

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

This is a hearty thank you to the many people who helped Nuestra Alianza create a successful summer program this July: a month-long school taught in Spanish to children ages 3 to 12, based on Mexican cultural and historical themes with some mathematics as well. This was the 18th year of the program; we had 65 very happy children.

Superintendent Mark Beebe enthusiastically allowed Nuestra Alianza to use Blosser Lane School as well as securing most of the necessary funding through Willits Unified School District. In addition, the WUSD School Board and the wonderful people in the WUSD office helped, offering advice and assistance as various problems popped up. The Maintenance Department fixed the things that needed fixing, and Gerardo Nieto was there to lend a hand. The cafeteria employees offered food and kind assistance.

The summer program was a huge success, made so by the efforts of all these people in addition to the Nuestra Alianza teachers and volunteers. We are grateful to live in such a fantastic community that feeds our children on every level. Mil gracias a todos.

Dina Hutton, Nuestra Alianza

What your senior center does for the community

To the Editor:

What do we do at the Harrah Senior Center? In the simplest of terms, we help seniors, but the assistance we provided is not exclusively for seniors. Last year we assisted 70,795 seniors and non-seniors seeking a wide range of services. Although we are a "senior center," we are committed to supporting our community.

The Harrah Senior Center is a cooling/hydration and charging station. Should an emergency situation present itself, we are prepared to feed and deliver meals to our community. During power outages, our doors will remain open, and staff service will be available. People can stop by the senior center to stay warm or cool, get a bite to eat, relax, and connect to friends and family.

How can you support the Harrah Senior Center?

BECOME A MEMBER: (all ages welcomed) \$35 for a single membership \$60 per couple.

Membership fees generate revenue to fund essential services and programs such as our Meals on Wheels Program, Senior Transportation, and Outreach Services.

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State Fair Cannabis Award winners to be celebrated at reception

Submitted by Visit Mendocino and Mendocino Cannabis Alliance

Visit Mendocino County and Mendocino Cannabis Alliance are coming together to congratulate Mendocino County's licensed cannabis operators who took home honors at both the 2022 and 2023 California State Fair Cannabis Awards at a reception on August 20 at The Bohemian Chemist in Philo.

The reception will take place alongside a Craft Cannabis Marketplace featuring some of the winners. The market takes place from 11 am to 6 pm, and the public reception is from 5 to 6 pm.

Nine farms from Mendocino County, all of whom are MCA members, took home a total of 18 State Fair Cannabis Awards for 2023, placing in each of the competition categories while dominating the Outdoor field, winning 7 of 10 Golds. In 2022, 8 farms from Mendocino won a total of 17 awards.

Each year, the CA State Fair awards Golden Bear Awards to the highest testing cultivars in each category from all light sources. In 2023, locals Heartrock Mountain Farm won the Golden Bear award for CBDa, Esensia won the Golden Bear award for Terpinolene, and Green Shock Farms won the Golden Bear award for Ocimene.

Additional wins in 2023 from Mendocino include:

Emerald Spirit Botanicals (Outdoor Category) – Most Unique – Gold with their Pink Boost Goddess for a second year in a row

Esensia (Outdoor Category) – Gold for Myrcene with their Pixie Dust; Gold for Terpinolene with their Maracuya; 2 x Silver for their Rose Petal (Terpinolene and Total Terpene Content)

Greenhock Farms (Outdoor Category) – Gold for Ocimene with their Passion Orange Guava; Silver for Ocimene with Tropical Slightride

HappyDay Farms (Outdoor Category) – Gold for THCa with their Strawberry Biscotti

Heartrock Mountain Farms (Outdoor Category) – Gold for CBDa with their Love Laughter

Martijuan (Outdoor Category) – Gold for Limonene with their Supreme Gelato

Family First Farms (Mixed Light Category) – Gold for Ocimene with their Black Apple Kush

Higher Heights (Mixed Light Category) – Gold for Total Terpene Content with their Mendo Crumble; 2 x Silver for Myrcene and Caryophyllene with their Mendo Crumble

Wood Wide Farms (Indoor Category) – Gold for Ocimene with their Dutch Treat

Despite the challenges that we have all faced during this regulatory process, our local farmers are still producing some of the best cannabis in the world, and they deserve to be recognized for this significant accomplishment.

The Bohemian Chemist is at 9000 CA-128 in Philo. Reservations are recommended for on-site restaurant Wickson serving lunch and dinner.

'ImPRESSED' opens August 26 at the Willits museum

Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

Best known for their restoration of steam engines, the Roots of Motive Power group is also an avid supporter of the arts. Since 1998, Roots has been sharing their Buffalo 1924 Steam Roller, and talented crew, with Bay Area printmakers at the annual Roadworks Steam Festival in the Do.Re.Mi Arts District, hosted by the San Francisco Center for the Book. Roots has provided this same opportunity locally at their annual steam festival in Willits, coming up September 9 and 10 this year.

Last year, Mendocino County Museum decided to spotlight the printmaking aspect of this great event, by hosting linocut workshops and showcasing a stunning collection of works from Emmy Lou Packard, Henry Evans, and Bill Zacha, along with

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Other fires

Mendocino National Forest has also issued multiple press releases, the latest Wednesday at 8 pm, about new lightning fires, including the Slide 1 Fire near Mt. Linn in the Yolla Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness, about 50 miles northeast of Covelo. As of Wednesday evening, the fire had grown to an estimated 320 acres.

"All assigned resources remain on scene," the press release reports. "Today initial attack crews hiked to the fire's edge and had opportunity to work on a direct fire line. Though firefighters are making progress, containment on the Slide 1 Fire remains at 0%."

"Access to the fire's edge is quite challenging and requires strenuous hiking through steep, rugged country. Excessive heat is also taking its toll on firefighters, and two heat-related medical incidents occurred today."

Incident managers have requested additional support including a type-3 helicopter, type-1 initial attack hotshot crews, fire-line qualified medics and resource advisors. A falling crew is also on scene."

Overall the press release reported 156 lightning strikes on the Mendocino National Forest on Tuesday. Visit WatchOut.org or download the app to see all the fires, mostly lightning fires, burning further north in California.

A new fire of local interest, the Rock Fire, 5 or 6 miles northeast of Hearst in the Sanhedrin Wilderness Area, was reported by the Watch Duty wildfire alert page on Wednesday at 12:14 pm as an "Unknown size vegetation fire burning at a slow rate of spread in timber. Fire is currently staffed by a team of smoke jumpers."

Another new fire 3 or 4 miles southwest of Garberville was reported Wednesday afternoon, and drew a full wildland fire response. The Sprowl Fire has so far been held to 1 acre with 0% containment, and is reported to be located "in a timber logging area burning at a slow rate of speed with a potential for 10 acres." Smoke from the Sprowl Fire is reportedly visible throughout the area.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the National Weather Service forecast showed a chance of showers and thunderstorms coming through the Willits area Thursday night, Friday night, and next week. Temperatures are forecast to be significantly lower than the highs of earlier this week.



Above, from left: A portrait of racehorse Kayak 2 greets visitors, along with a guestbook where visitors from far-away places have signed their names. The refurbished Seabiscuit Stud Barn and Museum is located at 1 Seabiscuit Drive. The farm stand has fruits, vegetables, T-shirts, and other goods for the public to purchase. Below, left: Seabiscuit's stall has newspaper clippings from the 1940s, racing silks, and photos from the era. Below, right: Cody Bartholomew of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation speaks to members of the Willits Rotary Club about the history of the stud barn. Below, right, bottom: President Emeritus of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation Jacqueline Cooper answers questions about the restoration at the opening.



Photos by Mathew Caine



Seabiscuit Museum

Tour the legendary racehorse's restored stud barn on Ridgewood Ranch

It's been about 83 years since the great horse Seabiscuit won his last race, capping an amazing comeback. Over the years his legacy has grown to legendary status with books, films, statues, and now a museum dedicated to the memory of this extraordinary animal, who has stoked the imaginations of millions with his courage.

In 2004, the Willits Rotary Club and others raised funds to rehabilitate the stud barn where Seabiscuit spent his last days, along with his stablemates, Ajax and Kayak II among others.

"It was a project that was spearheaded by Tracy Livingston," related Jacqueline Cooper, president emeritus of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, an organization dedicated to the preservation of all memories of the racehorse.

"This latest project was a collaboration between the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation and the Golden Rule Church Association," Cooper continued. "Liz Kramer was the curator, and she devoted a lot of her time and resources to putting this new exhibit together. First, the interior of the barn was beautifully restored in 2004 to its original condition. It took about six months. The opening was in 2004 with members of the Howard family in attendance, including Colonel Michael Howard and his late mother, Barbara Howard, for the ribbon-cutting."

On May 27 of this year, the restoration of the Seabiscuit Stud Barn and Museum was completed, creating a museum that exhibits much of the life and legacy of Seabiscuit and the Howard family. Unfortunately, Tracy Livingston, a local legend himself and the driving force behind reconditioning of the barn and historian of all things Seabiscuit, was not there to attend the opening, as he had passed away in November of 2021, not able to see the completion.

The opening was attended by members of the Christ Church of the Golden Rule, current owners of the Ridgewood Ranch property, the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, and other interested and curious people.

Looking at the front of the bright red barn, one can see the two jockey statuettes, artifacts of the Seabiscuit era, at the wide entrance leading to the interior and the stalls containing the history of that time and the people who were instrumental in presenting Seabiscuit to the world of racing.

