#### **Brooktrails** board amends golf course agreement

Barbara O'Reardon willitsweekly@gmail.com

The Accounts Payable was the only item listed on the Consent Calendar for the Tuesday, July 25 meeting of the Brooktrails Township Community Services District board. The amount of the Accounts \$476,338.17 Payable, was significant, and Board President Rick Williams had some questions regarding the amount.

General Manager Tamara Alaniz responded, saying: "Every year there are costs to the district: insurance related expenses for our

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#### Laytonville man drowns at Dos Rios

By Sgt. J. Wells, for MCSO

On July 31, 2023 at about 4:40 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies along California Highway Patrol and fire agency personnel were dispatched to the area of mile marker 12 on Highway 162 in Dos Rios for a possible drowning in the Eel River. Sheriff's Office deputies began an emergency response with lights and sirens.

Prior to Sheriff's Office personnel arriving at the scene, a CHP and a Round Valley Tribal officer arrived and observed a subject in the river. Both the CHP officer and Tribal officer immediately jumped into the river to try to save the

Read the rest of Drowning |

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#### Little Lake Fire update to city council

By Little Lake Fire **Protection District** 

The Little Lake Fire Protection District provided the below written update on the fire department to the Willits City Council, at the July 26 council meeting.

In the month of June, Little Lake Fire had 38 calls - 9 fires, 21 rescues, 1 HazMat, 1 call for service, and 6 false alarms.

Fire Marshal Eric Alvarez has been busy with business license inspections, solar inspections, school, motel, and hotel inspections. Apartments will be starting soon.

Our volunteer association donated their time for the Hometown Celebration, Senior Rodeo, Junior Rodeo, 4th of July Rodeo,

Read the rest of LLFD

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Above, from left: A beautiful rainbow quilt won a Best of Division award in the Home Arts Building at the Redwood Empire Fair. Potatoes and cucumbers entered into the Horticulture Building. Kathy Lundgren's pineapple preserves won a first-place award in Home Arts Building. Below: Home Arts Building Supervisor Loraine Patton, left, stands with Assistant Supervisor Nancy Trumble.



Above: Katie Kight's Best of Division Fine Arts entry, featuring lions. Below: Another Best of Division winner, a set of painted feathers by K Paintedfeather Sequeira, in the Fine Arts building.



# A Rip-Roaring **Time**

#### Redwood Empire Fair offers a 'Jungle of Fun' at the Ukiah Fairgrounds August 3 through 6

Early August means it's time for the Redwood Empire Fair and, this year, the grounds are decorated in a Jungle of Fun for exhibitors to enjoy. Starting Thursday, August 3, buildings will open, the carnival will be running, and youth exhibitors will be showing their livestock in a variety of breeding and showmanship classes. The grandstands and live music stages will have different features every night, and one of the fair's main events, the Junior Livestock Auction, will be held on Saturday, August 5. Sign up to be an auction bidder, and see a full schedule of events, ticket pricing, and more at www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com

- Maureen Jennison







Above, from left: This five-herb entry features home-grown parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme and oregano in an old spice shaker. These beaded moccasins by Patsy Jo Gott earned a first-place award in the Home Arts building. A lion quilt was made in the fair's theme, "Jungle of Fun." Below, from left: Floriculture and Horticulture Building Supervisor Francy Henry holds a 21-inch zucchini entered into this year's fair. Fine Arts building supervisor Brenda Hodges loved this stained glass entry of Roxie the German shepherd. At bottom, from left: Ester Cervantes' abstract mixed-media work also won a Best of Division award. Collections of all kinds are on display in the Home Arts Building. Lyn Blacklock made this lovely wire-wrapped pendant, entered into the Fine Arts Building.











#### City approves

increased water, sewer rates

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Willits City Council members approved a fiveyear plan to increase water and sewer rates – about 7% each year - to "adequately fund the ongoing costs of providing water and sewer services" ... including "operations, maintenance, debt service, and capital improvements for the city's water and sewer systems."

The vote was 5 to 0. The water and wastewater rates have not been raised since

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# County workers unhappy

with lack of contract

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Mendocino County unhappy with workers negotiations showed up again to the July 25 board of supervisors meeting - the last board meeting before the board takes an August recess.

Workers in purple Service Employees International Union Local 1021 T-shirts, some holding "Will Strike Provoked" signs, addressed the board, as did other public commenters on other matters. Each was given 3 minutes by Second

Read the rest of Unhappy |

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#### COVID-19 update from **Public Health**

Submitted by Mendocino **County Public Health** 

August 31, 2023 - If you look at the Mendocino County death data on the California Department of Public Health COVID-19 dashboard, it will show 154 deaths instead of 146 [the previous total reported for Mendocino County].

The State of California changed the way COVID-19 deaths counted. The state now counts COVID-19 deaths based on the same criteria as other illnesses. The increase is the result of recounting past COVID-19 deaths with new criteria.

For the state, this is an increase of 0.3%, and for Mendocino County, it is a 5% increase.

Read the rest of COVID

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#### County workers OK possible strike 'if necessary'

#### Submitted by SEIU Local 1021

On Friday, July 28, 2023, Mendocino County workers represented by SEIU Local 1021 voted to authorize their bargaining team to call a strike, should a strike become necessary. The strike authorization vote passed overwhelmingly, with92.4%voting

Despite total revenue for Mendocino County having increased 44.8% since 2019-2020, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has continued to bargain in bad faith with its public health nurses, children's social workers, road crews, and other employees.

In repeated negotiation meetings, the county has insisted that its employees pay more for their healthcare and retirement - an overall pay cut. This effective pay cut will only exacerbate the current staffing crisis by pushing even more county workers to opt for better-paid positions in neighboring counties, cities, and the private sector.

"Our members are frustrated with the lack of leadership from this administration," said SEIU 1021 Mendocino County Chapter President Julie Beardsley, a senior public health analyst for the county. "Mendocino County has amazing people, natural resources, and the spirit to move forward. This strike authorization is a clear indication that things need to change."

Mendocino County has a countywide vacancy rate of 29%. Among the critical staffing shortages jeopardizing the health, safety, and well-being of county residents, including the most vulnerable, are:

 A nearly 40% vacancy rate in Family & Children's Services – putting at-risk kids in danger;

 A 44% vacancy rate in Department of Transportation road crews. meaning our roads don't get paved or repaired in a timely manner; and

 A 70% vacancy rate for mental health clinicians.

Local 1021 represents nearly 60,000 employees in local governments, non-profit agencies, health care programs, and schools throughout Northern California, including seven private colleges and numerous community colleges. SEIU Local 1021 is a diverse, memberdriven organization with members who work to make our cities, schools, colleges, counties, and special districts safe and healthy places to live and raise our families.

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letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a

request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.

#### Board of supervisors August recess

Submitted by Mendocino County **Executive Office** 

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors typically meets for two regular meetings, 1 regular closed session meeting, and one or two standing committee meetings each month. To meet public noticing requirements and adequately prepare for these meetings (in addition to Assessment Appeals Board meetings and City Selection Committee meetings), Clerk of the Board staff are typically working on two upcoming meetings at any given time.

The August recess was implemented in 2022, to provide time for Clerk of the Board staff to complete behind-the-scenes work such as records filing, annually required tasks, and preparation for the upcoming year.

While there are no regular board meetings fromAugust1, 2023, toAugust27, 2023, the members of the board of supervisors continue to hold/attend their other regularly scheduled committee and public meetings during the August recess.

#### County cannabis office to move back to Ukiah

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

Ukiah, by September 1, 2023.Interim Cannabis Director Steve Dunnicliff made providing efficient services.

The Cannabis Department had moved to the Willits Justice Center to accommodate growing staffing needs, and to ensure space was available for contract planners assisting with a backlog of applications. These contract planners are now working successfully off-site, and do not rely on county office space. In addition to a better utilization of physical space, benefits from moving the Cannabis Department include opportunities to collaborate with Planning & Building Services through partnerships to assist with workload. These partnerships may include support for routine administrative tasks and site

The board of supervisors has been actively engaged in streamlining strengthening our relationships with cannabis regulations within the Mendocino County Code, approving a streamlined cannabis regulation a transparent, efficient, and supportive ordinance on May 23, 2023, and environment for all involved."

The Mendocino Cannabis Department approving a contract for a programmatic is pleased to announce the resumption environmental impact report. The State of operations at 860 North Bush Street, of California has agreed to be the lead agency for site-specific environmental reviews after the completion of the this announcement recently, highlighting EIR. Additionally, the state granted the department's commitment to an additional year for the transition of provisional licenses to annual licenses.

> Throughout this period, the Cannabis Department has made significant progress in supporting the Cannabis Program. Expanded service counter hours now ensure accessibility to the public from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5pm. Accela permitting software is also now functioning, and permit applications are being successfully processed through to license issuance. As the backlog of applications is addressed over the next year, the department's primary workload will shift from issuing licenses to processing license renewals.

Mendocino Cannabis Department Senior Planner Matt Goines stated: We are excited to continue serving the community and look forward to stakeholders. The Mendocino Cannabis Department is committed to providing

#### PG&E hosts online town hall on wildfire season, safety outages

#### Submitted by PG&E, Santa Rosa

Pacific Gas and Electric Company invites North Coast Region customers to a virtual town hall for a wildfire season update and an overview of resources to prepare for safety outages. Customers can connect with their local leadership team, including PG&E Vice President Ron Richardson.

On Wednesday, August 9, from 5:30 to 7 pm, PG&E experts will provide a brief presentation, during which participants from Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Siskiyou, Sonoma and Trinity counties will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The event can be accessed through https://bit.ly/44k2Kxf

Or by phone: 800-857-9830; Conference ID:1377301

Or through PG&E's website, pge.com/webinars. During the webinar event, customers can:

· Learn about our wildfire season updates and safety outages you may

· Hear about safety tips and resources available to prepare for wildfire

· Connect with PG&E's regional leadership team, including PG&E Vice President, Ron Richardson

Multi-language closed captioning and American Sign Language interpretation will be available.

For the full webinar events schedule, additional information on how to join, and recordings and presentation materials from past events, visit pge.com/

More information and resources to help you and your family prepare for and stay safe in the event of an emergency can be found atsafetyactioncenter.pge.

