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Willits police union votes 'no confidence' in city manager

Statement from WPOA

At the August 23 Willits City Council meeting, Willits Police Association President Brittany Ponikvar told councilmembers that at an emergency meeting on August 22, the members of the WPOA voted "no confidence" in Willits City Manager Brian Bender.

Ponikvar came to the podium during the "public comment on matters not on the posted agenda" section of the meeting. Below is her statement:

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July report from Little Lake Fire

Submitted by Little Lake Fire Protection District

Editor's Note: This is the monthly report submitted to the Willits City Council.

In the month of July, Little Lake Fire had 62 calls. (12 fires, 35 rescues, 4 HazMat, 2 calls for service, 9 false Alarms (alarm system going off due to water flow, carbon monoxide, dead batteries, etc., but with no active fire).

Unfortunately, our swift water rescue team responded to a body recovery at the beginning of August. We are one of the few swift water teams in the county.

Fire Marshal Eric Alvarez is busy with site plans, business applications, and

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CHP to ramp up enforcement for Labor Day

Submitted by CHP, Garberville

In a collaborative effort to help ensure the safety of all road users as they travel this Labor Day weekend, the California Highway Patrol, Nevada Highway Patrol, and Arizona Department of Public Safety are joining forces for a maximum enforcement period. The tri-state enforcement initiative begins at 6:01 pm on Friday, September 1, and continues through 11:59 pm on Monday, September 4.

As Labor Day weekend approaches, marking the traditional end of summer celebrations, many people are gearing up for holiday gatherings and road trips. The CHP, NHP, and Arizona

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Above: Maggie Jennison was wearing her fruity jammies to feel extra festive while helping with her family's Bartlett harvest. At right: Now is the bountiful time for home-grown goodies.

Help with Harvest

Willits Grateful Gleaners can help overwhelmed residents with picking produce to keep it from going to waste

While planting 10 apple trees or 20 tomato plants may have seemed like a great idea at the time, when you notice that the lovely tree over there in the corner of the yard is indeed covered with fruit already dropping all over the ground, fear not.

Help is available to make sure that lovely produce doesn't go to waste, or isn't only left for the enjoyment of the deer and the birds. Willits has a great group of about five core leaders and 25 dedicated fruit pickers who will come to your place and pick your unused fruit, and give it to those in need. While they have a priority of fruit trees, they're willing to also harvest other organic produce, too.

The Grateful Gleaners is an all-volunteer group who will "bring ladders and smiles to your back yard, harvest your fruit trees, and then distribute the bounty to local organizations including Nuestra Alianza, Willits Daily Bread, Caring Kitchen, Willits Senior Center, the Willits Community Services and Food Bank, the Willits Kids Club and more."

Around 23 boxes of pears were picked on Thursday at a few Willits homes by the Gleaners, and those boxes are being donated to the Willits Unified School District for students at all the sites to enjoy.

Willits High School's Christy Wisdom, and her son and fellow WUSD co-worker Dustin Wisdom, came to pick up

the fruit Tuesday morning from the "Gleaner Garage."

"We are very grateful to the Gleaners and local farmers for their donations of fruit and food," said Wisdom. "We just contacted the Food Hub to purchase additional produce, but these gifted goods from the Gleaners are wonderful. Feeding the kids locally grown produce actually gives them a chance to taste what the food is supposed to taste like – there's no way you can buy a pear at a regular store that tastes as good as one that grows in a back yard just down the street."

Kids will get to enjoy the pears right away, with the small-sized fruit being saved for the younger schools and the larger fruit for the older kids.

Some fruit will also get canned and saved for future use. Anything past its human-consumption status, and any scraps, will go to the animals at the Willits High School Ag Farm to enjoy.

The Gleaners are always looking for volunteers to join the picking team, or who would like to help out in other ways, too. If you would like to learn more, get involved, or if you have fruit that needs picking, reach out to the group via phone 707-367-7391 or email gratefulgleanersofwillits@gmail.com, give them some information, and set up a time to pick – all for free.

– Maureen Jennison

Photos by Maureen Jennison



At left: Gleaner Beth Reidel carries a box of freshly picked pears. Above: Gleaner Carol Cox, left, stands with WUSD's Christy and Dustin Wisdom Tuesday when they came to get fruit for the school district. At right: Some of the 23 boxes of pears start to fill the school's van.



At left: Chickpeas grow in pods, and can be harvested green or dry. Above: Pears are plentiful this time of year and need to be picked green. At right: Summer squash, tomatoes and chickpea pods fill up this harvest bowl.