As one enters, there is a guestbook on the left in which people from near and far have signed and have commented on their discoveries found at the site. Across from the guestbook area is the farm stand, where people can find extremely fresh vegetables and fruits from the ranch, fruit preserves, local meats, T-shirts, and Ruthie King's raw wool. The farm stand is available seven days a week, 8 am to 6 pm, as is the museum.

Continuing through the barn, "the exhibit includes the vintage photographs and memorabilia from the Seabiscuit and Howard era," explained Cooper. "It also includes Charles Howard's western

The rest of **Ridgewood** From page 15



Above: Sarge's room – Sarge was a retired cavalry officer who lived in the barn and took care of the animals. Below, left: These jockey statuettes welcome visitors to the Seabiscuit museum. Below, right: The Ridgewood Ranch farm stand has vegetables, preserves, wool and other goods from the farm. At bottom, left: The farm stand, located inside the barn, offers fresh preserves. At bottom, right: Willits Rotarian and rancher, Lee Persico, peruses historic photos of the Seabiscuit era.



Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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Level: Advanced



HOW TO SUDOKU

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

SAFE BACKPACK WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- Civil rights organization
- Calendar month (abbr.)
- Monetary unit of Burma
- Twyla __, US dancer
- Everything included
- 'Antman' actor Rudd
- Italian city
- Nowhere to be found
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Turkish officer
- Perform on stage
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Canadian coastal provinces
- Furnishes anew
- Edible mollusk
- No seats available
- Garden figurine
- Three-legged support
- Rest here please (abbr.)
- In a silly way
- One from the Golden State
- Photographers
- Native religion in parts of China
- Dickens character

CLUES DOWN

- Defunct US energy company
- Fellow
- It's issued from volcanoes
- Type of acid
- Winged nut
- Arouses
- Things are served on it
- San Diego ballplayer
- Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- __ mater, one's school
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Hairstyle
- Supreme ancient Egyptian god

CLUES ACROSS

- Broadway actress Daisy
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Undivided
- Daniel __, French composer
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Rusty
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Patii Hearst's captors
- Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- Tall, slender plant

CLUES DOWN

- They __
- Connecting line on a map
- Mock
- One point north of due east
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Type of tree
- Persuade to do something
- A place for travelers to rest
- National Gallery of Art designer
- Panamanian province
- Field force unit (abbr.)
- Whalers' tool
- Simply
- Nigerian City
- Not one
- Obstruct
- Political plot
- Manila hemp plant
- Dough made from corn flour
- Fishes by letting the bob fly
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- A French abbot
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

July 24 to July 30

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 77 incidents in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 24

12:29 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Gregory Lane and issued a warning.

1:57 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:10 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Monica Lane and Margie Drive and issued a warning.

8:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:19 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Monroe Street and South Main Street and issued a citation.

10:42 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of West Highway 20 and Blosser Lane and issued a warning.

July 25

10:33 am: WARNER, Jerri Christine (36) of Clearlake Oaks was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, unlawful operation of a vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident resulting in property damage, driving with a suspended license (revoked for DUI), and violation of probation.

9:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:23 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Robert Drive and issued a warning.

10:51 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue and issued a warning.

11:46 pm: WILLETT Jr., Donald Earl (39) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Della Avenue and Viola Street. He was arrested pursuant to 21310 PC (Carrying a Concealed Dirk or Dagger), and on misdemeanor charges of providing false identification to an officer, violation of probation, and failure to appear.

July 26

11:58 pm: LEBERT, Angela Rhea (54) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 602 PC (Trespassing), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol).

July 27

9:05 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

9:22 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

6:12 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street.

11:22 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Wood Street and School Street.

July 28

8:43 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:12 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 500 block of Railroad Avenue.

11:00 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

7:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

July 29

8:12 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Pearl Street and South Humboldt Street.

2:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

2:53 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:17 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

July 30

10:36 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle investigation in the 100 block of Wood Street.

11:56 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

1:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

7:18 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Mendocino Avenue and issued a warning.

8:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

9:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.



Above: Saturday Scramble organizer Tyler Balthrop begins to jam with his friend Jorge. At right: Bartender Candice Stein sits in on the newly acquired piano.



Musical Afternoon

Shanachie Pub invites local musicians of all styles to 'Saturday Scramble' jams

Shanachie Pub, known to locals as "The Pub," has been a focal point in Willits for musicians wanting to showcase their work or find compatible partners to collaborate with, form melodic partnerships, or just have a great afternoon or evening sharing their talents with other like-minded artists.

For the last year or so, The Pub has been home to a unique gathering on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 3 to 6 pm, instigated by pub manager Ambria Zenitar and coordinated by local music teacher, Tyler Balthrop aka "Tyler B."

The "Saturday Scramble" is designed to bring together musicians to exchange tunes and ideas, and maybe become partners in further explorations of various genres.

"It was Ambria's idea," Balthrop explained. "I had a similar idea about bluegrass, but her idea was to make it all-inclusive with any kind

of instruments. We've had some good jams and good introductions. It's more about making introductions to new musicians."

"Bluegrass musicians meeting other bluegrass musicians is cool," he said, "but an accordion player meeting a flute player is the concept we are going for. We've had as many as 12 to 15 people come on a Saturday. Sometimes it's sparse. You never know who will be showing up."

The Saturday Scramble has results beyond the actual Saturday jams. "Sometimes the musicians meet at the Scramble and create something later," Balthrop continued. "Jake and I met here at a Scramble. He plays for a band called Night Animals, and is a really good musician. I didn't realize it was him when we jammed. Since then, we've gotten together several times and jammed. Now we're talking about a project with Scott, of Bug Guts. This came to fruition through the Saturday Scramble."

Scott can play anything. It also spawned a Celtic fiddle thing, and all these fiddle players would show up, about four of them.

"The whole point of this get-together," Balthrop said, "is ultimately a chance for community members to come together and meet new musicians and make new introductions and see what comes of it. In theory, it's a great idea. I just wish more people knew about it and more musicians would come out. We've had people come out from Fort Bragg and Laytonville and Ukiah."

In addition to the Saturday Scramble, the Pub hosts a bluegrass jam on the first and third Saturdays at 3 pm. The Wednesday Night Open Mic at Shanachie brings together a wide array of musicians from all over the world.

The pub is located at 50 South Main Street. 707-459-9194. Visit "Shanachie Pub" on Facebook to keep up with activities.



A simulated visual of how South Main Street / Highway 20 could look if the current proposal for the Willits Bicycle Safety Enhancement Project goes through.

Possible changes to south Willits

Caltrans presents plans for Willits Bicycle Safety Enhancement Project at Wednesday meeting

A dozen community members came to hear Caltrans representatives talk about the proposed plans for

the Willits Bicycle Safety Enhancement Project Wednesday evening at the Little Lake Firehouse and share their opinions and concerns about the fast-tracking project.

The project looks to restripe the south portion of Main Street / Highway 20 from Oak Street to Manor Way in Willits to include only one lane of southbound traffic, one lane of northbound traffic, a center turn lane, and two buffered bike lanes.

"The project will implement a 'road diet' by modifying the striping to add bike lanes," says the Friday, August 11 press release sent by Manny Machado, the Caltrans' public information officer for Caltrans District 1, Mendocino and Lake counties. "The concept for the project is based on the 2017 Willits Main Street Corridor Enhancement Plan and allows for future enhancements."

This meeting was announced after Willits Weekly published last week, and therefore left the local media unable to include the meeting in the Thursday, August 10 edition, alerting the community to attend, to be able to share their views.

However, Caltrans representatives will be presenting again, and taking additional comments on the proposed project during the Wednesday, August 23 Willits City Council meeting, which starts at 6:30 pm.

The community is encouraged to attend the meeting, or, if unable, to share their opinions with Caltrans PIO

Machado, via email: manny.machado@dot.ca.gov or by calling 707-496-6879.

While the project is on a tight deadline to retain funding, Caltrans representatives said, there is still time to make voices heard about the project.

- Maureen Jennison

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Bus 1 Sherwood School and North Routes Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM		PM	
6:58	White Deer Lodge (Black Bart Dr)	2:30	Sherwood School
7:15	Creekside Cabin 29801 N HWY 101	2:50	Golf Course
7:20	24320 N HWY 101	3:02	Blosser
7:25	28552 HWY 101(Boat)	3:05	BGMS
7:27	Sunny	3:15	WHS
7:30	BGMS	3:30	Creekside Cabin 29801 N HWY 101
7:35	Blosser Lane	3:35	24320 N HWY 101
7:45	Brookside	3:38	28552 HWY 101(Boat)
7:50	WHS	3:45	White Deer Lodge (Black Bart Dr)
8:00	Golf Course	4:30	Bus Barn
8:30	Sherwood School		

Bus 5 Brookside Redlight Crossing *** Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM 8:10am		PM 2:30pm	
6:40	Sherwood Market	1:45	Leave Brookside
6:43	Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	1:50	Imagination Station Student only
6:48	Oriole Dr (West Side) Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	2:00	Arrive at Brookside
6:56	Intersection of Primrose & Poppy Dr	2:30	Leave Brookside
6:57	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:40	Catholic Church
6:58	Golf Course	2:45	Blosser Lane
7:11	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:50	BGMS
7:22	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	2:55	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)
7:27	Walker Rd	2:59	Walker Rd
7:30	Berry Court	3:03	Top of Sandy
7:32	Top of Sandy	3:04	Howard Hospital
7:37	BGMS	3:06	Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley
7:40	Blosser Lane	3:15	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
7:45	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	3:20	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley
7:48	Alameda & Central ***	3:22	Alameda & Central ***
7:55	Brookside	3:30	Sherwood Market
		3:33	Oriole Dr (West Side) Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr
		3:35	Intersection of Bear Dr & Poppy Dr
		3:36	Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr
		3:38	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose
		3:40	Golf Course
		3:50	Bus Barn

WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT CALENDAR						
SCHOOL BEGINS August 21, 2023						
SCHOOL ENDS June 6, 2024						
HOLIDAYS						
July 4 Independence Day						
September 4 Labor Day						
November 10 Veteran's Day Observed						
November 20 - 24 Thanksgiving Break						
December 22 - January 5 Winter Break						
January 1 New Years Day						
January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday						
February 16 and 19 President's Days						
April 1 - 5 Spring Break						
May 27 Memorial Day						
June 19 Juneteenth						
CONFERENCE WEEK						
10/9/23 - 10/13/23						
TRIMESTER DATES						
1ST TRIMESTER 08/21/23 - 11/17/23						
2ND TRIMESTER 11/27/23 - 03/08/24						
3RD TRIMESTER 03/11/24 - 06/06/24						
NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS FOR STUDENTS						
Teacher Work Day August 18						
Non-Student Day November 1						
Make-up Snow Day March 29						
Teacher Work Day June 7						
CERTIFICATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS						
August 15						
August 16						
August 17						
November 1						
Early Release and Minimum Days						
These dates differ between school sites, please see individual school site calendars						
SCHOOL INFORMATION						
Baechtel Grove Middle School 459-2417						
Blosser Lane Elementary School 459-3232						
Brookside Elementary School 459-5385						
District Office 459-5314						
Sanhedrin High School 459-4801						
Sherwood School 984-6769						
Transportation Department 459-5111						
Willits High School 459-7700						

Board Approved: 2/8/2023

The rest of Boosters

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Dinners will be available to pick up from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday, August 19. The dinner will be offered in the same drive-through, take-home style as usual, so purchasers can enjoy the meal in their own backyard or at the dining table. But there is a picnic table and plenty of tailgate-style parking at the BBQ stand, too, for anyone that wants to enjoy a meal together.

Danny and Shelley Lewis of Smokin' G's and Big D's have been preparing for the event all week at their location at the back of the Napa Auto Parts parking lot, and are excited to see the community turn out for the event and support this fundraising effort for the kids.

"We still have tickets left, and we'd love to get them sold before the dinner," explained Boosters Club member Jaime Bouthillier. "Smokin' G's and Big D's is excited to be a part of the event this year and cook this great dinner. There's enough included for a four-person dinner one night, or a one-person dinner for four nights! It's great for everyone!"

Tickets are available at Smokin' G's and Big D's, 101 Trailer & RV Supply, Monkey Wrench Men's and Women's Wear, Brown's Corner, or from any Boosters Club board member.

While pre-purchasing tickets is the ideal way, Bouthillier noted that if there are still extra dinners available, interested persons are welcome to come to the BBQ stand and purchase a dinner during the event, too.

"We want people to enjoy the wonderful food, and support the kids, too, so whatever we can do to make that happen!" said Bouthillier.

Money from the 200 tickets will go to help purchase sports equipment that will be handed down from player to player in subsequent years, helping offset the cost for parents to have to purchase uniforms, bags, parkas and other equipment.

For more info, call Bouthillier at 707-272-2772.

The rest of Printing

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contemporary artists from Art Explorers in Fort Bragg. The museum then exhibited the 60+ community prints made during the event.

This year, the museum has invited innovative printmakers with connections to the Center for the Book to showcase their work, further encouraging and expanding the exchange of ideas and community connections initiated by the Roots of Motive Power. The 2nd annual "ImPRESSED" exhibit opens Saturday, August 26 from 12 to 4 pm at the museum, 400 East Commercial Street.

Renowned printmaker Rik Olsen will be featured; he is busy carving a 3'x3' block to be printed at Recreation Grove during this year's steam festival. Guest artists Meg Pohl and Solange Roberdeau will be showing innovative designs that push the boundaries of traditional printmaking. The museum is pleased to have Art Explorers return and showcase their work, printing blocks, and products, to demonstrate the endless possibilities of this medium.

This exhibit celebrates the power of artmaking as fuel for strengthening community and encouraging innovation and collaboration. Everyone is encouraged to participate, no previous art or printmaking experience is required; all are welcome!

The museum is seeking volunteer support for upcoming printmaking activities. Contact the Museum to register as a volunteer and sign-up to help with a program.

More info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or museum@mendocinocounty.org or 707-234-6365.

A letter from ...

The Superintendent of Willits Unified School District

Mark H. Beebe

Greetings Willits community: I eagerly look forward to the beginning of a new school year as we begin school on Monday, August 21. I trust that all of you have enjoyed your summer months. We have been busy this summer with multiple academic programs, professional trainings, maintenance, grounds, painting, and activities that have seen our campuses rather busy.

As we begin the 2023/2024 school year a few changes have occurred. Last spring, the state and federal governments lifted the COVID state of emergency and all the protocols that were identified. We will need to continue to be aware and careful during the peak illness season though. We have new leadership at Blosser Lane and Willits High School. We also welcome multiple new staff members into the Willits Unified School District family.

As I begin my second year as your proud superintendent, I want our parents and community to know that it is always the goal of WUSD to educate our students, ensure a safe environment, create and implement multiple activity-based programs for our students, support and coordinate with our community partners, and produce productive and ambitious graduates at the end of their time in WUSD.

We will continue to feel the effects of the past few

years as our students, staff, parents and community continue to return to a more stable and "normal" school year. We are beginning to see growth in the academic and socio-emotional areas of our students. This is a process for all of us, and I have complete faith in our students and all in our WUSD family to continue with that progress and meet the challenges of the post-pandemic educational environment.

I mentioned these goals last year, and they are still my primary focus for this year:

- Building and establishing a positive culture and climate amongst everyone at our sites and within the district.
- Building positive and productive relationships with our students, colleagues, and community.
- Preparing our Willits students to move to each grade level with the skills necessary to find success on multiple levels and subsequently graduate college- and career-ready.

Addressing infrastructure at all of our sites, addressing the safety needs of our students and staff, and working with all stakeholders so that they have the tools necessary to meet the needs of our students. Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will do. It is my honor to serve Willits in my role as Superintendent, and I look forward to a fantastic year.



Superintendent Mark H. Beebe

A letter from ...

The Principal of Sanhedrin High School

Arora Chavez

Welcome back to school, Hawks!

Sanhedrin is looking forward to an exciting new 2023/24 school year. This is quite an amazing time to be a student. At Sanhedrin, students have the opportunity to select from a variety of educational options. Students can be dually enrolled at Willits High School and Sanhedrin, take online courses, come to school every day, and even take college courses on campus.

We would like to welcome all of our new families, whether you are joining us from another school in the district or have relocated from another city, state, or country. We are excited to share all that Sanhedrin has to offer with you. Our teachers, staff, and students are ready to welcome you to Sanhedrin.

Our teachers are working to ensure our students feel welcomed, connected, and are engaged in learning. If you're interested in attending, please speak to a school counselor at Willits High School to see if Sanhedrin is a good match for your student.

Sanhedrin strives to prepare students for the demands of post-secondary education, meaningful careers, and to be productive members of our community. Sanhedrin houses an adult school and a few college courses on

our campus, such as the seasonal vegetarian culinary arts class through Mendocino College.

I look forward to the start of the new school year and to continuing our collaboration of providing your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in this year's journey.

Sanhedrin has always made a priority of working together as a caring and compassionate learning community with professionalism, teamwork, action, and expertise. We will always put the best interests of our students at the center of our purpose. Join us in ensuring the success of all Sanhedrin's students. Stay healthy, stay positive, and stay connected.

As always, my door is open, and our team welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact me via email at the address below or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet! If you have any questions, I can be reached at arorachavez@willitsunified.com or (707) 459-4801.



Principal Arora Chavez

A letter from ...

The Principal of Sherwood Elementary School

Kathy Crossman

Dear Willits community:

Sherwood Elementary School is a K-5th grade rural school of choice, located at 32600 Sherwood Road, above Brooktrails.

Our staff is excited to welcome our students and families to the 2023/2024 school year! We have many new team members, including our Kindergarten/First Grade teacher, Miss Trisa Hall, formerly a First Grade teacher at Brookside; Second/Third Grade teacher and former Sherwood student, Ms. Annapurna Stefan; Fourth/Fifth Grade teacher and former Sherwood student and classroom aide, Ms. Savannah Norton; classroom and PE aide, Trevor Muller; and classroom aides, Taylor Buzzard and Maria Crossman. I'm the new principal at Sherwood School and am happy to join the Sherwood family!

Sherwood students can expect to participate in many exciting school traditions shared by previous generations of Sherwood families, and work toward our goal of all students meeting or exceeding grade-level standards.

The Friends of Sherwood School group (FOSSI) and teachers pitched in and worked together at a Saturday work party to prepare the school for the first day on August 21.

Sherwood School provides a unique, challenging and caring learning environment and has openings in Grades K through 5. Please contact our secretary, Heather Miya, at (707) 984-6769 or (707) 459-7862, to learn more about Sherwood School. You can reach me at KathleenCrossman@WillitsUnified.com.

A letter from ...

The Principal of Willits High School

Shane Topolinski

Welcome back, Wolverines!

Willits High School is eagerly preparing to welcome back students for an amazing new school year, set to kick off on August 21 at 8 am.

Here at WHS we are focusing on a great year full of student learning, new opportunities, and a pursuit of excellence.