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Submitted by Mendocino County Department

experiencing homelessness in Mendocino County.

of Social Services

Public invited to online

homelessness meeting

Come join local residents with lived experiences of

homelessness, community service providers, members of

the public, and other stakeholders of the local homeless

community in making a difference in the lives of our neighbors

Meeting

#### Senior Center menu for the week

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, August 3: Turkey Tetrazzini,

Friday, August 4: Ground Sirloin, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggies, Roll

Tuesday, August 8: Sausage Rotini Casserole, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Wednesday, August 9: Ground Beef Tacos, Rice & Beans

Thursday, August 10: Salisbury Steak w/ Roll, Green Salad, Mashed Potatoes &

Friday, August 11: Teriyaki Chicken Stir-Fry Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning

#### Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday.

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

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826.

# Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in

Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Monday, August 7: Cheeseburger, Pickle,

from 9 to 10 am.

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Above, from left: This week, Edenberry Farm brought a variety of cherry tomatoes along with their other vegetables. Denise Bartolomei of Mi Distinctive Tastes offers an eclectic selection of flavored oils, vinegars, and stuffed olives. Mulligan Gardens offers several varieties of mushrooms, vegetables, herbs and greens. Below: Zoe Chiniaeff and Alea Foley make homemade fruity



Summer

Offerings

Willits Farmers Market offers veggies,

berries, mushrooms, handmade popsicles,

soaps, gifts, and more

"The market is doing well," said Willits Farmers Market Manager Michael Foley, of

have fruit and the Willits Weekly. Nuestra Alianza is here. The Willits

Library comes for Tobin's Tales. We have a hospitality tent which

has misters on it for hot weather. We'll be outside in this location

Green Uprising Farm. "We have more produce vendors than we have had in years. We

When the market opens at 3 pm at its current location in the old Rexall parking lot,

Other mostly organic vegetables can be found in the two rows of pop-up tents lining

the area. On the corner of Main and Mendocino streets, the Nuestra Alianza booth

disseminates information for services available to the Latino community, such as free

COVID testing, tax help, and many other necessities of life. And as always, Willits Weekly

Deborah Knoles of Moonflower Tea Co. offers unique blends of refreshing teas. "I am

a seller of puerh which is a specialty tea which comes out of the Puerh region of the

southernmost tip of China. This tea goes through a double fermentation. On the second

fermentation, it becomes enzyme-activated and breaks down the bitter tannins, and so

you can let your pot sit at room temperature overnight and reheat it and it always tastes

Reza's Breadery is becoming a Willits standard in fresh organic sourdough boules. A

rotating selection of breads can be found, including classic sourdough, Seedalicious (with

five kinds of seeds), and jalapeño cheddar. Reza Ghannadan also creates focaccias.

Read the rest of

Market

exactly the same," said Knoles as she prepared her specialty iced chai teas.

SPARETIME

-GARDEN CENTER-

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consumers crowd the booths to try and find the best produce before they miss out on the

until the end of November."

few early tomatoes that are currently available.

Cinnamon roll, garlic rosemary tomato,

and garlic parmesan are three of the

varieties available.

is present, with the latest and some past editions for free.

Mathew Caine





these summe At bottom, from left: Mic Rueb of Mulligan Gardens takes a turn at handling the vendor Ryo of Hatake Farm Kitchen Dog Farm's

Above: Mary

and Richard

Loving Care

healthy greens

Ghannadan of

Reza's Breader

explains his

varieties of

sourdough to

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At left, from

top: Reza

Caudle of Tender

booth for fresh vegetables to utilize in his Japanese cuisine. Sacha Droina offers complimentary reflexology sessions to introduce the

therapy to prospective







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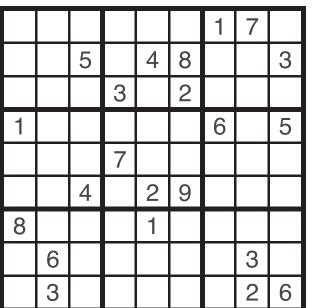
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# Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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**ENJOYMENT** 

**ENTERTAINMENT** 

FAIR

**FAMILY** 

FERRIS WHEEL

**FIELD** 

**FIREWORKS** 

**FUNNEL CAKE** 

26

50

55

ELCAKES

#### 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!

North Main Street. July 11

> pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Madrone Street and issued a

> the 1600 block of South Main Street and 7:54 pm: Officers initiated a fraud

investigation in the 800 block of South Main 9:21 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle

Meadowbrook Drive and Crest Drive.

am: PRITCHARD, Gabrallia Marie (21) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (drugs and the 1700 block of South Main Street and

of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

11:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main

The rest of

Our volunteers also educate Camp Wente Boy Scouts at Station 54 on will benefit the community immensely. Commercial Street every Wednesday. The Boy Scouts learn how to use a fire extinguisher, simple first aid, and how to spray water from the water tender for fire simulation. They are also shown a video of how fire develops with oxygen and lack of Assistant Michelle Schnitzius, will help with

closed doors to open doors.

fire chief until further notice. Administrative

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Cash See us out and about? At the Farmers Market? We are happy to take

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

**ADMISSION** 

**AMUSEMENT** 

ANNUAL

BAND

**BOOTH** 

CARNIVAL

**CORN DOG** 

**COTTON CANDY** 

- 1. Indicates tire pressure
- 4. Request 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male 12. Scandinavian god of battle
- 13. Cloths spread on a coffin
- 15. Breeze through 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. It's good to take them
- 21. Noble-governed territory 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Card game resembling
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people

rummy

- 27. Left 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. S. American plant
- 35. Prohibit 36. Offense
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Greek City 47. Makes unhappy

- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Medical instrument 55. Promote
- 56. A beloved carb 57. Tag the base runner to get him out
- 59. Prehistoric people 60. Large African antelope 61. Vehicle

1. Plant of the nettle family

5. A bag like structure in a

plant or animal

8. Lists of course

requirements

65. Attempt

2. Fit to be sold

3. Rather

4. Collected

6. Patella

7. Ageless

9. Pokes at

13. TV network

- 29. Taxi 31. Helps little firms 62. Georgia rockers 32. Woeful 63. Scientific instrument
- 33. Midway between (abbr.) northeast and east 64. A major division of 37. Glowing geological time
- 39. An informal body of **CLUES DOWN** 
  - 40. Intrinsic nature

14. They \_\_\_

17. Cooking hardware

20. Iron-containing compound

22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)

27. Former French coin

countermeasures

28. Electronic

18. U.S. Army title

41. Neural structures 42. Brews

38. Tasks which should be

- 43. Where ships unload cargo 44. Singer
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.) 48. Southwest Scotland town 49. Most worthless parts
- 51. Viscous 52. Put to work 53. Old world, new

**Summary of Active Investigations** and Arrests July 10

this 7-day reporting period.

12:20pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

Department handled 86 incidents in

The officers of the Willits Police July 13

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE LOG** 

July 3 to July 9

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

10:42 am: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 1400 block of Willow

6:10 pm: ESTES, Ashleigh Anne (38)

of Garberville was contacted in the 100

block of East Commercial Street. She

was arrested on misdemeanor charges of

11:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop

in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue and

12:10 am: Officers conducted a stop

9:36 am: Officers conducted a stop near

the intersection of Walnut Street and South

1:12 pm: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 100 block of South Main

10:01 pm: ROBINSON, Satasha Sue (49) of Willits was contacted in the 1100 block

of South Main Street. She was arrested

pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication)

and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

12:02 am: Officers conducted a stop in

10:51 am: Officers conducted a stop

9:40 pm: Officers responded to a

7:19 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

9:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

10:01 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

800 block of South Main Street and issued

the 800 block of South Main Street and

disturbance in the 300 block of Boscabelle

near the intersection of Alder Lane and Elm

the 1300 block of South Main Street and

conduct (drugs and alcohol).

Lane and issued a citation.

Avenue and issued a warning.

in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue and

violation of probation.

issued a citation

issued a citation

July 14

July 15

1:28 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 400 block of South Main Street and issued

9:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of

11:43 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation

7:20 pm: Officers conducted a stop in issued a citation.

theft investigation near the intersection of

**GAMES** 

LEMONADE

LIVESTOCK

LOCAL

MUSIC

**PARKING** 

**RAFFLE** 

**VISITORS** 

11:22 am: Officers responded to a report

Street. From page 1

and the parade. We certainly are blessed for all of the time our volunteers donate

oxygen in a home – the fire behavior from all the chief administration duties.

a citation.

issued a warning.

We have a new brush truck and Type III engine thanks to a USDA grant which Hopefully, we will not need them locally for fires; if so,these two new vehicles will be

Deputy Chief John Thomen is the acting

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#### Looking for something to celebrate?

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

August 3: National Watermelon Day, Cream Day, Aged Care Employee Day, National Grab Some Nuts Day, Clean Your Floors Day, Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day, National Big Forehead Day, National Hair Gloss Day

August 4: National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, National Coast Guard Day, Assistance Dog Day, Braham Pie Day, Hooray For Kids Porch Day, National Dollar Day, Digital Day, International Clouded Leopard Day, National White Wine Day, Single Working Women's Day

August 5: National Underwear Day, National Oyster Day, Blogger Day, Green Peppers Day, International Traffic Light Day, National Couscous Day, National Dash Cam Day, Sandcastle Day, Work Like A Dog Day August 6: National Root Beer Float Day, National Fresh Breath Day, National Wiggle Your Toes Day, Balloons To Heaven Day, Corporate Baby Name Day, Cycle To Work Day, Farmworker Appreciation Day, Hiroshima Day, International Sailor Moon Day, National Gossip Day, Psychic Day

August 7: Purple Heart Day, National

Beach Party Day, National Sea Serpent Day, Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day, Professional Speakers Day

August 8: National Happiness Happens Day, National Frozen Custard Day, National Sneak Some Zucchini Into Your Neighbor's Nomad Day, Dying To Know Day, Global Sleep Under The Stars Night, International Cat Day, International Infinity Day, National Braiders Day, National Cbd Day, National Mochi Day, National Perler Day, National Pickleball Day, National Tarantula Appreciation Day, National Zucchini Day, Odie Day, Scottish Wildcat Day, The Date To Create, Top 8 Challenge Day, Wear Your Mother's Jewelry Day

August 9: National Billiards And Pool Day. Book Lover's Day, National Rice Pudding Day, National Veep Day, International Coworking Day, International Day Of The World's Indigenous People, National Hand Holding Day, National Polka Day, National Lighthouse Day, National Raspberries N' Psychiatric Technician Appreciation Day

#### 'A Pressing Affair' at the Museum for August 5 Art Walk

#### Submitted by Mendocino **County Museum**

The Mendocino County Museum will be open and FREE from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on Saturday, August 5, for the East Commercial Street Art Walk.