Council skeptical of Caltrans 'road diet' plan

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Members of the Willits City Council and many members of the public made clear their unhappiness with Caltrans's proposed "Willits Bicycle Safety Enhancement Project" from Oak Street to Manor Way.

At least three of the councilmembers, Saprina Rodriguez, Mayor Greta Kanne, and Larry Stranske, said they'd vote no on the question of supporting the current proposal, even though a vote was not scheduled that night.

It was agreed that the item would come back for a vote at the next Willits City Council meeting on September 13.

Councilmember Gerry Gonzalez said he was in favor of slowing traffic down, but cited late notice of the plan in his reluctance to support it, saying he'd need to talk to more businesses south of town first.

Councilmember Madge Strong said she was torn, and agreed with "all the different sides that got expressed," but she was worried that the plan might

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Golden Fire on the grade 90% contained

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A quick response by ground fire crews and air attack reignited in Sunday's Golden Fire on Ridgewood Grade south of Willits.

The August 27 fire was initially reported just before 1 pm, as several spots along the east side of Highway 101, including at the access road off the highway for the Golden Rule Mobile Home Park.

As of Wednesday afternoon, according to an update from CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit, the Golden Fire is 95% contained, still holding at 11.54 acres burned. "One engine will periodically patrol the area tomorrow," the August 30 update stated. "Full control is expected tomorrow."

Residents of the mobile home park were right under the path of the tight circular air attack on Sunday's fire. Water tankers T-90 and T-91 out of Ukiah worked this fire, as did tankers T-85 and T-86 out of Santa Rosa. U.S. Forestry Service planes included N14DF out of Ukiah. Helicopters

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Saying goodbye to Laura Paeyeneers

To the Editor:

In December of 2007, a very special person came to work at Willits Kids Club. Sixteen years later, having left her mark on Kids Club and countless children and families, we say farewell to Laura Paeyeneers. We will have a celebration of her contributions on September 6, 4:30 pm, at the WKC Clubhouse.

Laura has brought so much to her work with WKC: creativity, beauty, love, enriching environments, and a wealth of activities. She shepherded the program through the move from Brookside to the new WKC Clubhouse, the development of the garden program and park. Her loving touch and eye for beauty can be seen in every room and space, inside and out.

Laura lives out the principles of the Love and Logic and Tribes programs. She has helped so many staff and children learn that they could do things for themselves. Children learned everything from how to tie their own shoes to solving problems with friends. Staff grew from teen helpers into leaders finding their own strengths and voice. She has a gift for seeing the gifts in others. In her presence, you know that you are loved and valuable.

We will miss her friendship and leadership so much. She has left a strong foundation at Willits Kids Club and in the wider community. We are so grateful for our years together.

Please join us on September 6, 4:30 pm, at the WKC Clubhouse to wish her well.

Kris Wagner, for the Willits Kids Club

Seeking nominations for the 20th Annual Mendocino County Art Champion Awards

Submitted by the Arts Council of Mendocino County

The Arts Council of Mendocino County is now seeking nominations for the community for the 20th Annual Mendocino County Art Champion Awards. Art Champion Awards will be made in the following four categories: Business Champion for the Arts; Individual Champion for the Arts; Artist Champion; and Educational Champion.

Nominations are due by September 15. The awards will be presented before the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in October.

The Art Champion Awards are annually presented in October to coincide with National Arts and Humanities Month. National Arts and Humanities Month is a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America, dedicated to giving millions of Americans the opportunity to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and encourage them to begin a lifelong habit of active participation.

To learn more about National Arts and Humanities Month, visit the Americans for the Arts website at www.americansforthearts.org or the California Arts Council website at www.cac.ca.gov.

To link to a Mendocino County Art Champion nomination form, to review the award criteria, or to see a list of past winners, go to www.artsmendocino.org/programs/art-champion-awards.

The Rules: LETTERS

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

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

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Celebration of Life - Trail Trek at Brooktrails Par Course, September 24

Submitted by Crystal Bowles

On Sunday, September 24, Crystal and Davey Bowles are hosting a Celebration of Life - Trail Trek at Brooktrails Par Course. for the second year, with the help of North Striders. The Trek is through Brooktrails in memory and honor of their son, Sam and his perseverance through all of the struggles he constantly endured, and for their daughter, Bronach for her supporting spirit, strength and continuing zest for life.

Bronach and Sam were best friends, reveling in the time and antics they shared together. These kinds of memories and those shared with family and friends give us courage to face the difficult moments that are present throughout each day.