In addition to welcoming our freshman class of 2027, WHS is prepping our classrooms for an increase in enrollment. We are excited to serve our students and community in providing a positive environment focused on learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our WHS family.

For incoming 9th graders, freshman orientation is on Thursday, August 17 at 8 am. Meet in the gym as we welcome you into the Wolverine family. Our amazing staff are looking forward to meeting you as you embark on the final path towards graduation.

Willits High School believes all students should graduate from high school prepared for the demands of post-secondary education, meaningful careers, and effective citizenship. We are constantly striving towards continuous improvement. Our focus is to create an effective learning environment that fosters student success.

One of our focuses this year is to keep the community informed of the amazing things our students are doing. Keep an eye on our website <https://www.willitsunified.com/o/whs>, Facebook page, marquee in front of our school, parent emails, and other means of communication. We love celebrating our amazing students!

Our staff is committed to providing a high quality-education and supporting students daily. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school at 707-459-7700.

We are looking forward to a memorable year! Go Wolverines!



Principal Shane Topolinski



Assistant Principal Kenneth Mansfield



CROSS COUNTY SCHEDULE 2023

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 6	Middletown / Coverdale	Middletown	3:30
September 13	Upper Lake / Kelseyville	Ft. Bragg	3:30
September 16	Viking Opener	Spring Lake	TBD
September 20	Ft. Bragg / Lower Lake	Willits	3:30
September 27	Ft. Bragg / Lower Lake	Ft. Bragg	3:30
October 4	St. Helena / Clear Lake	St. Helena	3:30
October 11	Middletown / Coverdale	Willits	3:30
October 14	Clam Beach Invitational	Clam Beach	TBD
October 18	Upper Lake / Kelseyville	Cloverdale	3:30
October 21	Yoshanny Invitational	Ukiah	TBD
October 25	St. Helena / Clear Lake	Clear Lake	3:30
November 8	League Championship	Spring Lake	girls 1:00 boys 1:45
November 18	NCS Championship	Hayward	TBD

* Homecoming week
Head Coach - Kenny Smith 707-459-7700



A letter from ...

The Principal of Brookside Elementary School



Kathy Crossman

Dear Willits community:

The staff at Brookside Elementary, home to Willits Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade students, is gearing up for a big year! We are preparing for about 400 students, including at least 65 TK students, our 4- and 5-year-olds, who are now going to school for the full day as part of a two-year kindergarten program.

To accommodate all of our eager learners, there will be many new faces at school. The Brookside Team is excited to welcome our new teachers Mrs. Sharon Loza, to Kindergarten; Mrs. Kelsie Kingstone and Mr. Kingston to Grade 1; Mrs. Jennifer Hartless and Mrs. Ceci O'Brien to Grade 2; and Mr. Jeff Ritchley to PE. Our new staff members include our evening custodian, Jorge Gonzalez, and special education aides, Erika Quinliven and Cynthia Edington.

Principal Kathy Crossman

You may notice that our WUSD maintenance and grounds teams have been hard at work, and Brookside is getting a bit of a facelift! We have some new paint, some new energy-efficient windows, and updates to the little playground in front of the school.

Our faculty and staff worked together over the summer completing professional development to strengthen instruction. For example, all teachers and many reading para-educators built skills in teaching reading. Some teachers spent time collaborating as grade-level teams on identifying and studying key CA Standards in Reading Language Arts.

An important message for our students and their families is that we are eager to see friends again and to meet our new learners. We hope every student feels welcome, valued and safe at Brookside. Our goals are to have all students at grade-level in reading and math and to make sure our students love to learn!

Please contact me at KathleenCrossman@WillitsUnified.com at any time to connect. We will also communicate with our families on Class Dojo, so please accept your teacher's invitation if you have a Brookside student.

A letter from ...

The Principal of Baechtel Grove Middle School

Chris Kinney



Principal Chris Kinney

Baechtel Grove Middle School is gearing up to welcome back students for an eagerly anticipated new school year, set to kick off on August 21, at 8:15 am. The school is abuzz with preparations to ensure a smooth transition and an engaging learning experience for all.

Excitement is in the air as the school's student enrollment has seen a substantial increase. BGMS is welcoming not only incoming sixth-graders but also many new seventh- and eighth-graders who have chosen Baechtel Grove as their new academic home.

For incoming sixth-graders, a special orientation awaits. On Friday, August 18 at 8:30 am, Eighth Grade WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) students will lead an orientation session, providing newcomers with an opportunity to get acquainted with their new school environment and connect with fellow peers.

Baechtel Grove Middle School is dedicated to elevating both academic and social programs. With an eye on ever-evolving student needs, improvements are continuously underway. To fortify this progress, the school is reaching out to parents for support and engagement as volunteers in the Parent-Teacher Organization, which played a pivotal role in the school's success last year.

Our staff is committed to providing an excellent education and supporting students daily. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at chriskinney@willitsunified.com or 707-459-2417.

The Baechtel Grove Middle School community is all set to make this school year an exceptional one. Go Cougars.

GIRLS SOCCER SCHEDULE 2023

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 22 - 26	Tyler Duncan Memorial	Upper Lake	TBD
August 29	Roseland College Prep	Willits	5:00
September 5	Mendocino	Mendocino	5:00
September 7	South Fork	South Fork	TBD
September 12	Tamales	Willits	5:30
September 14	Calistoga	Calistoga	6:30
September 19	Mendocino	Willits	5:00
September 21	Middletown	Middletown	3:30
September 26	Lower Lake	Willits	6:30
September 28	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	4:00
October 3*	Upper Lake	Willits	6:30
October 5*	Ft. Bragg	Willits	5:00
October 10	Middletown	Willits	6:30
October 12	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	4:00
October 17	Clear Lake	Willits	6:30
October 19	Upper Lake	Upper Lake	4:00
October 24	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	6:30

* Homecoming week

Head Coach - Jaime Wilkes 707-459-7700

BOYS SOCCER SCHEDULE 2023

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 22 - 26	Tyler Duncan Memorial	Upper Lake	TBD
August 29	Roseland College Prep	Willits	6:30
September 1 - 2	McKinleyville Invitational	McKinleyville	TBD
September 5	Credo	Willits	5:00
September 12	Potter Valley	Potter Valley	4:30
September 14	Calistoga	Calistoga	5:00
September 21	Middletown	Middletown	5:15
September 26	Lower Lake	Willits	5:00
September 28	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	5:45
October 3*	Upper Lake	Willits	5:00
October 5*	Ft. Bragg	Willits	6:30
October 10	Middletown	Willits	5:00
October 12	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	5:45
October 17	Clear Lake	Willits	5:00
October 19	Upper Lake	Upper Lake	5:45
October 24	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	5:00

* Homecoming week

Head Coach - Daniel Haley 707-459-7700

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2023

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 18	Cougar Invitational V - Tournament	Upper Lake	TBD
August 19	Cougar Invitational JV - Tournament	Upper Lake	TBD
August 22	Cloverdale	Cloverdale	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
August 24	Clear Lake	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
August 29	Upper Lake	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
August 31	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
September 5	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
September 9	Arcata Invitational	Arcata	TBD
September 12	St. Helena	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
September 14	Middletown	Middletown	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
September 19	Kelseyville	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
September 21	Cloverdale	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
September 26	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
September 28	Upper Lake	Upper Lake	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
October 3*	Lower Lake	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
October 5*	Ft. Bragg	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
October 12	St. Helena	St. Helena	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
October 17	Middletown	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00
October 19	Kelseyville	Kelseyville	JV 5:00 / V 6:00

* Homecoming week

Head Coach - Jon Jessup 707-459-7700

JV Head Coach - Lucy Kyne

A letter from ...

The Principal of Brookside Elementary School

Margaret Duran

Welcome Back to BLES!

I want to first introduce myself. My name is Margaret Duran, a former 3rd grade teacher and the new principal at Blosser Lane Elementary School. I am so excited to welcome back our students, staff, and community for this 2023/2024 school year!

The bells will ring and we will be welcoming back our students Monday, August 21 at 7:55 am. Please look forward to receiving a DOJO invite from your student's teacher. Our 3rd grade teachers will have their classrooms open for incoming 3rd grade students to come and meet their teacher and see their new campus, Friday August 18, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

Teachers are working hard preparing to welcome their students, and our custodial staff has done a wonderful job preparing our site to receive our students. BLES is committed to creating an environment for all students that is safe, academically rigorous, and meeting the behavioral and social emotional needs of each one of our students.