Enjoy a night-out at the Museum that celebrates history. creativity, and fun! Carve a tiny linocut stamp, make letterpressinspired notecards, and try your hand at making a found object monoprint, while you listen to the many sounds of Majide

Majide - vocalist Machiko Shimada from Tokyo, Japan, joined by pianist Paul Kemp and bassman Bear Kamoroff will perform jazz and Latin and American standards from the 1930s and 1940s.

Come listen to special guest Tom Allman share his experience making apple cider, and enjoy our pop-up cider-inspired exhibit. This event will surely get you in the mood for fall and fair season.

The Willits Rotary will be on site to host a refreshing fundraiser to benefit the Mendocino County

Roots of Motive Power will open the engine house and provide tours.

For more information, please visit www.mendocinocounty.org/ museum or contact the Museum at museum@mendocinocounty. org or 707-234-6365.

#### **ART WALK** E. COMMERCIAL STREET WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS IMAGINATION STATION CREATIVES AREA KEMMY'S PIES WILLITS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILLITS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM



Roots of Motive Powe





Sound of Freedom

#### **TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM**

(PG) 1 hr 39 mins Fri.-Thurs.:

2:45, 5:15 & 7:45pm

Movie Times for Aug. 4 thru Aug. 10

#### (PG13) 1 hr 54 mins

**BARBIE** 

Fri.-Sun.:

2:00, 4:45 & 7:30pm

Mon.-Thurs.:

4:45 & 7:30pm

(R) 3 hrs Fri.-Thurs: 3:15 & 7:00pm **OVER 21 CLUB -**Luxury Recliners

**OPPENHEIMER** 

Tightwad Tuesday Title for August 8 is in RED. All tickets at just \$6!

# **Victor Zenos Hanson** October 6, 1936-July 24, 2023

In an effort to keep Victor alive in our hearts, my family and I have decided to celebrate his life by sharing our memories of him — his generosity, his happy spirit and his lust for life, unequaled by anyone else we have ever known.

Living with Victor was an adventure. He spread energy and enthusiasm everywhere he went. He jumped into projects with glee and survived setbacks like a punching bag dummy. He rarely got angry, cried like a baby when a cat or dog died, flirted like a love-sick teenager with everyone — beautiful women, old men, children, dogs, cats, and donkeys. He loved to build, anything and everything — bird houses, planter beds, cabinets, decks, stairs, tiny houses, monasteries.

Being part of Victor's life was a journey I wouldn't trade for anything. I will miss him greatly and will always be thankful for the finest gifts he could have given me — spontaneity and the courage to chase adventure. Victor, you will always be in my heart.

#### <u>Iennifer</u>, <u>Victor's favorite older daughter</u>

Our dad was generous and kind. He celebrated artists, underdogs, community and family. He had a profound ability to connect with people and make each person feel seen and heard. He was active in local government, serving twice on the Willits City Council because he believed in fixing what he could, and when he fixed something he made it better than it was. He shared his love of being outdoors. He expected us to try new things and go after our dreams. He opened our

home and welcomed our foster siblings, friends and chosen family. He loved classical and contemporary art and music. He taught us the value of an honest day's work and helping others. A part of his legacy will always be the sidewalks, rooftops, homes, and buildings in multiple communities that are built better because of our dad. Katie, Joe, Nick, Alex, and Jackson, Victor's favorite younger daughter and family

Our dad, father-in-law, papa, liked simple things- a hot cup of coffee, a cold mug of beer, a sturdy pair of boots, a good joke, and a hearty laugh. He was a guy's guy — a hunter, fisherman, Navy Seabee, builder - who was happiest fishing in a stream or sitting by a fire. He worked with his hands and was amazing with a hammer and nails, offered sage advice when asked and huge bear hugs when greeting and saying so long. He collected coins, stamps, and funny gadgets, was enraptured by opera and played a mean harmonica. He loved his toys - his helicopter, camper van, golf cart, 3-wheeled

#### cargo bike and his many furry pets. He accepted people for who they were and didn't judge them for their life choices. He had an innate ability to establish relationships with people and keep them in his life long-term – a trait we should all aspire to. He was likeable, funny, caring, self-made, creative and will be greatly missed by many. We'll miss the delight he took in making kids giggle, the messages he left on our voicemail when he was just checking in, and the way he adored his family. We'll miss how he would unabashedly tear up in life's sentimental moments and how he could laugh raucously over simple jokes. We'll miss the hugs. And we'll miss how he could make us feel that life was going to be okay if we hold on to the things that matter most - family, friends, and laughter.

#### David, favorite son

Even though I am his only son, he liked to call me his favorite son, which always made me smile. One of the many things I am grateful for is how he could be a very patient teacher. That ranged from teaching me how to set up a fishing pole and cast as a kid, how to use tools and fix things, and how to build a house from the ground up. All great experiences and skills for me to have and treasure.

When I think of Victor the word "generous" comes to mind. He was generous with his laugh, his resources, his time, his talent and his trust in others. But most of all, I remember his generous soul as he spent many hours sitting by the bedside of his dying mother-in-law, my sister's and my mother.

#### Dave, brother-in-law

He was REAL!!

#### Kristi, niece

Victor's best advice ever, which I most recently took to heart while standing in line to buy a 3- scoop gelato: Screw the "shoulds"!

#### Tyrrell, Kristi's husband

Victor lived a full life and had the stories to prove it. He brought good-natured observations and a ready wit to every conversation. He always wanted you to feel in

#### on the joke, whether you were 7 or 97 years old.

Owen, age 11, great-nephew One of the best times I ever had with Uncle Victor is when he let us ride around in his

#### golf cart. Then he let us run next to the golf cart! Tristan, Owen's twin brother

Mine is also the time that Victor let us be in the golf cart and get ice cream! As a kid, I never quite knew whether to believe his stories or whether he was pulling

#### my leg. Favorite memories: the fishing trip with Juan (where we shared Yukon Jack

and sour gummi worms) and numerous visits to Willits with so much laughter and genuine interest in our lives. Tom, Erika's husband

I remember that Victor was always building something (houses, winery, etc.) I remember tasting the stinky-sock wine and drinking beer and listening to Victor's stories about all the stuff he had done.

#### Wyatt, age 12, great-nephew

Shared birthday parties on October 6!

#### Cooper, age 10, great-nephew

Victor taught me how to shake hands: a good firm handshake with a squeeze!

#### These are the lessons that we learned: \*Adopt a kitten or puppy \*\*Take flying lessons

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Say hello to everyone you see today **Build** a monastery \*\*Take care of your family Always look for the best in everyone

Be the best you can at whatever you do. ☼Do good and be good!

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

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Above: Natalie Johnson, 11, is bringing her market sheep, Nyomi to the fair. This is her fifth year with the Potter Valley 4-H, and her second year raising a market animal. "Nyomi is super-friendly," Photos courtesy Dolores Johnson

#### Animal exhibitors readying for Redwood Empire Fair

Submitted by the Redwood Empire Fair

Empire Fair. On Tuesday, trucks and trailers were lined up from the animal barns to the entrance as they waited to have their animals weighed in and approved for exhibition.

4-H and FFA leaders, along with family members, accompanied exhibitors and their animals to their assigned pens, many of which were being decorated in the fair's "Jungle of Fun" theme. Animals were being washed, bedded down and fed, and families were unpacking - preparing for the long weekend of competition which culminates with Saturday's livestock auction – one of the most successful in the state of California.

This year's Sheep Showmanship and the Market and Breeding Sheep Show takes place on Thursday, August 3 at 8 am.

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

Breeding Beef takes place on Thursday at com/summer-fair.



The Primary Goats and Breeding Goat events take place on Friday at 1:30 pm, with the Pygmy Goat Show to follow at 2 pm. The Round Robin Large Animal Showmanship event is 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, with the Junior Livestock Auction starting at 10:30 am at the Racine

On Thursday, August 3, children 6-12 years old and seniors 65 and older are admitted to the fair for 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 phone (707) 462-3884, visit the Redwood Empire Fair's Facebook Beef Showmanship, Market and page or https://www.redwoodempirefair.



Above, left: Richard Bolton of the Willits 4H with his Reserve Grand Champion and 4-H champion market goat, left, and Danielle Estrada of the Willits FFA, with her Supreme Grand Champion and FFA Grand Champion market goat. Above, right: Brett Rountree of the Willits FFA sweeps up for barn duty at the 2023 Redwood Empire Fair. Below, left: Justin Rountree of the Willits 4-H with his market turkey. Below right: Members of the Willits 4-H smile together by the swine sign in the barns including, from left: Alissa Randrup, Tessa Klee, Tinley Logan, Emma Defranco, and Ella Randrup.



Below: A welcome sign hangs on the Randrup family trailer in memory of Greg Randrup, Willits FFA advisor and Ag teacher who passed away several years ago. His granddaughters are now showing at the fair, and many of us fondly remember Greg's affectionate greetings from fair days from the distant past.







Above: Firefighters gather at the Skunk Train's Bridge 15.03, after a fire was reported July 27. Below: A firefighter wets down the burning ties on the bridge.

#### Skunk Train thanks agencies for quick response to 15.03 Bridge fire

Submitted by Mendocino Railway

July 28, 2023 - Mendocino Railway, the owner, and operator of the California Western Railroad / Skunk Train, a Class III common carrier, would like to extend its gratitude to the swift and coordinated efforts of CAL FIRE's Mendocino Unit and other responding agencies in containing Fire. the Camp Three Bridge Fire known as the "Spurs Fire."