Sam was not competitive, he lived in the moment, literally taking life in stride and finding every moment "worthwhile," a word he found deep and personal meaning in.

We are hoping this will be a fun way for families to get together, enjoy the outdoors and company of each other, and it is for everyone to enjoy. Same day registration starts at 8 am. Trek horn starts the event at 9 am.

The trek includes Par Course loops, 5k, and 1/2 marathon walk or run.

Any profits above the costs of putting on the event and T-shirt purchase costs will be donated to a charity focused on family and child support for those living with childhood cancers. Last year we donated proceeds to North Coast Striders and three charities also linked to registration: Tyler Robinson Foundation Inc., Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern CA and Northern NV, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Inc.

The Brooktrails trails are minimally maintained and can be rugged and rough terrain - appropriate attire recommended.

If you want to volunteer time on the day of the event, with pre-event trail cleanup, help with event planning, or donations, please contact Crystal Schiffbauer-Bowles at crystalbowles7@gmail.com

Register online at the link below or use the QR code:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Willits/CelebrationofLifeTrailTrek>



'ImPRESSED'

Exhibit at Mendocino County Museum displays works by Bay Area printmakers and invites visitors to carve their own artwork

"There are many ways to interact with this exhibit," explained Karen Mattson, Mendocino County Museum administrator. "Today we're having a block-carving party. Roots of Motive Power has given us blocks of linoleum to give away so that people can have a bit of time to get their carving accomplished."

Mathew Caine, Features Writer at mathew@willitsweekly.com "Today, we're designing and carving our blocks. We'll also be giving out blocks during the Art Walk next week. We'll have different design stations so people can sketch and use the time to create and, hopefully, they'll bring them back to the Steam Festival on September 9 and 10 and get their designs printed."

The newest exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum is called "ImPRESSED," an appropriate title for the images created by these artists, utilizing the pressure from antique steam rollers on inked blocks of carved linoleum, pressed against paper sheets.

As Mattson described above, the public is also invited to utilize their own creativity by carving their designs and having them pressed during the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival on the weekend of September 9 and 10, at Recreation Grove Park.

The exhibition features the work of three artists who are connected to an organization in San Francisco called Center for the Book.

"Our exhibit is called 'ImPRESSED' and is truly about the community aspect of making art," said Mattson. "Artists in San Francisco have been doing this service, in the Dogpatch Area with Center for the Book for about 20 years."

"It started out with artists who do really large art but it is really hard to get their linoleum block printed because they need to have that intense pressure to get a really good,

even print. We want to bring awareness that the opportunity is here in Mendocino County. We invited three artists who have had the experience of working at Center for the Book to bring their prints here and display them," said Mattson.

Rik Olson is a master of linocut, wood engraving, etching, and scratchboard, "anything that includes a sharp instrument and a dab of ink," he wrote. He has brought his intricate works, which are mostly 3-foot square, two of which are being donated to Roots to be auctioned off at their annual barbecue, to raise funds for the organization.

If one looks closely, hidden in the lines of most of the works are a depiction of a steam roller which is utilized in pressing the images. "My mission is to bring to physical reality, the best I can, the ideas and vision I have in my mind's eye. I get inspired by ideas of a visual sight, such as a bird flying by or a foggy morning, and then try to bring this to life," Olson writes, explaining his art.

Solange Roberdeau utilizes for her art in this show a method called sumingashi, meaning "floating ink," involving water and ink to create her fluid images. "In many cultural mythologies," writes Roberdeau, "the concept of a 'creation space' is expressed as an ambiguous event out of which perception expands and cultures are born, the outcome often unpredictable yet inherently full of hope."

"I feel deeply the importance of pointing to that space which is at once ordered and chaotic, controlled and serendipitous, as a positive place of creative potential and possibility."

Roberdeau will be at the museum to demonstrate her method on September 22, from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Meg Pohlod works with found objects in order to make her prints. In the case of the work she has exhibited at the museum, the found objects are wooden slats, which she

utilized to create linear textured designs.

"A child-like play is a constant theme in my work, showing up in curious ways," Pohlod writes. "I am interested in the recollection and confrontation of distressing memories, where they are stored and how they come back."

Pohlod will demonstrate her work at the museum on September 16, from 1:30 to 4 pm.

The other group of artists is from a Fort Bragg non-profit called Art Explorers, an organization for those with disabilities who wish to explore art as a creative and therapeutic expression.

"Next Saturday, during the Art Walk, we will be having our grand opening," said Mattson. "Malakai Schindel will be performing music with his friends. The Friends of the Mendocino County Museum will be providing refreshments. It should be a really fun night to come make art and hear music."