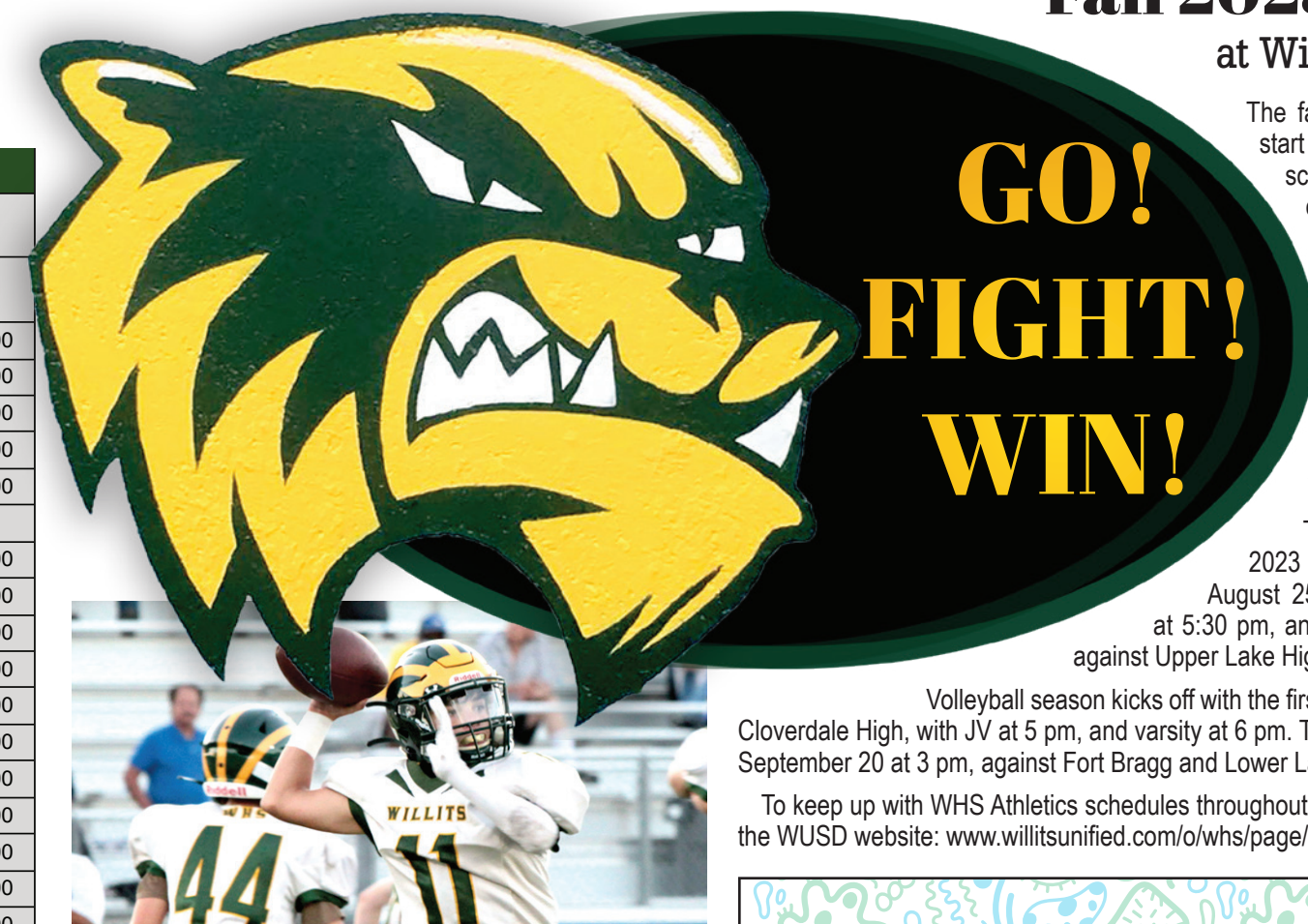
Please feel free to contact me with any questions, and I look forward to serving my students, staff, and community!

Warmly, Margaret Duran, BLES Principal

margaretduran@willitsunified.com
707-459-3232 x1310



Principal Margaret Duran



FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2023

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 25	Berean Christian	Willits	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
September 1	St. Bernard's	Willits	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
September 8	St. Helena	Willits	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
September 15	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
September 22	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
September 29	Middletown	Middletown	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
October 6*	Cloverdale	Willits	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
October 13	Kelseyville	Willits	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
October 20	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	JV 5:30 / V 7:30
October 27	Upper Lake	Willits	JV 5:30 / V 7:30

* Homecoming

Varsity Head Coach - Brandon Norbury 707-459-7700

JV Head Coach - Matt Moratti

Fall 2023 athletics at Willits High School

The fall athletic season is gearing up to start at Willits High School, with the first scrimmage for the WHS football team on August 20, against the Fort Bragg team at the coast. The first home football game of the 2023 season is set for August 26, against Piner High School at Willits, 299 Main Street, with the JV game at 5:30 pm, and varsity game at 7:30 pm. The 2023 Homecoming game will be October 7, against Kelseyville in Willits.

The first home soccer games of the 2023 season are, for the girls team, on August 25 against South Fork High School, at 5:30 pm, and, for the boys team, on August 29 against Upper Lake High School at 6:15 pm.

Volleyball season kicks off with the first home match on August 23, against Cloverdale High, with JV at 5 pm, and varsity at 6 pm. The first Cross Country home meet is September 20 at 3 pm, against Fort Bragg and Lower Lake.

To keep up with WHS Athletics schedules throughout the year, visit the "Athletics" page at the WUSD website: www.willitsunified.com/whs/page/athletics-2

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Mountain Folk Festival in Leggett, September 2

A family friendly event on Saturday, September 2 in downtown Leggett, to benefit the Leggett Valley Volunteer Fire Department, our first responders in Northern Mendocino County. Starts at 10 am with parade; festival at the Leggett Valley Fire Station continues through midnight. Free admission, free parking, and beautiful classic cars, free face painting, bubbles, crafts, and a bounce house. Music by Cameron "Damn" MacDonald & The White Lies, The Scott Forbes Band, Adam Manus, and Guerrilla Takeover. Corn hole, axe and knife throwing, and logging competitions. Auction at 4:30 pm, vendor booths, hot dog hamburger lunch 11 am to 2 pm, BBQ chicken dinner starts at 4 pm. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available throughout the day.

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Friday 8.25.23

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Pete Lavezzoli (aka Pete Dinklage) (in Duane Scott Guberman (aka Scotty G) (in Duane Justin Purtil (aka Justin) (in Duane Jenifer Freebairn (aka Jenifer))

What's Happening Around Town

Thursday, August 17

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.

from 4 to 6 pm, at the Napa Auto Parts parking lot on South Main Street. Tickets at Monkey Wrench, Brown's Corner, Smokin G's and Big D's BBQ Shack, or from any boosters board member.

Ted Lennon at Shanachie: Singer/songwriter out of Ojai, California: "Lennon's music wells up from some ancient source, an ever-flowing spring that makes us feel on some cellular level that we are known and we are loved." Saturday, August 19 at 7 pm. Opening set by Aaron Ford, singer, songwriter and guitarist from the Mendocino Coast. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.




TED LENNON
THE TIDE ALSO RISES

Friday, August 18

Student Car Wash Fundraiser: Willits High School Leadership presents a by donation car wash Friday, August 18 from 1 to 5 pm, at Yokum's Body Shop, 1619 South Main Street. Exterior wash only; cost is by donation - up to you how much you'd like to donate.

'Lonely Planet' at WCT: Steven Dietz's poignant, funny and deeply personal story of two close friends navigating a time of crisis and loss shows at Willits Community Theatre. Tonight at 7:30 pm; see Friday, August 18 listing for more details.



The Funkanauts at Shanachie: longtime SF-based band led by Jstone is known for their unique blend of funk, soul, and hip hop, with a touch of Afro-futurism thrown in for good measure. Friday, August 18 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

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Sunday, August 20

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: Sunday, August 20 is the second day of the 40th anniversary Blackberry Festival at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo. Car and motorcycle show today. See Saturday, August 19 listing for more details.

'Lonely Planet' at WCT: Steven Dietz's poignant, funny and deeply personal story of two close friends navigating a time of crisis and loss, at Willits Community Theatre. Matinee today at 2 pm; see Friday, August 18 listing for more details.

Thursday, August 24

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Saturday, August 26

'ImPRESSED' opens at the Museum: 2nd annual celebration of community printmaking opens at the Mendocino County Museum, on Saturday, August 26, 12 to 4 pm.

IMPRESSED
SHOWING AT MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM
August 26 - October 16



Featuring art by Rik Olson, Solage Roberdeau, Meg Polhard and other printmakers connected to the SF Center for the Book, a partner with Roots of Motive Power and its Buffalo 1924 steam roller. Also work from the Art Explorers out of Fort Bragg. Everyone is encouraged to participate; community submissions made during Roots' steam-up on September 9 and 10 will be incorporated into the exhibit. 400 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or 707-234-6365.

Seed Saving Class at the Willits Library: The Willits Library offers a Seed Saving Class with Jamie Chevalier of Quail Seeds, also Willits Weekly's garden columnist. Saturday, August 26, 1 to 3 pm. Hands-on class will cover saving, threshing, and cleaning your own vegetable or flower seeds. Take seeds home from our seed library to grow year after year. 391 East Commercial Street.

Sunday, August 27

Portuguese folk singer at WCT: Romantic folk singer Ramana Vieira and her ensemble will perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, August 27 at 2 pm. Music aficionados will have the rare opportunity to be immersed in the rapturous rhythms and stirrings of fado - the classic folk music of Portugal with its dramatic tales of love, loss and redemption. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org and at the door.

Blues and Brews at the Rec Grove, September 2

The Willits Lions Club and Cosmic Pickle Productions bring you the annual free Blues and Brews concert at the Rec Grove in Willits on Saturday, September 2 from 11 am to 7 pm.

Come early for the amazing Gospel Blues Band/Choir with Minister Cynthia Lewis and Dearman's Brothers and Sisters in Christ, followed by Clay Hawkins. Dance to Dirty Cello and enjoy a big finish with Blue Luke and Co. Enjoy Big Earl's BBQ, Turtle Island Tacos, and Northrup Brewing Co. and Here in the Forest brews, along with select wines. Shop the crafts of 30 vendors. Celebrate community good times with your Willits friends and neighbors!



Sign up for Willits 4H

Willits 4H would like everyone to know we are taking sign-ups to be a part of the Willits 4H community! 4H offers a ton of different aspects to one's life, such as responsibility, learning how to care for project animals, and so much more. If your child has ever thought about joining, now's the time!