The incident was first reported early yesterday [July 27], when it came to our attention that a fire had broken out at Camp Three, affecting Bridge 15.03, about 15 miles east of the Fort Bragg end of the line. At the time of the report, the extent of the fire was unknown, and it was unclear which bridge was affected. However, we can confirm that there were no trains running over this bridge, only railbikes, and nothing since yesterday morning.

CAL FIRE promptly dispatched a helicopter to assess the situation and confirmed the presence of smoke, subsequently initiating water drops to combat the flames. Fortunately, the fire's rapid containment was achieved, and the helicopter returned to base with no other air attacks needed, indicating no further rate of

We would like to emphasize that the safety of our passengers, employees, and the environment is of utmost importance to us. We have been actively collaborating with local, state, and federal authorities to address issues of illegal trespass and arson along the line.

Recently, there was an incident at Camp Novo where someone was forced off the premises, and we also experienced a couple of small fires along the right of way before, which were promptly investigated in coordination with CAL FIRE and Little Lake

The Camp Three area, nestled along the picturesque Noyo River, holds a special significance for us, with its scenic S-turn through a narrow gorge and twin bridges. Unfortunately, the bridge's location at 15.03 makes it virtually inaccessible, making firefighting efforts challenging.

As a federally regulated railroad, we are taking all necessary security precautions and have informed the Transportation Security Administration through their Transportation Security Operations Center to potentially enlist additional resources, ensuring the utmost safety and efficiency in handling such incidents.

Mendocino Railway once again expresses heartfelt appreciation to CAL FIRE's Mendocino Unit, the helicopter crew, and all other responding agencies for their dedication and professionalism in managing the fire in such rugged terrain.

No damage was done to the steel support structure of the bridge, and new deck ties have been sourced and are enroute for a timely repair and reopening of the track.

For further updates or inquiries, please visit www.skunktrain.com or contact Robert Pinoli at ripinoli@sierrarailroad.com

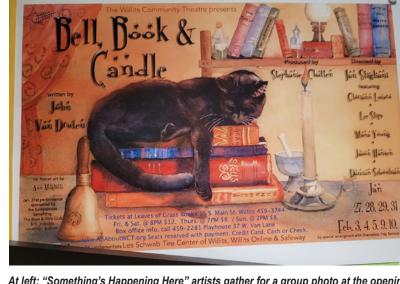




Above: Willits exhibitors pose together including, from left: Dayana Estrada, Kayden Paullus, Ivan Estrada, Danielle Estrada, Catie Spackman, Lisa Arkelian Dana Arkelian. At left: Usually seen around the barn with goats and showing since she was 6 years old, this year is the first time Tess Klee is bringing a hog to fair. She's making sure to take care of "Maple" with a cool towel and fresh water on these warm summer days. Below: Willits dudes in the pig barn including, from left: Gunner Globe, Tanner







At left: "Something's Happening Here" artists gather for a group photo at the opening of the Grace Hudson exhibit. Above: Longtime Willits artist and teacher Ann Maglinte created many posters, including this one, for the Willits Community Theatre. Below, left: A cozy tableau greets visitors at the Back to the Land exhibit at the Grace Hudson Museum. Below, right: Willits artist Linda MacDonald created her quilt "Spotted Owl vs. Chainsaw" as part of a logging protest during Redwood Summer of 1990.

# 'Something's Happening Here'

Artistic reflections on the Back to the Land movement at Grace Hudson Museum

To walk into the Grace Hudson Museum this summer is to take a step back in time. The "Something's Happening Here" exhibit evokes the heady days of the early Back to the Land movement, when rural living

Margi Gomez Guhde generation

way of life that would include farming. house building, communal living, and exploring artistic expression.

The exhibit showcases 35 artists from all over Mendocino County. Eight of the artists represented came from Willits, with many more from adjacent North County areas.

The day she graduated from college in 1971, painter Judy Chance Hope and her husband Charles set out to find land. "We began learning all we could about being self-sufficient," said Chance Hope, "growing our own food and building our home. It was hard work and great fun."

After a wildfire destroyed their Sonoma County home, the couple and baby daughter bought raw land outside of Willits and started all over again. "I like to paint water, trees, rocks, sky - things that will hopefully survive human exploitation – and share my reverence for these things"

Chance Hope describes the Back to the Land movement as a noble idea, and a reaction to war, materialism, and environmental exploitation. "I hope some young folks can enjoy what we had. This exhibit gives a glimpse into the diversity of ideas that we all brought ... a bit of chaos with a common thread, the love of nature.

Ann Maglinte moved from San Jose to the hills above Willits in 1977, drawing inspiration from the redwoods, the valley fog, the oaks, and the wildflowers surrounding her home. Watercolor is her favorite medium, and she still teaches watercolor at Mendocino College. She spent years designing posters for the Willits Community Theatre, many of which were on display at "Something's Happening

Maglinte feels that the exhibit conveys the feeling of that era, and of the people who were part of the Back to the Land movement. "We were looking for a community of like-minded people, and we found it," she shared Linda MacDonald and her husband.

Bob Comings, left the Bay Area in 1970 to

Museum Over on page 15



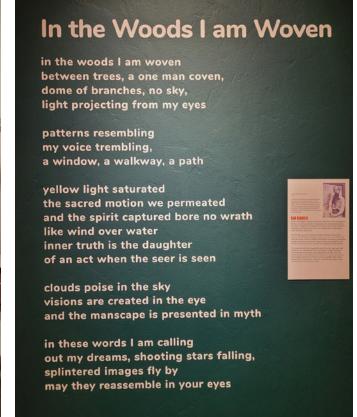


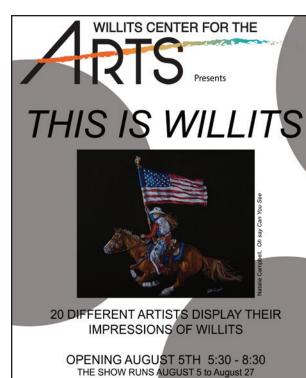


McHone with colorful 3D Below, from left Ann Maglinte with her worl at the Grace Hudson Brooktrails Back to the Land artist **Judy Chance** Hope with her painting. "Manzanita in the Snow." "In the Woods I am Woven," by Dan Roberts. Photos by Margi













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#### What's Happening Around Town Thursday, August 3 Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for the

**ART WALK** 

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Art Walk at the Museum: Celebrate history parking lot. The freshest local produce, local at the Mendocino County Museum with a free meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty community event during the Commercial Street treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Art Walk, Saturday, August 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 Weekly, and more. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales" pm. We will explore a variety of printmaking techniques, hand-press apple cider, and enjoy live music with Majide. You can also visit the engine room with Roots of Motive Power. 400 'Wild Things' Animal Presentation: East Commercial Street. Wrap up the Willits Library's Summer

season on Main Street at the old Rexall

story time from 3:30 to 4 pm.

Friday, August 4

Reading program with amazing

animals from around the world. Friday,

August 4 from 1 to 2 pm. The Conservation

Ambassadors' Wild Things program rescues

wildlife and teaches awareness through sharing the

stories of the animals that have been saved. Come

meet these extraordinary creatures and hear their

tales! 390 East Commercial Street.

'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. Second weekend shows:

August 4, 5, and 6. Fri/Sat: 7 pm; Sun: 2 pm.

This condensed version of Shakespeare

classic of romance and magic features 30

young actors ages 7 to 13 performing the

passion, humor and fantasy of the bard's

wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

Saturday, August 5

Commercial Street.

listing for more details.

behind Imagination Station.'

original poetry—along with the use of love potions

and other mischiefs. \$10; available online at www.

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,

August4 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

Willits Library Read-a-Thon: The final push for the

Summer Reading program. Saturday, August 5, from

10 to 11 am and 12 to 1 pm. Come and read with us

to get the last of your reading log hours in. 390 East

'A Midsummer Night's Dream': Willits Community

Theatre's summer camp kids' production

at Willits High School, 7 pm. See August4

August Vendors Faire: Mendo Crafts

Vendors are part of the Art Walk this

month, Saturday, August 5 from 4 to 9

pm. "During the street fair you can find

us in the parking lot across from the park

**Inland Democrats** 

meet August 10

Club invites you to join us at our monthly

meeting, Thursday, August 10,at 6:30 pm

for an hour with Annie Barbour, California

liaison for the nonprofit consumer advocacy

organization United Policyholders. Barbour

The Inland Mendocino Democratic

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,

Imagination Station, and the Willits Center for the Arts, with August pop-ups in Imagination Station.

the courtyard next to at BACE after party (located conveniently next to Northspur Brewing Co.) More info. TRTS. including if you're interested in having a pop

'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 Acoustic rock at WCT: Acoustic rock guitarist Clay

up, at: www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Hawkins and bassist Andrew Robertson play the Community Theatre on Saturday, August 5 at 7:30 pm. Mendo crafts presents Blending rapid-fire

fingerstyle slide guitar with the standup bass, the pair perform what's been described as Late Night, Boot Stomping,

music takes listeners on a ride through backyards, alleys, barrooms and halls. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www. wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door. Sean Lehe at Shanachie:

Music from the Heart. Their

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, 2 pm matinee. See August 4 listing for more details.

#### Wednesday, August 9

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'UFOs': part of the Paranormal Discussions series, second Wednesdays at the Willits Library, Wednesday, August9, 4:30 to 6:45 pm. "Flying Saucers? Weather Balloons? Humans with one too many appendages? Or could it be a genuine UFO? Join us as we show the film, "Fire in the Sky" and talk about the UFO phenomenon. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info:

#### Thursday, August 10

707-459-5908.

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.

Eli Lev at Shanachie: Maryland-based singer songwriter of "Indie Folk Americana Music for the Soul." Thursday, August 10 at 7 pm Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

# Bereavement Support Group

learn the symptoms of grief, as well as to recognize the individual nature of its 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.

# event in this calendar section?

Email us! Posters, information and details are always welcome for events in Willits, Laytonville and Covelo.

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#### Friday, August 11

Art Talks at WCA: as part of Willits Center for the Arts' continuing series of "Art Talks, George O'Hanlon, technical director of Natural Pigments, presents "The Origins of Color: Secrets of the Old

no greater influence than that of the Old Masters. We admire their luminous and harmonious colors. Where did the colors come from? How did they achieve the glowing pictures we admire so well?" O'Hanlon, who has presented at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., will show us the origin of the pigments and how the Old Masters used them in their masterpieces. Friday, August 11 at 6:30 pm, upstairs at the Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org or 707-459-1726.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every week on Mondays, 6:30 pm, at the Muse in Willits 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info:

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

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

60 or older), and diapers.