"This is about making art together as a community and working with Roots of Motive Power to create art, which is unexpected because a lot of people don't know that these huge steam contraptions are used in the process," Mattson said.

"ImPRESSED" will be showing through October 15 at the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street. It is open to the public Wednesday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 pm. The exhibit will also be open during the Art Walk scheduled for this Saturday, September 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

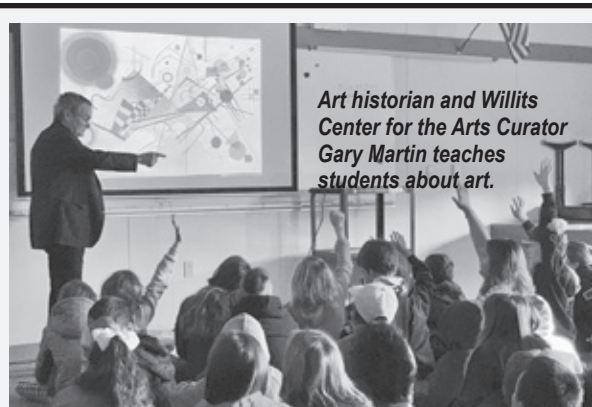
Call 707-234-6365 or visit www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cultural-services-agency/museum for more information. For information on the Center for the Book, visit <https://cfcb.org>.

MCHC clinics closed for Labor Day holiday

All MCHC Health Centers; Hillside, Dora Street, Lakeview, and Little Lake, will be closed on Saturday, September 2 and Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday. All sites will reopen Tuesday, September 5.

If you are having a medical emergency, please call 911 or go to the emergency room.

If you are a Care for Her OB patient and need to reach the midwife on call, please contact labor and delivery at 707-463-7550. Info: <https://mchcinc.org>



GASP grants for artists and schools available for the 2023-24 school year

Submitted by the Arts Council of Mendocino County

The Arts Council of Mendocino County is pleased to announce the "Get Arts in the Schools Program" grant opportunity. GASP is a public / private arts-education partnership that funds professional artist workshops and live performances in Mendocino County schools during the school year.

The goal of the program is to infuse the arts into the core curriculum and to deliver quality, educational, curriculum-based artistic enrichment in K-through-12 classrooms throughout Mendocino County. Core program funding is made possible by the Mendocino County Office of Education.

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Above, from left: An artist uses modern technology to aid in the old technique of wood-block printing. A collection of pieces comes from the Art Explorers of Fort Bragg, a community non-profit creative-arts program. This intricate print of Icarus was crafted by Rik Olson.

At right: Once the design has been transferred to the linoleum, it is time to begin cutting out the areas that will not be black when printed. At far right: Rik Olson's linocut print of the Kelly steam roller.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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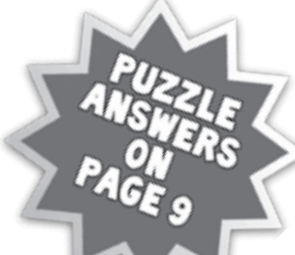
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

POLICE LOG

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 7 to August 13

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 7

12:33 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Sherwood Road and North Main Street and issued a warning.

8:35 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 900 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

August 8

1:47 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road and issued a warning.

10:40 pm: **RAY, Robert Lee** (46) of Klamath was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury), 417 PC (Brandishing a Weapon), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 148 (A) (1) PC (Resisting an Officer), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), on felony charges of first degree robbery, elder abuse, and criminal threats, and on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery, disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol), and violation of probation.

the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

6:19 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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5:04 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

8:32 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

3:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court.

9:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East Mendocino Avenue and issued a citation.

August 12

1:11 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of Bonnie Lane and issued a citation.

11:58 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

4:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a citation.

5:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Alder Court.

7:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:59 pm: **LEGGETT, Joseph Rae** (38) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial Street. He was arrested on felony charges of a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of fireworks without a permit, and violation of probation.



Robert Ray of Klamath.



Joseph Leggett of Willits.

August 9

9:23 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

5:48 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of East Hill Road and Baechtel Road.

11:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Coast Street.

11:35 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:54 am: **HAKE, Chad Tyler** (35) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of East Commercial Street following a report of an unwanted subject and vandalism. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of burglary tools.

3:26 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Baechtel Road and issued a citation.

3:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of Locust Street and issued a citation.

4:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

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Artists: To be eligible to receive a GASP grant, an artist must: be a professional in their art field, have prior experience presenting an art program or project in a classroom setting, reside in Mendocino County, and be a current member of Arts Council of Mendocino County.