Sign-ups started happening August 15 and continue until October 13, 2023. We will also hold a sign-up day; stay tuned.

To take a market animal, you must be 9 years old by December 31.

Any questions, please feel free to message me at 707-272-4458 or call the Mendocino County office at 707-463-4495. Thank you, and we can't wait for you to join the 4H team!

- Taylor Buzzard, for Willits 4H



The rest of Ridgewood | From page 3

saddle, which is embellished with silver, that he used to ride on during the Willits Frontier Days Parade. Recently, Melinda Howard, Charles' great granddaughter, donated a bridle as well as a breast collar that belonged to Charles Howard.

"We continue to add to the exhibit," Cooper continued. "We have the groom's room. Sarge was a retired cavalry officer. He slept there and kept an eye on the horses. Then, of course, Seabiscuit's stall which includes a brand-new display case which was prepared by Liz Kramer and has some vintage jockey silks, the racing saddle and bridle, and a number of newspaper articles from when Seabiscuit made the headlines in the 1940s. He was always in the headlines, more than Roosevelt or Hitler."

The public is welcome to visit the Seabiscuit Stud Barn and Museum on the first and third Saturdays of the month, from June through September, including Saturday, August 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

"We open the doors to the exhibit with a docent who will help answer questions, welcome people," Cooper said. She also mentioned the guided nature hikes of Ridgewood Ranch, usually offered in April and May. "It's a beautiful time of year to see the ranch, do a variety of hikes, some on the valley floor, some that are more challenging, going up the mountain with seven-mile hikes for the serious hikers."

In addition to the recent restoration of the stud barn, the public is also welcome to view the life-size statue in front of Howard House, where the family lived. The house is available for weddings and other event rentals.

A new B&B opened up next to the carriage house, both of which are also being rented. Much of the proceeds from these rentals go to the further restoration of the property. One current project is the rehabilitation of the bath house.

The Seabiscuit Stud Barn and Museum is located at 1 Seabiscuit Drive, and the entrance to the ranch is approximately 5.5 miles south of Willits. For more information on the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, rental inquiries, or donations, visit: www.seabiscuitheritage.org/.

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SEPT. 2nd

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5:30pm Ridgewood Ranch, Willits
4:30pm Early Bird Facility Wine Tour

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Bus 6 BGMS
Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.

	AM 8:00am		PM 2:58pm		Tuesday 1:00pm
6:45	Sherwood Market	2:30	Brookside pick up Kids Club Only	1:10	Brookside pick up Kids Club Only
6:46	Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:40	Blosser Drop off Kids Club Students	1:15	Blosser Drop off Kids Club Students
6:48	Oriole Dr.(West Side)	3:05	BGMS	1:25	BGMS
6:50	Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	3:10	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	1:35	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)
6:55	Intersection of Bear & Poppy Dr	3:13	Shafer Ranch	1:40	Shafer Ranch
6:56	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:14	Walker Road	1:41	Walker Road
6:59	Golf Course	3:16	Holland's Lane	1:43	Holland's Lane
7:07	Brookside	3:17	Holland's Lane	1:44	Holland's Lane
7:15	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	3:20	Top Sandy	1:45	Top Sandy
7:18	Holland's Lane (South)	3:23	2680 Center Valley	1:50	2690 Center Valley
7:20	Top Sandy	3:24	2450 Center Valley	1:51	2680 Center Valley
7:25	2680 Center Valley	3:30	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:00	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
7:26	2450 Center Valley	3:35	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	2:02	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley
7:34	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	3:38	Brookside	2:10	Brookside
7:40	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	3:40	WHS	2:15	WHS
7:45	WHS	3:45	Sherwood Market	2:20	Sherwood Market
7:55	BGMS	3:50	Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:25	Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr
		3:52	Oriole Dr.(West Side)	2:28	Oriole Dr.(West Side)
		3:53	Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	2:29	Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr
		3:55	Intersection of Bear & Poppy Dr	2:30	Intersection of Bear & Poppy Dr
		3:55	Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr	2:30	Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr
		3:57	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:35	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose
		3:59	Intersection of Robin & Primrose	2:36	Intersection of Robin & Primrose
		4:02	Golf Course	2:40	Golf Course
		4:15	Bus Barn	3:30	Bus Barn

Bus 9 Willits High School
Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.

	AM 8:00am		PM 3:00pm		Tuesday 2:00 pm
6:41	Sherwood Market	3:00	WHS	2:00	WHS
6:45	Oriole Dr.(West Side)	3:14	BGMS	2:05	BGMS
6:46	Coyote	3:17	Napa Auto	2:08	Napa Auto
6:47	Bear	3:20	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	2:10	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)
6:49	Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr	3:23	Holland's Lane North	2:13	Holland's Lane North
6:51	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:24	Holland's Lane South	2:14	Holland's Lane South
6:52	Intersection of Robin & Primrose	3:25	Easy Living Trailer Park	2:15	Easy Living Trailer Park
6:54	Golf Course	3:27	Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	2:17	Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)
7:06	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	3:30	Top of Sandy	2:20	Top of Sandy
7:09	Hollands Lane South	3:34	East Hill Rd (Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley)	2:24	East Hill Rd (Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley)
7:10	Easy Living Trailer Park	3:35	1810 East Hill Rd	2:25	1810 East Hill Rd
7:12	Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	3:39	22430 Eastside Rd	2:29	22430 Eastside Rd
7:15	Top of Sandy	3:42	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:33	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
7:19	East Hill Rd (Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley)	3:55	Sherwood Market	2:44	Sherwood Market
7:20	1810 East Hill Rd	3:59	Oriole Dr.(West Side)	2:49	Oriole Dr.(West Side)
7:24	22430 Eastside Rd	4:00	Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	2:49	Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr
7:28	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	4:02	Coyote	2:50	Coyote
7:40	BGMS	4:05	Bear	2:52	Bear
7:50	WHS	4:07	Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr	2:55	Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr
		4:07	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:57	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose
		4:08	Intersection of Robin & Primrose	2:58	Intersection of Robin & Primrose
		4:10	Golf Course	3:00	Golf Course
		4:20	Bus Barn	3:10	Bus Barn

Bus 11 Blosser Lane
Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.

	AM 8:00am		PM 2:40pm		Tuesday 1:20pm
6:54	Sherwood Market	2:52	Blosser Lane	1:29	Blosser Lane
6:55	Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone	2:50	Catholic Church	1:32	Catholic Church
6:57	Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:55	Brookside	1:36	Brookside
6:58	Intersection of Poppy Dr & Hawk	3:02	Little Lake Auto	1:41	Little Lake Auto
6:59	Oriole Dr.(West Side)	3:04	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	1:45	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)
7:03	Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	3:07	Shafer Ranch	1:49	Shafer Ranch
7:04	Intersection of Primrose & Poppy Dr	3:07	Walker Road	1:50	Walker Road
7:05	Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:08	Berry Court	1:51	Berry Court
7:08	Golf Course	3:11	Top of Sandy	1:52	Top of Sandy
7:18	Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	3:13	Howard Hospital	1:54	Howard Hospital
7:20	Walker Road	3:16	Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	1:56	Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley
7:22	Berry Court	3:20	Mitomkai Way	2:00	Mitomkai Way
7:24	Top of Sandy	3:25	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:04	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
7:25	Howard Hospital	3:30	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	2:10	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley
7:28	Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	3:32	Alameda & Central	2:12	Alameda & Central
7:35	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	3:42	Sherwood Market	2:20	Sherwood Market
7:40	Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	3:43	Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone	2:21	Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone
7:42	Alameda & Central	3:45	Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:22	Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr
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William England IV

William Morgan England IV was born on January 12, 2005 to Willie, Alexis and big brother Brennan. He passed away tragically on June 10, 2023 due to complications from a motorcycle accident.

William was a fun-loving kid who enjoyed hunting, hanging out with his friends and family, RC cars, and showing his animals at the county fair. William started his hunting career early going up to "Hunting Camp" at age 4, with the England men and lifelong hunting buddies Wes and Derek. It was a tradition he treasured and never missed out on. The thing he loved most about fair was the friendships he made there and being able to spend a whole week hanging out with his buddies.

When William was 12 years old, he started volunteering at Roots of Motive Power. He specifically was drawn to the 1921 Kelly Springfield steam-powered road roller. He became such a good operator on the Kelly that he was part of the crew that ran it during several different exhibitions. He loved operating equipment and would jump on anything he could get away with and start pulling levers and pushing pedals.

When he hit his teen years, he spent most of his time hanging out with his buddies (Jaron, Jake, Donny, Lucas and Alton) messing around with motorcycles and pick-ups. William never met a square body Chevy he didn't love. He also enjoyed running his Toyota in the mud bogs and fabricating drift trikes with his brother Brennan.

He started dating the love of his life Jessie Quinliven in October of 2021. Jessie really brought out the smile in William that often fades in teen years. William is loved by many and will be missed beyond measure.

William is survived by his parents Willie and Alexis, his grandparents Junior (Debbie), Gary (Kim), and his aunts, uncle and cousins. He is preceded in death by his brother Brennan, grandfather James Rutherford, great-grandmothers Delia and Bernell, uncles Bennie, Edward, and Mike England, and cousins Pete and Kricket.

Services will be held at the Boy Scout Hut on Sunday, August 27, from 11 am to 2 pm.