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

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: bbruneau@

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

#### Ongoing Events

Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired

South Main Street.

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

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the

Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street.

Masters."Western art has had

mercy of stinky gross gun-waving scum who

Friday, August 11, 2023

Dan Essman

#### Thoughts:

make serious capital

Despite the danger

to himself, Ballard

sets off to find the

children.

Watching a crowd-funded, independently made exploitation flick featuring confused and terrified children being kidnapped was not (absolutely not) anything I wanted to see. I expected bad cheese. But this is in essence (allegedly) a true story, and it is about the actual rescue and return of missing children to their parents.

I was gratified to find that "Sound of Freedom" is an emotionally moving and well-made thriller. Yes. there are creepy guys. And yes, there are lost and terrified children. But despite what's implied (and thank heaven for large favors), there is nothing sexually graphic portrayed. While noting how the hunger for money gives birth to slime and to evil, the flick celebrates the existence in our world of very real heroes.

Parents: Are you kidding? Don't even think of bringing your children.

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

#### Shanachie Pub Ongoing **Events**

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

Saturday Scramble: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any instrument you can play and sign up to perform a 15-minute set with other local musicians. "Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!"

Bluegrass String Jam: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm – welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which members from out of the area may

#### Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org

**Story Time:** Tuesday through Friday each week, 10:30 to 11 am. "Start your morning listening to a story. Join us in the children's area of the library."

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to noon. "We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a cup of joe.'

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

Writer's Block Group: Wednesdays, from 11 am to noon. "Open to young-adult and adult writers to share their ideas and writings in an environment of supportive and creative suggestions and feedback." Willits Library meeting room.

Games at the Library: First and third Fridays of the month,4 to 5:30 pm. "Calling all board, card and tabletop role-playing game players! All ages and player levels welcome. Bring your own games to add to the fun!"

Sit-N-Sew: second Saturdays, August 12this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in – bring your sewing project and have fun.

Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and Engineering Club: Every Saturday except the third Saturday of the month, 11 am to noon. "Open to everyone with an interest in open source and everyone who wants to develop their creative and engineering skills."

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30

#### Willits Walk and Talk

Starting in August, join the Willits Branch Library staff for a 20 to 30-minute walk around the neighborhood. Come enjoy a little bit of exercise as well as some pleasant conversation. All ages are welcome. This new event will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am, and we will meet at the front entrance to the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or wcavolunteercoordinator@ call the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

# SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

#### Agape **Bible Church** 290 S. Lenore Ave.

Willits, CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship dult Sunday School 9:00 a.m Info? 707-459-1905 ww.agapebiblechurch.com

#### **Amazing Grace** Assembly of God Church 803 Coast Street

P.O. Box 489, Willits Worship Service - 5:00 p.m.

#### Church

Vhat must we do to be saved Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023

Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study-7-8:00 p.m.

#### **Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints 265 Margie Drive Willits, ČA 95490

ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

ckankar: The Path Sound of Soul events Membership Discourses •Spiritual Discussions More information?

#### **Grace Community** Church

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits

For appointments call:

#### St. Anthony of Padua

Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times:

459-2252 Sunday Mass inside: 9:00 a.m. English 10:30 a.m. Spanish Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m

# St. Francis

707-272-0177 Call for information. *ALL ARE WELCOME* The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

#### St. John Lutheran Church

Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME

# Willits Seventh-Day

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 399 W. Mendocino Ave.

A place to find comfort where all are welcome Pastor Rosemary Landry Sunday Worship at 10:30 am 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855 wumc@willitsonline.com www.willitsumc.org
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#### If you want to be included ir this column please call: **April Tweddell** (707) 972-2475

#### 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 gmail.com or 904-295-9481

# Avenues to Wellness presents a

This facilitated 8-week group starting August 10 provides an opportunity to 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 Howard Foundation. Visit: avenuestowellness.org

# Want to include your community

Deadline for each calendar is Monday for Thursday publication!

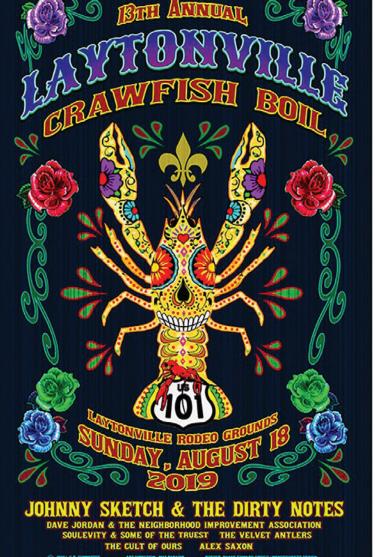
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Above: Andrew Robertson, bass, and Clay Hawkins, guitar, perform as part of the Willits Community Theatre's music series on Saturday, August 5.

#### Acoustic rock with Clay Hawkins and Andrew Robertson at WCT, August 5

#### By Steve Hellman for WCT

Local acoustic rock guitarist Clay Hawkins and bassist Andrew Robertson will play the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, August 5 at 7:30pm. Blending rapid-fire fingerstyle slide guitar and honest, heartfelt songwriting, Hawkins creates his own unique brand of acoustic rock. With longtime co-conspirator Robertson on the upright bass, the pair perform what's been described as, "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart," or, as the band calls it, "Mountain House."

Count in the influences of Neil Young, John Fahey, The Black Keys, Nick Cave, and even Radiohead for the duo's well-worn, lush style. Whether it's backyards, back alleys, barns, barrooms or banquet halls, these boys have been there at the center of whatever crowd had formed. Clay's music unfolds naturally, taking the listener on a ride that is entirely his own, while this pair hang their hats in Mendocino Countyand count themselves lucky.

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#### Submitted by WCA

"This is Willits" at the Willits Center for the Arts is a great showcase of local talent. The show will be all about your town, Willits.

With 20 artists exhibiting their photographs from the Willits Photography Club, and paintings by 14 painters, there will be a diverse range of artwork to appreciate. Artists from Willits were invited to show their talent.

Opening on Saturday, August 5 at 5:30 pm, in conjunction with the Willits Art Walk, this show provides a wonderful opportunity to explore the art scene and support the artists and your Art Center. The month-long exhibition, running from August 5 to August 30, allows plenty of time to visit the location at 71 East Commercial Street. Galleries are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Enjoy the show!



Above: Pianist Maggie Graham enjoys the newly acquired Chickering baby grand piano upstairs at the Willits Center for the

# Chickering baby grand piano

now at the Art Center

Proudly announcing a new addition to our Willits Center for the Arts: A Chickering baby grand piano. Word came around via an email last week that this beautiful, quality, made-in-America piano was being offered by a couple in Petaluma, free to a good home.

Gary Martin, celebrated member of the art center board, jumped right in, wanting to claim it for our art center. Maggie Graham, long time former piano teacher here, volunteered to go with him to check it out in Petaluma to offer her pianist's perspective.

It garnered an immediate "yes" from both and, then, getting it moved to Willits became the issue. Scoops Frozen Yoghurt & Deli and Graham covered the moving cost, and Graceful Hands, professional movers from Redwood Valley, moved it to the Art Center last Saturday - up that long flight of stairs to the second floor, where it now acclimates to a new environment and awaits a good

The current piano, a console (taller than a spinet, shorter than an upright) that has served as the piano for the Art Center in past years is now available, free for the taking.

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# **Chief Planner** \$95,846 - \$116,500

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\$70,387 - \$99,028 **Vocational Assistant** \$37,024 - \$38,875

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#### The rest of

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Felix and Yiping, who used to offer a variety of succulents, currently create over 40 different types of salsas, from mild without peppers to very caliente. They additionally have handmade tamales at times.

Denise Bartolomew, of Mi Distinctive Tastes, has been bringing her oils and balsamic reductions to the market for several years and has a wide selection of these as well as olives stuffed with garlic, blue cheese, or jalapeño.

Richard and Mary Caudle, fairly new to the market, having been at the location for about a month, offer a variety of sprouts from their Tender Loving Care Microgreens, which "are the infant stage of an adult plant. But they are 40 percent higher in nutrients," remarked Richard.

Black Dog Farm always has fresh vegetables, including heirloom tomatoes, eggplant, squashes, beets, etc. from Ridgewood Ranch. Jesse Tanning has several vegetables including potatoes and peppers, as well as a selection of

One of the Rueb brothers, Mic or Ben, can usually be found at the Mulligan Gardens booth, selling Ben's oyster, lion's mane, or shitake mushrooms, along with lavender, blueberries, and a variety of seasonal vegetables. "Just trying to help the land reach its fullest potential while protecting my environment," explained Mic Rueb.

Amanda Fairall's big blue trailer is usually at the market, in which she makes and sells hot foods and sweet treats.

Irene's Garden is known for their very fine garlic bulbs and granulated garlic. Additionally, they usually have carrots, squashes, and other seasonal vegetables. "We use about a pound of garlic for every 4-ounce jar of powder, utilizing six to seven garlic bulbs for each jar," said Mandy Kay who

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has been with Irene's for several years.

Cesareo Ruiz of Cerro Negro Farm has had some extremely plump and sweet strawberries for several

"We have greens," said Allegra Foley of Green Uprising Farm. "We do year-round salad mix, kale, chard, basil, peppers, costata squash (dense and creamy, and bigger than most squash), golden beets (often mistaken for ugly carrots, quite delicious marinated and you can eat the greens too). We have basil which we sell with the roots on them so you can put it in a jar and keep it on your counter for weeks at a time." Allegra Foley's daughter, Alea, and friend, Zoe Chiniaeff, have a separate stand selling tasty homemade popsicles with real fruit.

Scott Miller sharpens knives and blades of all kinds and donates about 80 percent of his profits to the International Rescue Committee for the refugees from the war in Ukraine, and now also for Turkey and Syria for their earthquake.

Sunshine Azucena offers her Sunshine Confections with "organic chocolates, herbal and fruit-sweetened lemonades with maple syrup." Jo Galbreath of Modern Abstract Art Company has a very colorful booth with tiedye and hand-painted clothing.

