have a kind of solutions to these issues. And we're working in the Great Redwood Trail Agency on developing this Master Plan, and it should be coming out later this year. So hopefully at that point we'll have a lot of answers to these issues."

The next community workshops for the Great Redwood Trail will be in Hopland at 5:30 pm at Brutacao Cellars.

People are also encouraged to give input through voicemail at 1-707-440-9445, or email to info@greatredwoodtrailplan.org.

For more information, you can go to www.greatredwoodtrailplan.org.

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and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we are making that happen.

From time to time, neighbors throughout Willits and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement.

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most communities celebrate National Night Out by hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and more.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for our nation to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement. When law enforcement and the community work closely together, some amazing things can happen."

We at Willits Police Department look forward to hosting National Night Out in Willits on the lawn of Bud Snider Park at 100 East Commercial Street, across from City Hall. Delicious food will be provided by Smokey's BBQ courtesy of the Willits Police Department. Join us for fun, family activities, and meeting your neighbors! Tuesday, August 1 from 5 to 8 pm at Bud Snider Park. For more information, please visit www.natwo.org.

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attempted advanced lifesaving measures, but they were unsuccessful. Medina was pronounced deceased at 4:24 pm, on July 22, 2023.

Deputies learned Medina had been wading in chest-deep water attempting to find relief from the sweltering heat. Medina was momentarily out of sight of his longtime girlfriend and their daughters while wading in the water. A short time later Medina, who knew how to swim, was found floating face-down in the river. Medina was pulled to shore and CPR was performed.

MCSO personnel were informed Medina was complaining of a bad headache prior to being found in the river.

The rest of Pittman

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Pittman 5K Winners

Kids' Fun Run: Oliver Van Hoven

12 and Under: female: Gwyneth Nelson, 26:28; male: Eli McNurlin, 22:23.

13 to 19: female: Iris Mornitas, 26:28; male: Walker Nelson, 20:35.

20 to 29: female: Simba Sousa, 31:39; male: Dylan Jones, 20:01.

30 to 39: female: Rochelle Miller, 22:49; male: Kenny Smith, 16:28 (overall winner)

40 to 49: female: Nicole Smith, 21:53 (overall female winner); male: Joel Mornitas, 20:00.

50 to 59: female: Elise Wilkins, 33:34; male: Clark Miller, 23:11.

60 to 69: female: Vonalee Ensler, 28:46; male: Roger Schwartz, 24:40

70 and over: female: Gail Leland, 28:44; male: Anthony Fleming, 26:00.

The rest of Otters

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safe and competitive in the water.

The Willits Otters are an independent competitive swim team, swimming against other teams in Pacific Swimming's Zone 3 which ranges from the Bay Area all the way to Humboldt County. As soon as kids reach the "competitive mark" - swimming the length of the pool - they are able to join the heats, swimming breaststroke, freestyle and butterfly in various race lengths, including 100 meters, 200 meters, 500 meters, and even just 25 meters.

"There's no experience necessary or age limit to join the Otters," explained Robert Chavez, who coaches the team along with his wife, Arora, and fellow coach, Carly Barbita. "As long as the child is able to swim in the pool, even doggy paddle, without the look of fear on their face, we're happy to take those younger kids, too!"

Chavez noted that the kids did well this year, several scored in first, second and third places in their heats, and overall had a great season including at the big Willits and Ukiah meets. Swimmers also enjoyed riding on a float in the Willits Frontier Days parade, and joining in for the Night on Deck where swimmers come to the pool in the evening to swim, watch a movie, and even camp out on the pool grounds.

Those wishing to join the team next year can come to the first practice of the new season, held on September 1 at the Willits City Pool at the Willits High School. Practices run from September through the third week in January, then the team pauses, starting back up in the first week of February and finishing out the season in July.

"We welcome kids to come to the first practice and give it a try," explained Chavez. "We are happy to have interested kids give it a trial run and see if it's something they're interested in doing, then take it from there. We will have registration forms at the first meet."



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Congrats | **Happy 2nd Birthday to Magnolia 'Maggie' Jennison**


We can't believe it's already been two years since you made your grand debut on July 31, 2021. Mama, Papa, Grampa, GamGam and your furry - and non-furry - siblings can't wait to celebrate with you in honor of your second birthday! We love you baby girl!

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

Lively Sweet William

Sweet William came in with his two sisters, Daisy May and Daffodil, and all three have been in a foster home for the last several weeks. William's foster mom says that he loves to play, snuggle, and is very active. He loves to rough-house with his siblings and explore his surroundings.

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

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Tons of free fun at the Redwood Empire Fair

Submitted by REF

This year's Redwood Empire Fair theme is a "Jungle of Fun," and a jungle of free fun awaits fairgoers, including brand-new attractions. The Fair runs Thursday, August 3 to Sunday, August 6 at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah.

A \$5 discount on carnival wristbands is available until opening day. The unlimited one-day-use wristbands may be used any day. Discounted wristbands are \$30 each and available at three Mendo Mill locations – Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits, Ukiah Taco Bell, Raley's, Super Chavez Market, Creative Workshop, and J.D. Redhouse in Willits. Wristbands must be purchased by 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 3.