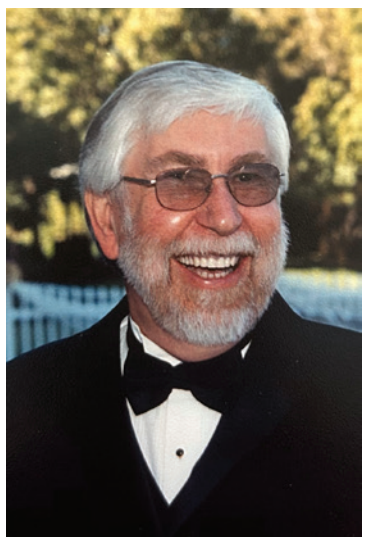
Melvin Butcher

In loving memory of Melvin "Butch" Butcher, a truly remarkable man, we bid farewell to a kind and thoughtful soul whose love knew no bounds. A devoted husband, father, and papa, he filled our lives with laughter and unwavering love. Born and raised in his cherished hometown of Willits, where he proudly retired from Remco after over 30 years, Butch served as a volunteer firefighter, a founding member of the Shifters Car Club, and met many of the people he spent his life loving.

His passions were as diverse as they were vibrant, like his penchant for fast cars that echoed the beat of his heart, or the simple joy of sharing breakfast outings with loved ones. He was always one to enjoy a refreshing Coors Light as a toast to life's special moments. His exuberance for life was truly infectious. And who could forget his endearing fascination with Garfield.

Though the heavens have called him home, his spirit lives on in the hearts of those who love him. His radiant smile, contagious laughter, and boundless love will forever echo in the lives of his surviving family and friends. Preceded in death by his beloved daughter Michelle, we find solace in the belief that she was there to warmly welcome him into eternity.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, survived by his wife, Kathleen Butcher; children Melanie Cain and her husband Brian Cain, Angela Duplicki and her husband Jeff Duplicki, Troy Argall and his wife Rebecca Argall; his grandchildren: Brandon, Brady, Alexander, Olivia, Skyler, and Myles; and best friends Gary Woodruff and Gordon Gebhardt. As we gather to celebrate his life, let us remember the joy he brought to us all and the enduring impact of his boundless love.



Terry Bowers

Terry Lee Bowers, 68, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at Howard Memorial Hospital Adventist Health in Willits from cancer. He was born January 5, 1955 in Fort Bragg, to Alton Nathan (Chuck) Bowers and M. Janeal (Tyra) Bowers.

He lived in Boonville until moving to Willits in 1971, where he excelled in basketball and graduated in 1973. He was a lifelong Mendocino County resident and worked for Safeway Stores, holding many different positions, including produce manager and night-crew boss, in Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg. He retired from Safeway after 34 years.

After retiring, he pursued many interests including home remodeling, tending his many pieces of property, hunting, attending the various activities of his children and grandchildren, visiting with family and friends, working on his 1955 Chevy Bel Air, rooting on his beloved 49ers and Golden State Warriors, and traveling the world with his wife, Mary.

He prided himself on his work ethic and honesty. He was most proud of his children and the adults they had become, and took any opportunity to share their accomplishments with others. He was also their first call if they needed help or advice.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alton and Janeal Bowers, and his brother Alton Wayne Bowers.

Terry is survived by his wife, Mary, his children, Christina (Adam), Tracey (George), Katherine (Charlie), James (Mahdu), and Nicholas (Reannon). His grandchildren Hope Marie, Brooke Leigh, Madison Janeal, Kirsten Mary, Hailey Elizabeth, Macy James, Harmony Nicole, Braelyn Jordin, Nathan George, and Cameron William. His brother Gary (Kathy), nephews, Bryan, Eric, Mark (Heather), Dan (Kim), and Todd. Great-nieces and nephews Brad, Brett (Arianna) Britney, Whitney (Andrew) Alice, Luke and Carl. His great-great niece and nephew Aiden and Bliss.

Terry is also survived by his sister-in-law Lee Ann Bowers, and brother-in-law, Joseph Stetz. His cousins, Linda (Warren), Norm (Margie), Mike (Betty), Steve (Jan) and Kevin (Dana). He also leaves behind his many friends and extended family, including Mrs. Kitty Robbins, Dr. Elaine Niggemann, Dennis (Lisa) Robbins, Matt Robbins and Amy (Dana) Zupke.

A Celebration of Life is planned for August, 27 2023 at Anker Lucier Mortuary at 11 am, followed by a BBQ at 24500 Sherwood Road.

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The Famous BBQ & auction is happening in the Rec Grove on Saturday, September 9, starting around 4 pm. Tickets on sale at the event.

Steam Roller Printing at the Park 11 am to 3 pm - Saturday and Sunday!

Printmaking exhibit "IMPRESSED" at the Museum next door to festival!

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LEGAL NOTICES

WW446
CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING FORMAL BIDS
PROJECT NO. 2023-06
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled: **CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS** For: **Rodeo Grounds Bathroom and Concession Stand Repair Project - Project No. 2023-06**

Repair two tree damaged buildings, bathroom and concession stand located at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. Remove and dispose of all damaged material including roofing, framing, plumbing and electrical. Repair damaged interior and exterior walls. Install new roof and truss systems to both buildings. Install new interior finishes including FRP, epoxy floor and paint. Remove and replace all noted plumbing fixtures, including toilets, urinals, sinks, hand dryers, garbage cans, soap dispensers, including all required plumbing. Install new 200-amp service at the concession stand.

IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &
The work described in the:
CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET

For:
Rodeo Grounds Bathroom and Concession Stand Repair Project - Project No. 2023-06

IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California **will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2 p.m., September 6, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.** Interested parties can join the meeting at City Hall, 111 E. Commercial St., Willits CA, 95490 in Council Chambers.

THE ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$200,000.
The contractor shall possess a Class B license at the time this contract is awarded.

Key Dates:

- Pre-Bid Meeting: Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 10 a.m., Rodeo Grounds.
- Final Questions from Bidders: Monday, August 28, 2023, by 5 p.m.
- Final Addendum Issued: Wednesday, August 30, 2023.
- Bid Opening: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 2 p.m.
- Project Completion Date: December 30th, 2023.
- Project length: 90 Calendar Days.

Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department at 707-459-4605 or by emailing engineering@cityofwillits.org.

CITY OF WILLITS: s/Delores Pedersen, City Clerk
DATED: 8/8/23
Publication Dates: August 10 and 17, 2023

North Coast Opportunities, Inc. is Recruiting for Ukiah, CA
Community Case Manager I-II for the Vision Family Resource Center
Salary: \$17.50 to \$26.52/hour DOQ.
40 hours per week. EOE
Closing Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Vacancies Available: 2
Bilingual English/Spanish Highly Preferred.

Vision Family Resource Center in Ukiah is seeking self-driven, compassionate individuals to provide Case Management services for qualifying community members. The right candidate will be a great listener, be self-motivated, and have excellent time-management skills. Bilingual English/Spanish is highly preferred.

For full job description details & the required employment application form, go to <https://www.ncoinc.org/join-our-team/> or call 707-467-3200 x 302 or 331

North Coast Opportunities, Inc. is Recruiting for Ukiah, CA
Child Care Subsidy Case Manager I for Rural Communities Child Care
Salary: Hiring at \$21.34 per hour (Level I pay range: \$21.34 to \$27.74 per hour)
40 hours per week. EOE
Closing Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

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Mary Kanne



Mary Alice Rauch Wilmes Halcrow Kanne of Dos Rios, California, passed away in Willits, California, on Friday, August 4, 2023, surrounded by loving family and friends. Born during the Great Depression in Chicago in 1933, she died just a month shy of her 90th birthday.

Those two sentences alone say a lot about Mary: three marriages, having been born during one of our nation's greatest struggles, with metropolitan sophistication, midwest values, small town friendliness, openness to change, and a lifespan long enough to experience myriad challenges and blessings.

Mary didn't passively let life happen to her; she took it on. Avoiding the banality of superlatives, let me say that I have never met a man or woman who surpassed her in enthusiasm, confidence and a can-do attitude. And with dogged determination and a somewhat stubborn streak, she usually got what she wanted. Mary was adventurous and spontaneous, fun and loved to laugh.

As with most truly successful people, Mary found serenity by developing modesty and humility. She was passionate about spirituality, equality, and politics, but wore nothing on her sleeve. She was a private person with no need of recognition or acclaim.

Mary moved to Sherwood Ranch outside of Willits with her husband, Greg, in 1976. Pied Piper that she was, she was followed from southern California to Willits, one by one, by her mother Ruth Rauch, her brother John Rauch, her daughter Wendy Wilmes, her sons Jeff Wilmes and Douglas Halcrow, and her stepdaughter Greta Kanne. Her entire family was near her. I guess that could be considered both a challenge and a blessing.

She had various jobs in her lifetime, but none more rewarding and fulfilling than her partnership with her daughter Wendy in Firefly Framing Studio in the Willits Grange.

One cannot do justice to the remembrance of Mary without the mention of classical music. When I met Mary in 1975, she was literally listening to classical music 24 hours a day. It was on her home radio, car radio, and work radio. Mary was an amateur musicologist. She ultimately amassed a collection of more than a thousand classical music CDs. She knew them all. She read the BBC Music Magazine cover to cover for years, relishing any information about composers, conductors, singers, and other musicians. She also dabbled in playing piano, recorder, and guitar.

Mary will also be remembered for her impeccable and fashionable dress, always wearing beautiful clothing and jewelry. Along with interior decorating, it was her visual art form.

Mary leaves her husband Greg, daughter Wendy (Chris Baldo), son Jeff Wilmes, son Douglas Halcrow (Linda Prestly), and stepdaughter Greta Kanne (Chris Harper).