Charissa Franklin of Mermazing Scents makes soap in many colors, scents and shapes with good-for-the-skin hempseed oil. Michael Edenholm of Edenberry Farm is fairly new to the market and believes in utilizing all of what they grow. "We run a no- or low-waste farm, so any fruits or vegetables that we don't sell, we can as preserves, or make

plump blackberries and melons.

free reflexology hand sessions to introduce people to his services which he offers at Thrive Yoga. Tobin Steiskal from the Willits Library reads to the kids around 4 pm. And a rotating cadre of musicians entertain shoppers.

The Willits Farmers Market can be found on Thursdays, 3 to 5:30 pm, at the old Rexall parking lot in downtown Willits. They accept EBT and offer a 100 percent market match to double the buying power of the program.

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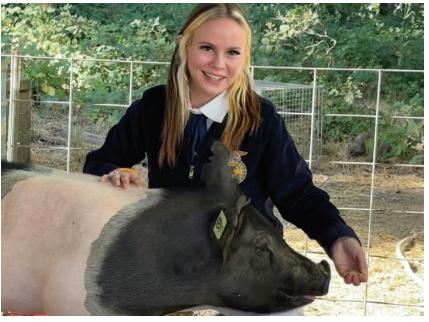
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At left: Kylee De Lapo, 18, and her pig Petunia are readying for this year's Redwood Empire Fair Livestock Auction which takes place Saturday, August 5 at 10:30 am. De Lapo has been exhibiting swine since she was 8 years old. This is her last year exhibiting at the fair.

#### Future Farmers of America exhibitor celebrates last year at the Redwood Empire Fair

Submitted by Redwood Empire Fair

Kylee De Lapo, 18, is working hard and savoring her last year as an exhibitor at the Redwood Empire Fair. A Potter Valley native and Potter Valley High graduate, she has raised swine since she was 8 years old.

"Everyone in my family raised animals," said De Lapo. "My mom raised pigs. My uncle raised pigs and lambs. My aunt raised steer and was grand champion four times.'

De Lapo has been a member of 4H and FFA.

"At first, I didn't want to raise animals," she said, "but I fell in love with pigs, with 4H, with the people and with fair. I was really scared showing during my first year. I didn't do the best, but I got very, very lucky and received \$28 per pound for my pig, so I was very thankful," she smiled. She has been saving all her money to attend

the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, located in Saint Helena, where she will begin classes in January.

This year, De Lapo will be showing Petunia, a Hampshire/ Yorkshire cross. She described the process of checking in on the first day of the fair: "The morning you bring your animals in, they go immediately on the scale. Pigs have to weigh in above 220 pounds and below 280 pounds. If your pig is freaking out and pooping, you have to keep them calm and feed them a little extra. Then they have to pass a drug test, along with being dewormed monthly."

FFA members submit a record book documenting all the activities related to raising their animals, including how they were cared for and how exhibitors spent their money.

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#### Redwood Empire Fair 2023 VIP awards winners

The Redwood Empire Fair's VIP awards honor local individuals, organizations, and businesses for their community spirit and support. This year's award-winners pose with their awards and other fair VIPs at the 2023 REF VIP dinner, which kicks off fair season. From left: Anil Bhula and Jitu Ishwar of the Fairfield Inn and Suites; Mendo Parks Interim CEO Scott Menzies; Vicky Watts of KOZT; fair board member Roberto Muniz; Marge Pardini, Blue-Ribbon Award winner; fair board member Casey Burris; Redwood Empire Fair CEO Jennifer Seward; Henry Moss of METALfx, Industrialist of the Year Award winner; and Karen Mattson, director of the Mendocino

- Redwood Empire Fair

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#### The rest of Rates

2019, as council members decided to put off already authorized rate increases during the COVID pandemic. The rates approved at the July 26 meeting are "maximum rates" - they will be reviewed by the council in future years, and increases can be reduced or eliminated if conditions change.

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The new rates for fiscal year 2023/24 took effect August 1.

In general, the presentation by consultant Erik Helgeson from Bartle Wells Associates focused on the roughly 7 percent increase planned for the 2023/24 fiscal year. But when Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez asked, "Over a five-year period, will we see a 35% increase?" the answer was

Rodriguez also asked questions about the assumed inflation rate in the study of 5% per year, and commented, "I'm thinking, inflation isn't necessarily the driving factor, it's a component of it, but isn't it really the fact that we want to make infrastructure improvements, specifically the sewer solar, that's at the heart of the rate increases?"

"Absolutely," replied Consultant Helgeson, "being able to finance the project and meet your debt service coverage requirements for financing it was a large driver of the solar being brought in. On the water system you are making a lot of improvements as well."

City Finance Director Manuel Orozco other sewer infrastructure improvements are also planned, like replacing multiple sewer mains, along with water mains. Coast Street, Highway 20. Pine Street, Laurel Street and Oak Street mains are all slated to be replaced.

Council members said they believed that putting off recovery of increased costs or failing to maintain infrastructure would only cost more if left unattended

Councilman Larry Stranske told a story about the effects of an earlier decision by Willits City Council not to raise water rates. "When I first got on the council in the early 2000s," he said, "we decided for a five-year period we wouldn't raise the water rates.... You really don't understand how much of a bite that takes, and only over a five-year period. We thought the city was just pulling the wool over our eyes; believe me the city wasn't pulling the wool over our eyes, and we paid for it, the city paid for it. I definitely go for a little bit of a rise, and especially if the solar comes on, that's really going to be a good thing for us."

Increases in monthly water bills for city residents will be slightly less for those on Tier 1 who use less waterand slightly more for those on Tier 2.Tier 1 rates are applied to accounts using 0 to 6 CCFs (a CCF equals 100 cubic feet, or 748 gallons) of water every month, and Tier 2 rates apply to accounts using more than 6 CCFs per month.

"Volumetric" water rates (based on the amount the household uses) will go from the current \$6.28 per 100 cubic feet of water for Tier 1 customers to \$6.53 in fiscal year 2023/24, to \$7.06 in fiscal year 2024/25, to \$7.52 in fiscal year 2025/26, to \$8.01 in fiscal year 2026/27, and to \$8.53 in fiscal year 2027/28. Tier 2 customers, who currently pay \$8.69 per 100 cubic feet of water, will see rates rise similarly each year, up to \$12.81 per CCF in fiscal year 2027/28.

Non-residential water customers will go from the current \$7.84 per 100 cubic feet of water to \$10.32 in fiscal year 2027/28.

Sewer rates are paid via property tax bills, not monthly. The current charge per "EDU" is \$888.40. "EDU" or "equivalent dwelling unit" is a unit of measure that is based on the flow from an average single family residence.

Under the plan, that charge will go up to \$949.46 as of August 1, 2023; up to \$1,015.95 as of 2024/25; up to \$1,087.04 in 2025/26, up to \$1,152.27 in 2026/27, and up to \$1,221.41 in 2027/28.

As part of the process of adopting new water and sewer rates, in addition to providing notice of the public hearing, the city is required to send out notices so customers can protest the proposed

If 50% plus 1 of the city's customers protest, the rate increases cannot be adopted. The City of Willits received two strike "should a strike become letters protesting the rate increases, City necessary." See the full SEIU Clerk Delores Pedersen reported.

#### Brooktrails

12 employees, and we also purchased the new, more efficient, mini-excavator (for just under \$50,000) which is a capital asset. So, those items are included in the

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Accounts Payable at this time." General Manager Alaniz also reported that her office is working on hiring a new utility worker as well as a new firefighter. She said, "Our youngest firefighter is

moving on to another position." Township Counsel Chris Neary then introduced the only item on the evening's agenda, "Consideration of Recommended Amendments to the Golf Course Operations Agreement (from the Golf Course Committee)."The golf course agreement under consideration was originally passed in May 2021.

He stated: "At the first meeting in July this board appointed a Golf Course Committee to finalize the negotiations (between the operators and the district). The first meeting of the committee was last week, and board member Tina Tyler-O'Shea was elected chairman. This committee is going to become the forum for dealing with golf course issues on an ongoing basis.

> "We collectively developed a draft of the Golf Course Agreement, and it's included in your packet tonight."

Tyler-O'Sheasaid, "We are in agreement with each item of the agreement with some minor modifications.

After a little back-and-forth discussion the Board unanimously approved the Golf Course Agreement amendments.

Brooktrails resident and Basket Beaters Disc Golf Club Captain Joe Haggard spoke and was very glad to clarify and publicly note that in the new Golf Course Agreement, disc golf, for the first time, is now identified as a permanent fixture of the Brooktrails Golf Course.

said, "and that's very exciting news!"

"I've been hoping for that," Haggard

The meeting was then adjourned.

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This change does not represent an increasing trend. COVID-19 deaths over the last 6 months in Mendocino County have declined and remain low.

COVID-19 is still in our community. People are testing positive but at low levels. We are not worried about a surge as we have seen in the past but expect cases to rise this fall and winter as we often do for respiratory illnesses like the

Be prepared for the fall and winter respiratory illness season.

Now is the time to vaccinate if you have not kept up on your boosters. The single-dose bivalent vaccine is available to almost everyone over 6 years old. including those who have never had a shot. If you are over 60 or immunecompromised, you may be eligible for a booster 4 months from your last vaccination. For children under 6. consult your healthcare provider.

If you are sick with respiratory symptoms, take a COVID-19 over-thecounter antigen test (mostly free). If you test negative, but your symptoms continue, test again in 2 days to be sure. If you have a positive test, you should isolate for 5 days. You can end isolation after a negative test if you no longer have a fever and symptoms have decreased. Wear a mask indoors if you live with vulnerable people. Be sure to have them test as well

Medication can reduce your risk of severe symptoms, hospitalization, and long COVID. If you test positive, contact your healthcare provider, or call Sesame Care at 1-888-897-1244.

If you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 but are not sick, test with an antigen test as soon as you know. Test again in 2 days to be sure. Wear a mask when you are out or around vulnerable people until you know you are not sick. If you are not ill, there is no reason to quarantine.