Opening Day admission is free for seniors 65 and up and children ages 6-12 until 6 pm. Children under 5 are always free. The Fair's low-cost admission includes music, Speedway events, contests, Ag competitions, animal shows, building exhibits and street entertainment.

While savoring your funnel cake, enjoy Mickey O'Connor, with juggling, physical comedy, unicycling tricks, and stunts three times daily. Check your fair schedule at redwoodempirefair.com for performance times or see the full schedule on page 8.

Look for Flo the Clown's painted face and pink outfit. She might be driving her tricycle or her Flomobile, making balloon animals, or painting someone's face! Flo strolls through the Fairgrounds three times daily.

Comedy Hypnotist Chris Mabrey started in the business at the age of 9, and today offers an improvised, customized show that is different for every audience. His training with some of the world's best hypnotists as well as possessing a degree as a psychotherapist make his shows both memorable and hilarious! Mabrey will perform two shows daily on the Willow Tree Stage.

There's even more free fun on the Willow Tree Stage. Enter the Pie Eating Contest on Friday at 3:30 pm. Start your intermittent fasting routine for Saturday's corn dog eating contest at 4 pm – there's still a chance to break the 62-dog record of Joey Chestnut! The hot dog eating contest begins at 5 pm on Sunday.

There is nothing better than Fair food, except for Fair cupcakes! Enjoy decorating and eating Fair-themed cupcakes from noon to 3 pm on Saturday, and return to decorate and enjoy Fair-themed cookies from noon to 3 pm on Sunday.

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for the traditional Diaper Dash on Saturday, August 5 at 2:30 pm on the Willow Tree Stage. The winning dasher's family receives a washing machine.

The exhibitors raising rabbits, poultry, swine, sheep and cattle are among the hardest-working youth in our community. Visit the livestock barns and watch the showmanship competitions on Thursday and Friday. The livestock auction begins Saturday morning at 10:30 am.

This year, real racing pigs will delight audiences three times daily in the Fair Circle area. For more animal adventures, don't miss Brad's Reptiles, returning to the fair with their exotic collection of everything from poisonous snakes and tortoises! They can be viewed in Carl Purdy Hall from the fair's opening until the building closes.

The Ukiah Idol competition was created as a local way to mirror the ultra-successful television show. Many of those who have graced the Willow Tree Stage have gone on to professional careers. "Little Idol and Junior Idol" finals take place Friday, August 4 at 5 pm. The Grand Finals take place at 3 pm on Sunday, August 6.

This year's Fine Arts, Junior, Flower and Home Arts Buildings are displaying a wide array of foods, baked goods, collections, quilts, photography and fine art. Cash prizes and ribbons are awarded to exhibitors who express the Fair theme in different divisions. The buildings are a wonderful relief from the heat and showcase our talented neighbors and friends.

Get ready for four exciting days of pulse-racing and purely entertaining motorized activities in the Ukiah Speedway grandstand. Throughout the weekend, enjoy Motorcycles, Side-by-Sides, Quads, Mudd Boggs, Monster Trucks, Truck and Tractor Pulls, Boat Races, Junior Mudd Boggs, and Jalopies. The checkered flag drops every evening at 6 pm.

Local rock favorite Warehouse 21 is returning by popular demand to the Willow Tree Stage Thursday at 6 and 9 pm. On Friday, enjoy Waylon and the Wildcats at 6 and 9 pm. Their high energy, rocking country sound makes you want to move your ba-donk-a-donk! Ukiah's favorite DJ Ken Steely will be emceeing Karaoke and Country Dancing on Saturday at 6 and 9 pm, including a karaoke contest with a \$250 cash prize for the winner! Sunday, Banda Pacifica returns to the fair to close out the weekend with a 6 pm show.

The Redwood Empire Fair opens at 3 pm on Thursday and Friday, and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. More info: Call 1-707-462-3884 or visit "Redwood Empire Fair" on Facebook page or www.redwoodempirefair.com.



Orysha Irace and her niece Alina Mendez enjoy a moment with a boa constrictor from Brad's World of Reptiles, one of this year's many free exhibits at the Redwood Empire Fair.



Above, from left: Whitney Fansler, John Whitley, Ethan Fansler and Buck Whitley of Potter Valley 4-H heading out to deliver buyers letters to local business.

Whites on and ready to go

4H and FFA members welcome all to upcoming Junior Livestock Auction at Redwood Empire Fair

The Fanslers and the Whitleys were out welcoming buyers to the upcoming Redwood Empire Fair and Junior Livestock Auction this week, looking great in their official 4-H whites uniforms.

"Whitney and Buck will be exhibiting their market-ready steers while John and Ethan have a couple beautiful market hogs," said Taylor Whitley, mother of John and Buck. "All of the 4H exhibitors have worked hard to bring high-quality meats to the Junior Livestock auction; come support them August 5 at 10:30 am to place your bid and fill your freezer with delicious meats!"

Interested in becoming a buyer? Register to bid at www.redwoodempirefair.com/ or contact Stacey Anderson, JLA chairman, at mcjlacchairman@gmail.com or 707-972-8340 with questions.

– Maureen Jennison

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