Soul incarnates to gain experience and to grow in giving and receiving love. Success. Rest in Peace, my dear Mary.

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sought by Little Lake Fire for 22 new SCBAs (self-controlled breathing apparatus) and 20 new turnouts. Turnouts, also known as personal protective equipment, are essentially what the firefighters wear and includes boots, jackets, pants, gloves, and helmets.

The company that was previously supplying SCBAs to Little Lake, Honeywell, is no longer making parts for the fire service, so Little Lake will be switching to Scott packs which are supported by the National Fire Protection Agency. For 22 SCBAs the cost will roughly be around \$165,000. For 20 turnouts, the estimated cost will be around \$80,000.

In the petition for grant money, Michelle Schnitzius, administrative assistant, made sure to stress the need for new turnouts, writing that, "gloves are ripped, handles of boots for firefighters are ripping off, and pants need new zippers and Velcro."

After grant updates, the board was informed that the fire house's new solar system is up and running. Little Lake says they haven't received a bill yet, but they're hoping for a 50% reduction in electrical costs.

Training Chief Jeff Donaldson shared his updates, saying the National Night Out with first responders was a big success and will likely be an annual event in Willits moving forward.

Some of the trainings Donaldson has on the horizon are with Howard Memorial Hospital. The hospital's insurance requires that local firefighters do a walkthrough of the MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) room and familiarize themselves with any potential hazards.

Little lake Fire will also be partnering with Laytonville Fire for a "high angle" training. Donaldson said this training is part of a ropes course that involves rescuing a person from down an embankment using manpower.

Donaldson also informed the board that the Mendocino College Fire Science Program will be taking the lead role in training new firefighters and paramedics.

"In the past," Donaldson explained, "local chiefs would train their own and submit documentation to the

state fire marshal's office to receive the FF1 certificate." Mendocino College's program is predominantly staffed by retired chiefs and active firefighters from local departments and will continue to source instructors from these groups. Little Lake Fire will also be participating in an active shooter drill put on by the Sheriff's Office; the date for which is yet to be determined.

Fire Marshal Eric Alvarez told the group he's busy prepping for apartment building inspections in Willits. Some of the things he'll be looking for include: "a visible address in letters and numbers large enough to be seen from the street, gas meters and breaker boxes labeled to identify which unit they control, fire hydrants clear of weeds or debris, and not blocked by vehicles, fire extinguishers properly mounted in a visible location, and currently serviced (need to be serviced annually) with a maximum travel distance of 75 feet, extension cords being used as permanent wiring, smoke alarms installed and maintained in sleeping areas, and carbon dioxide alarms installed in units where there are fuel-burning appliances."

Alvarez explained, "All these play a big part in public safety during the event of an emergency. Something as simple as having a serviced fire extinguisher visible for someone to identify, locate, and use to prevent a larger fire from occurring is huge. Identification on gas meter/electrical panels helps with securing the proper unit involved in the emergency, providing for first responder safety. It takes the guesswork out of shutting off all the gas and electrical to every single unit."

The meeting concluded with Acting Fire Chief Thomen describing July as a busy month. He reported 63 total calls; 12 fire calls, 36 rescue/emergency medical calls, 4 hazardous conditions calls with no fire, 2 good intent calls, and 9 false alarms.

Thomen also said he's watching an assembly bill coming down the line that may affect Little Lake's funding. He said all the Mendocino County fire departments are going to try to get together to write a resolution to Sacramento, letting them know their displeasure. There will be more to come on this issue, as information is just starting to be gathered by the Little Lake team.

The next board of directors meeting is set for Tuesday, September 12 at 5 pm.

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people. We've had 17 or 18 people move within our system to new particular positions."

Beebe welcomed new leadership to Willits High School (Principal Shane Topolinski) and to Blosser Lane Elementary School (Principal Margaret Duran). "I'm excited for Ms. Duran and Mr. Topolinski to "bring their fresh lens and eyes to the situation," he said.

"31 people, that's a lot of energy. Because it's not just 31, it's probably more like 100 people," Beebe said, citing interviews of multiple candidates for different positions. "It's exciting when people want to come to your district. Our enrollment is up a little bit, and that's always good; these are all positive signs that our system is moving in the direction that we want to go, in a positive way. I have no doubt, with the all-star crew that I have, that we're going to keep moving in that direction."

Later in the meeting, Dawn McClellan, a fourth-grade teacher at Blosser Lane, spoke to make the point that classes were mostly full at her school. "We're super concerned because we have really high numbers, we are maxed out in fourth grade, fifth grade is pretty darn close, and so is third grade. I know we still have one opening for a teacher, but it's going to be really hard with 30 kids to make sure they're all progressing in reading and math." Thirty students is the maximum number of students per class.

Trustee Dianne McNeal spoke about her time at the Redwood Empire Fair and how

amazing it was to see works and projects by Willits students entered into each one of the buildings, as well as FFA and 4-H students at the auctions. She praised the kids' parents, too.

Trustee Jeanne King reported about a visit to the Willits Kids Club, during the last week of their summer camp. "To me Kids Club is just a real gem, it's a wonderful facility for kids, and when you watch the staff there with the kids, the kids are so excited, they're being treated with such loving kindness, and there's all these activities going on all the time... It's a wonderful facility, and I hope the school district appreciates it."

Trustee Jennifer Sookne reported she had been working over the summer with others, including Willits Teachers Association President Brandon Ludwig, on organizing an in-service training for teachers from the Human Rights Campaign on LGBTQ+ issues.

Board chair Paula Nunez said she agreed with most of the previous comments. She was "real pleased with everyone returning and that our school district has nearly all the staff it needs." She was excited about the upcoming Human Rights Campaign training, and reported she had attended the Nuestra Alianza summer program, which she felt went very smoothly.

"I, too, am looking forward to some changes coming up this year," Nunez said. "I truly believe they will happen, and all of them I'm certain will be positive."



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of Voters and State and Local Governments to Raise Revenues for Government Services."

Director Santos wondered whether recent property tax measures, including Measure P, adopted by Mendocino County last year, would be "voided and go away unless there's a super majority of 66.7 for the measure when a new election is held."

Santos remarked: "It looks like they're trying to do away with Measure P." Measure P passed with a 55.27% yes vote, with 44.72% voting no.

Brooktrails General Manager Tamara Alaniz responded saying: "I would just slightly rephrase the way Director Santos was talking about this initiative issue. The initiative is expected to be on the ballot in November 2024. It is specifically designed to prevent the type of property-related assessment elections that are done with engineering studies that have a 50% plus 1 vote for passage.

"I believe," she continued, "using our own assessment as an example, the fact that our recent fire assessment received over 69% which does meet the super-majority threshold, it would not be subject to potentially overturning it. I believe that the date that the initiative has talked about going back to is the date upon which the initiative was certified. So, they're talking about anything that had a 50% plus 1 but not a super majority could potentially be rescinded or revisited, and this is going to be on the ballot.

"One of the things that our district and special districts throughout California have been working on with CSDA [California Special Districts Association]," Alaniz continued, "is to have an item on our agenda to adopt a resolution to consider opposing this initiative. And, if we do that, that will give us the ability to use educational materials for people in our community so that they will know what the impacts would be for special districts if this or something like this was passed in the November 2024 election."

Director Ed Horrick asked: "So, this will or will not affect our recent assessment that was approved?" Alaniz responded: "Everything that I've read about the intent of the initiative, elections like our benefit assessment that did receive a super majority would not be in the crosshairs of the implementation of this initiative if it does pass in the November 2024 election."

Alaniz further stated, "We do continue to work with the county on the fire benefit assessment that passed. They have put together a funding agreement, and I will

look through it, and we look forward to getting this on the BOS meeting for August 29 for their approval."

Fire Chief Jon Noyer had a few announcements. "First of all, our new, long-awaited, specially built Type 6 brush truck is due to be delivered on September 1. We are very happy about that. Also, I applied for a grant through the California Fire Foundation, and we were awarded \$12,000 of the \$16,000 that we requested. Those funds are earmarked for portable radios, chainsaws, and related equipment. We also have a slew of new volunteers and the new firefighter that we've hired, Lindsey Shively, will be on board soon.

"PG&E has decided to walk away from their vegetation management program, and they're going to shift their focus to undergrounding and lateral transformer trips. That means that's whatever is on the ground is going to be on the ground. The general manager and I have been discussing what that looks like for us and how we are going to try to mitigate that as we move forward."

Joseph Haggard who represents the Brooktrails Disc Golf organization stepped to the podium and said: "I've been working with Chief Noyer on a little project. We were able to get some new discs that feature the new Brooktrails Fire Department logo." The new logo design was created by Brooktrails Fire Prevention Officer Steven Duran.

Haggard then presented the new discs to the board and said: "What you have in front of you are two of the putters. I was able to get 50 of these made. So, there are 15 putters, 15 mid-ranges and 20 drivers. I'm expecting that it will raise a small fund of about \$250, and I'd like that to be set aside for volunteer firefighters when they are fighting a fire and are active in the field. When they're tired and needing a meal they can present their receipts and be reimbursed from the fund."

The new discs will be available for purchase for \$30 each.

"We are excited and have been preparing for our big tournament that's coming up the weekend of August 18, 19 and 20," Haggard continued. "We cleaned up Ohl Grove and hauled a bag and a half of trash out to make it ready for tournament play."

Director Santos spoke for the board as a whole and thanked Haggard for stepping up and doing all that he has done to benefit the Brooktrails Golf Course.

Finally, the board focused on the Consent Calendar and voted unanimously to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$116,212.12.



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