People over 65 years old and those with compromised immune systems should consider wearing a mask indoors with other people to prevent exposure. N95-type masks are the safest. If you are with a group of people indoors, consider increasing ventilation with open windows, doors, fans, or air conditioners.

Editor's Note: To see the state's COVID dashboard, go to https://covid19.ca.gov/ state-dashboard/#county-statewide. Scroll down to choose "Mendocino" to get Mendocino County data on deaths, testing, COVID-19 hospitalized patients, testing, ICU bed availability, and more.

#### Convicted Covelo murderer sentenced to 76 years to life

Posted by Mendocino County DA

Convicted murderer Dino Blackbear Lincoln, age 36. formerly of Covelo, was sentenced Thursday morning, July 27 in the Mendocino County Superior Court to 76 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and

Defendant Lincoln's life sentence flows from the unprovoked shooting death of 25-year-old Kenneth Whipple in September 2021.

As background, just before midnight on September 15, 2021, Lincoln and a female cousin left the Buckhorn Bar in Covelo, where they had been drinking into the night. After standing outside of the bar for a short time, the two walked southbound on the sidewalk adjacent to Highway 162 towards Greelev Street.

During this time, three vehicles passed the two pedestrians driving south. After passing Greeley Street, the three vehicles all made U-turns and then parked together facing north on the southeast comer of Highway 162 and Greeley Street. The headlights of all three vehicles remained on, providing some lighting in an otherwise dark environment.

After defendant Lincoln and his cousin reached Greelev Street, Lincoln pulled out a firearm and fired five rounds in the direction of where the three vehicles had parked. which was across the intersection and catty-corner from his

As the defendant fired in the direction of the vehicles, a business surveillance camera caught the victim - standing outside of one of the vehicles talking to others - suddenly fall backwards. It was determined by the evidence and ultimately the jury that Whipple had been shot dead by defendant Lincoln.

Lincoln was a two-time convicted felon before the murder - both prior convictions being "strikes" within the meaning of California's modified Three Strikes law -- who was prohibited by law from possessing any firearm. He had just been released from parole supervision 43 days prior to this

The law enforcement agencies that developed the evidence underlying the defendant's convictions were the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Justice forensic laboratory, the Round Valley Tribal Police Department, and the District Attorney's own Bureau of Investigations.

Assistant DA Dale P. Trigg was the trial prosecutor and represented the People at Thursday's sentencing hearing.

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Keith Faulder presided over the trial and handed down the aforementioned sentence Thursday morning.

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The Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care program has rescheduled its Annual Membership Invitation Event for Monday, August 21, as part of the next meeting of its Full Membership. This is an online zoom meeting and can be accessed at:

https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/98928818688

Meeting ID: 989 2881 8688

To see the full agenda when published, or how to join via phone, visit https://mendocinococ.org/meetings

What is a HUD Continuum of Care? The Continuum of Care is a collaboration of individuals, and agencies committed to the goal of ending homelessness in our community. This group is instrumental in bringing federal Housing and Urban Development funding into the county to assist families and individuals experiencing, or at risk of homelessness, to gain access to stable housing.

The Continuum of Care program focuses on developing solutions to homelessness that also positively impact the larger community. Community members and agency staff interested in understanding some of the issues of homelessness in Mendocino County, and working on solutions to end homelessness, are welcome to attend the public meetings.

For more information on this event or to receive future meeting invitations, resource information, and progress updates on the goal of making homelessness rare and brief in Mendocino County, please contact Veronica Wilson at wilsonv@mendocinocounty.org or (707) 468-7071.

The rest of Drowning

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individual. Sheriff's Office and fire personnel arrived shortly thereafter. Officers were unable to reach the individual because he was in a very deep section of the river.

The Little Lake Fire Department's swift-water rescue unit responded to assist. At approximately 6 pm, the swift-water rescue team was able to retrieve the deceased individual, who was later identified as Anthony Sasso, 54, of Laytonville. Sasso's next of kin was notified as a part of this investigation.

During the Coroner's Office investigation, Sheriff's Office deputies learned Sasso had gone to the river with a friend. A witness observed Sasso jumping off a rock, about 25-30 feet above the river surface, into a deep section of the river (approximately 20-25 feet deep). After jumping from the rock into the river, Sasso appeared to be in distress and sunk to the bottom of the river. Due to there being no cellular services in the area, road workers working in the area were notified and emergency services were requested.

Editor's Note: This is the third river drowning reported by MCSO this July, including a 5-year-old child in the Eel River east of Covelo on July 1, and a 47-year-old man in the Russian River near Potter Valley on July 22. Please be careful when enjoying our local rivers and swimming holes.



District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren, acting as chair.

said SEIU 1021 Mendocino County Chapter President Julie Beardsley, "last year we came to you in good faith, hoping you had budgeted a reasonable cost of living adjustment into your budget planning. You kept us in negotiations for eight months before offering a 2% cost of living adjustment, and you didn't make it retroactive to cover those eight months. Is this going to be your tactic again this year?

who cut multiple commenters

"In terms of our contract,"

Unhappy

off at that mark.

"We asked to settle this contract before it expired on June 30," Beardsley said. "And here we are,we're almost to August, and the only thing you've brought to the table is a salary reduction.

"We now learn that the board's going on vacation, the board will be on recess the entire month of August, while your employees have no contract. This speaks volumes to me about how much you care about your dedicated staff who work at what are often stressful and dangerous and stressful jobs.

"We would prefer not to go on strike," Beardsley said, "but that option is definitely on the table now, if you can't come up with some kind of reasonable proposal."

Beardsley then presented a colorful signed petition asking the board to "use some of the reserve funds that were set aside, to stabilize and support county staff and to address the chronic lack of staffing." 1021

Representative Hickey then stepped to the podium: "Mendocino County is facing a crisis in leadership. A time that calls for bold action is met with handwringing and equivocation. A time that calls for uniting the ranks to have a laser focus on the most important duties of county government is instead with finger pointing and shoulder shrugging The path out of this morass is to stand behind and empower your staff to move the county forward. Let's create a culture that supports excellence, retains experience, and lives its values...."

"Failing to provide your staff with a living wage will drive them away," Hickey continued. "The question always comes back to where's the money to pay for it? The county has money set aside for a rainy day. Reserves that accrued because of the tightened wage rates over the years, reserves that have grown from \$2 million to \$20 million in 10 years, primarily due to wages being cut. Now is the time to use that money

"If tapping reserves will put another deputy on the street, retain an experienced social worker, or fill positions that help us collect delinquent taxes owed to the county, the board needs to do it.... We're asking you to work with your staff instead of against them. Time is running short."

At the end of the public comment period, led by Field Rep Hickey, SEIU members left the board chambers chanting: "What do we want? A contract. When do we want it? Now.'

On Friday last week, SEIU announced that Mendocino County workers represented by SEIU voted with a 93.4% "Yes" vote to authorize a press release on Page 2.









Above, from left: Some of the art projects created by the students in Plan Vacacional hang in a classroom. The youngest kids perform El Leon (The Lion). Some of the highlights of the prom include the pretend marriages. At left: Mateo shows off the projects in his desk. At right: La Danza del Jabali, or The Dance of the Wild Boar. is performed by the 6-to-8-year-olds. Below, left: One of the younger classes performs a traditional dance. Below, right: A young girl poses in front of a colorful backdrop set up for taking photos. At bottom, left: Some boys have fun dancing in Los Machetes, a colorful dance with toy machetes. At bottom, right: This niño dressed up with a tie in











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# Plan Vacacional

Summer camp celebrating Mexican culture ends with prom, dances and family fun

Each summer, for the last 18 years, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, an organization which provides services to the local Latino community, has offered children, from age 3 to about 11 a chance to spend a month immersed in all things Mexican – the art, the language, the dances, and the culture. Plan Vacacional has become a mainstay activity for these kids,

some of their parents having gone through the program themselves "Plan is really good for Mexican families," explained Dina Hutton, president of the board and one of the founders of Nuestra Alianza de Willits. "I know that the families are really famous for being tight-knit. Moving to a different country and a different culture tends to pull children away from their families, because they're in school doing standard American

"Attending Plan reunites the kids with their parents," said Hutton. "They become interested in their parents' past. The parents are very enthusiastic about the program and thank us for it all the time. Very often, the grandparents only speak Spanish and the kids, many of them, don't speak Spanish, and they can't speak with their grandparents unless they go to Plan. The kids are immersed in the language and culture."

At the end of the program each Read the rest of summer, the organization holds a

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buy an abandoned cabin on 14 acres above Willits. They gardened, kept goats, learned carpentry, how to heat with wood, and how to grow food. Comings taught at Willits High, and MacDonald at Sanhedrin. MacDonald learned quilting, drawing and painting.

"I learned to dye fabric with natural dyes." she said, "and incorporated three-dimensional objects painting, and narrative elements into my quilts." Trained as a painter, MacDonald has returned to painting, focusing on the massive redwoods that surround her.

Comings coined the phrase "nadart" to remind him not to take his art too seriously. "I focus on the element of surprise and discovery with found wood, metals, street debris and garage-sale finds. I have explored sculpture, painting, collage, assemblage and poetry," he wrote.

Visionary painter Doug Volz grew up with an artist mother, who exposed him to art and art history. During the chaotic late '60s, he moved from the Bay Area to the hills above Willits to start a new life. He says his artistic vision is grounded in his love of nature. "I strive to keep creating and remembering the importance of joy. A moment with an art experience can change everything," said Volz.

Nancy McHone is a longtime Willits artist who came to Northern California seeking a lifestyle that would enable her unique expression. "I had the luxury of time, and I used it to make the art I wanted to make," said McHone. "I swam in the Eel River, shopped at local thrift stores, and ate lots of potluck dinners with others who were seeking a peaceful life." McHone is drawn to recycled materials, moving from papier mache to more long-lasting materials to create her colorful, non-objective, 3D work.

Robin Rule recalled: "From high school on, I carried Whitman's 'Leaves of Grass' and Henry Thoreau's 'On Walden Pond' with me everywhere, including when I hitchhiked from Southern California to Willits in 1975."

Rule lived and wrote her poetry in a "Depressionera cabin" in the hills above Willits, and never looked back. An excerpt from poet Robin Rule's poem "Activism" begins:

"This last hurrah of autumn sun yells over the ridge as we drive from town blinded for a moment up Red

to all the muddy chores of November It's this moment that is the whole history and reason we all live in this wild county"

training course. Even though I've done it for

the past 11 years, it's still required. It helps

us make sure we're properly taking care of

She is still surprised that many fair

"People can just go buy an animal and

give it some feed. But being in 4H and

FFA shows us how to really care for your

animals. I realize raising animals may not

be for everyone. Some people just don't like

animals, and they do smell," she laughed.

"You get used to it. I have learned so

much from raising animals. You're learning

leadership skills, time management

hard work, and even public speaking. If I

wouldn't have gone through this, I wouldn't

Fair exhibitors have a different life than

have the drive to go to culinary school."

many of their teen peers.

"Every morning

Petunia," said De Lapo. "I

work in catering, so my mom

attending

is a big help if I can't be

home to feed the pigs.

In terms of free time

and hanging out with

friends, I definitely

don't do that as

the fair is a different

experience. "We have

a 10 pm curfew. I ride

at fair for your animal.

experiences to people.

maybe one ride and eat

maybe one corn dog. You're

"To go to the fair and show animals is

unique," she continued."Even people from

Ukiah will say, 'You raise animals? Where's

Potter Valley?' It's really cool to bring new

Following culinary school, De Lapo hopes

to move to Italy to complete her internship.

She has already visited the country and

loves it. "My favorite place was Sicily. We

stayed in cute little cottages at a working

olive farm about 20 miles down a dirt road.

There was thunder, lightning, rain, and a

hole in the roof – but it was the best place

we stayed. There were people from all over

much as others."

Even

and night I'm feeding

our animals," explained De Lapo.

raise an animal and show it at the fair

The rest of

She plans to include the poem in a book she is

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"Then we take a three-hour ethics Europe working there. We made our own wine and sat down at a big dinner table, all together. It was such a cool experience."

For anyone thinking about raising an animal, De Lapo said: "Go for it. No question. I was so shy before I did FFA. visitors don't realize how challenging it is to Now I speak my mind. My teachers have taught me so much. They're more than teachers, they're my friends. They are welcoming of everybody and everyone. Plus, you're making a little extra cash," she smiled. "I don't think people realize how much money the community spends at the fair just to help out our youth," De Lapo

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

Jennifer Seward, CEO of Redwood Empire Fair, noted that the Livestock Auction provides a great opportunity to purchase custom cuts of meat for oneself, family or friends. The meat can also be donated a non-profit organization for a tax write-off. The 2022 buyers are welcome to attend a "Thank-Breakfast" to the Saturday's auction at 8 am at the Willow Tree

"There are 261 lots in the auction this year - everything from rabbits to steers with a significant increase from last year's entries," said Seward. "We invite everyone to attend and bid at the Livestock Auction on Saturday, August 5 beginning at 10:30 am at the Racine Pavilion," Seward concluded.

The Redwood Empire Fair runs from August 3 to August 6. It opens at 3 pm on Thursday and Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, phone 707-462-3884, visit the Redwood Empire Fair's Facebook page, or www.redwoodempirefair.com.

working on, "This River, The Road," about her decades living on String Creek.

Jerri-Jo Idarius is a graphic artist, calligrapher, and book maker. She edited and published Sojourn and Grace Millennium magazines, and created books for herself and others.

"My husband and I bought 20 acres in 1971," Idarius remembered, "designed and built a house and garden, developed water systems, and took part in every part of the Back to the Land movement except marijuana! We ground flour for bread, gleaned and dried fruit in season, made homemade jams, ate lots of beans and rice, and did tons of reading and self-education."

Idarius believes that the Back to the Land movement has made Mendocino County a center for creative ideas. "It's a place where ranchers and hippies have blended ideas and worked for the greater good."

Dan Roberts has lived his life off the grid in the Willits hills. He is a poet who also became a homebuilder, created many unique and beautiful houses for his friends and neighbors. He is well known in the county for his long-running poetry and music show on KZYX, "Rhythm Running River."

Grace Hudson's Curator of Education and Exhibits Alyssa Boge said that an advisory committee guided the exhibit's research process, with extensive collaboration with Museum Director David Burton. "We wanted to include as many folks as possible," she explained. "Some key artists have passed on, and others were difficult to track down."

"Back to the Land movements have occurred in different parts of the world throughout the centuries," Burton explained. "I was intrigued by how and why Mendocino County became one of those places. believe that most of the county's arts-related organizations came into being through the Back to the Land movement."

Burton added, "Attendance has been high, and many visitors have expressed gratitude to the museum for acknowledging this period of time and its impact on the county. This movement changed the character of Mendocino County. It inspired an appreciation and love for the land, nature, creativity, and sense of community.

"Something's Happening Here" will run through October 15. 2023. The Grace Hudson Museum is open in Ukiah, Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Sundays from noon to 4:30 pm. For more information, call 707-467-2836 or go to www.gracehudsonmuseum.org.

Vacacional prom, a demonstration of their art, and a graduation which mostly consists of a program of the traditional dances they have learned with

colorful costumes created by parent volunteers. The prom, held last month at the Little Lake Grange, where the Nuestra Alianza offices are located, was a wildly entertaining maelstrom of energetic niños, decked out in their finest attire, some with ties or traditional dress, running the floor, dancing under the direction of their maestra who was brought up from Mexico to steep the kids in culture, spending their "pesos," earned through acts of kindness and deportment. They all came with their "money" ready to spend it on candy, pizza, drinks, cotton candy, and other goodies.

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The highlights of each prom are the pretend weddings of any couples willing to take the fake plunge with a set of ceremonies that delight both the participants and the onlookers. It's all fun and games until the master of ceremonies says they "can now hug," a suggestion that is met with various degrees of warmth.

Good friends of all genders participate in this fun exercise. After the weddings, the participants go their separate ways or engage in a dance where two adults stand on chairs to create a bridge under which children and adults dance in a line, snaking around the room

On graduation day, this year at Blosser Lane Elementary School, where the classes were also held, parents were invited to venture into the classrooms to view the traditional artwork created by the kids.

"These are projects that maestra put on for them to do activities,"explained teaching assistant Natalie Hernandez. "They have a day where they do art. We help out cutting the little things that they can't do. They just glue it on the paper or draw things out and

"Today the four groups are going to do their dances," said volunteer Aida Leon. "The theme is El Encanto. Each of the doors has a character from the movie which the kids can draw and color on. The kids started watching the movie but got distracted about half way

Each of the four age groups performed two traditional dances for the parents. The youngest group, 3-year-olds, did Chu Chu Wa, a fun and simple dance, as well as El Leon with a (kind of) scary lion. The next group did La Danza del Pescado Blanco (Dance of the White Fish) and La Culebra (The Snake).

The 6-to-8-year-olds performed La Danza del Jabali (The Dance of the Wild Boar) and La Boda del Huitacoche (The Wedding of the Huitacoche, a corn fungus). The last group did Camino a San Fernando (Road to San Fernando) and finished with Los Machetes. After the dances, the families were invited to partake in a meal of pizza and other treats.

Some of the other programs that Nuestra Alianza provides include mental-health consultations, after-school enrichment, translation services, information and referrals for social services, immigration assistance and referral, alcohol and drug-abuse prevention, English mentoring, parenting training, health education, tax preparation, nutrition classes, computers and copy-machine access, a food bank, and math tutoring.

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#### **Richard Johnson**

Richard Marvin Johnson was a resilient war veteran, a four-time heart stealer, a public servant, and a man who loved to fly. He was born on June 2, 1932 in Los Angeles. He passed away peacefully on July 21, 2023. He lived a full life characterized by happiness, strength, courage and humor.

A true patriot, Richard served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged for his commendable service. His pursuit of knowledge led him to earn a bachelor's degree in 1973. His interest in community service and justice led him to the California Corrections Department where he served as Parole Agent, earning numerous promotions throughout his career.

After retirement, he moved to Willits, finding a home near the Willits Airport. Mechanically adept, he built an **RV-SA** airplane while organizing the first EAA Chapter 1027 at the airport. Along with the other EAA members, they improved the airport building and runway lights.

He was a man of deep love and commitment. first marriage was to Lois Swift in 1954

with whom he shared two children. His second marriage to Jean Shafer lasted 42 years. Together they reared her three children by her first marriage. After Jean's passing in 2014, he found love again with Rose Malmstrom, marrying in 2016. Their time together was tragically cut short when Rose unexpectedly passed later that year. The following year, he met Sharon Wolbach, and they married in 2019. Together, they focused on happiness and enjoying life for as long as possible.

Richard's final resting place will be next to his second wife, Jean Johnson, in the Sacramento National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

This is a setting of immaculately manicured fields where birds fly in the breezes. For a man who loved to fly, this is a perfect place.

Richard leaves behind a legacy of love, friendship and strength. Remember him for his accomplishments, but especially for his unwavering ability to keep his heart open to others. Richard was a blessing to us all.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

#### Charming Clarkson

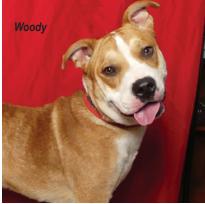
Come meet our handsome boy, Clarkson! He's quite the chatterbox and enjoys plenty of affection. He was living as an outside stray for a while, and he's more than ready to find some comfort inside with you. He's currently looking for a forever home where he can be the only feline resident, but don't worry, with all his charm, you won't need anyone else. If you're ready for endless conversations, cuddle sessions, and a one-on-one connection like no other, Clarkson is the cat for you!

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

#### Sprightly Woody

Woody is a lively boy! He loved playing with toys and romping around our "Meet & Greet" room. When meeting a female dog, it took him a minute to feel comfortable enough to do a few flirty sniffs and play bows, so Woody will need to







meet any potential canine roommates before going home. This handsome boy is also vocal and would make a great alert dog. We think some basic obedience and socialization would do wonders with Woody! Staff would be more than happy to give information about dog training opportunities in the area.

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 Woody or our other feline and canine guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.

#### Lovely Sophie

Sophie may be shy at first, but this girl is anything but once she gets to know her people! Full of playful energy, kisses, and love to give, Sophie is in need of a quiet and patient home willing to work with her to build her confidence and show the world her true self.

To learn more about Sophie 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.







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