Artists who meet all four of the qualifying criteria should submit an application packet to the Arts Council of Mendocino County by the application deadline of November 1, 2023. Grant guidelines and application materials are available at www.ArtsMendocino.org.

New Artists are strongly encouraged to discuss their proposed projects with Arts Council staff prior to applying. A limited amount of funding is available to support mentorships for artists who lack experience teaching in the schools and yet meet all other eligibility requirements.

Schools: In order to be eligible for a GASP grant, a school or after-school program must be serviced by MCOE (private schools are currently ineligible).

Artists and schools will be notified of their awards by late November. Further information about the program can be found on the Arts Council's website at www.artsmendocino.org/programs/get-arts-in-the-schools-program-gasp.

August 31: National Trail Mix Day, National Matchmaker Day, National Diatomaceous Earth Day, Golf Instructor Day, National Eat Outside Day, We Love Memoirs Day, Love Litigating Lawyers Day, International Overdose Awareness Day, National Zoo Awareness Day, World Distance Learning Day, National Cherry Popover Day, World Letter Writing Day, Ginger Cat Appreciation Day

September 1: Roblox Day, National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day, National Chicken Boy Day

September 2: National Blueberry Popsicle Day, National V-J Day

September 3: U.S. Bowling League Day, National Welsh Rarebit Day, International Skate Park Day

September 4: National Wildlife Day, National Newspaper Carrier Day, National Macadamia Nut Day

September 5: National Cheese Pizza Day

September 6: National Read A Book Day, National Coffee Ice Cream Day



At left: Funkacillin will rock the Willits Community Theatre with their Afro-Cuban rhythms with soulful, funky grooves on September 1.

Mendocino County favorite funk band Funkacillin at Willits Community Theatre September 1

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

Local favorite funk band Funkacillin will be rocking the house at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, September 1 at 7:30 pm. The six-piece group brings together longtime standout Mendocino County musicians with their get-down sounds, horn extras, multiple layers of percussion, and familiar vocal standards.

The band features Cherie Sheraque on vocals, formerly of Groove Approved and Samba Jamba, guitarist Lex Krauss of Rising Signs and formerly Rootstock, the incomparable accompanist Jim Dooley on trumpet and keyboards, Yanahay Hooper on bass formerly of Rootstock, Steven Serbins on drums, and added conga percussionist Phil Montalvo.

Funkacillin's intricate Afro-Cuban rhythms mixed with soulful and funky grooves make for a mix of originals and old school funk, rock and soul by heavy hitters including The Isley Brothers, Curtis Mayfield, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin and Cold Blood. Their sounds flash back to the days of paisley print, platform shoes, booty-shaking and a guaranteed foot-stomping good time.

Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.



Willits Mini Storage gears up for annual multi-unit super sale event at the end of September

Willits Mini Storage, LLC is holding their annual yard sale, flea-market style, for one day only, September 30. With over 25 tenants signed up, this sale will be one of the biggest we have had so far, and the tenants will be allowed to have a sale out of their storage unit.

Our facility will be closed down to traffic, with only pedestrians being allowed to walk in. We do have one vehicle to transport large items (by our employees only) to the street for pick up. We encourage everyone to bring a wagon if you have one. Our property is large and will take a while to walk it. Parking is limited and you may have to park down Blosser Lane. The Senior Center will be serving hot dogs and sodas. Hope to see you all there!

-Submitted by Willits Mini Storage

PEANUTS WORD SEARCH

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- Midway between east and southeast
- At right angles to a ship's length
- William Penn's business partner
- ___ de plume
- Accomplished soccer coach
- Bone cavities
- ___ juris: independent
- Popular Philly sandwich
- Northern Ireland county
- Performing artist
- S S S
- Lacks flavor
- Commercials
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- Qatar's capital
- Indigenous peoples of Alberta
- Popular footwear
- Indicates position
- Anglican cathedral
- Aircraft part
- Before
- Blood group
- Secretory organ
- Fencing swords
- The small projection of a mammary gland

- Technological advancement
- Male parent
- Dissociable
- More cold
- Cape Verde Islands capital
- Blood disorder
- Creative
- Sun up in New York
- Made angry
- Relieves
- Brooklyn hoopster
- Seasonsings
- Shabbiness
- Attempt
- geological time
- Wild ox
- Shock treatment
- Turner and Lasso are two
- Genus of flowering plants
- Relating to ductless glands
- Stock certificate
- Satisfies
- Places to enjoy a rest
- Edward ___, author and writer
- ___ but goodie'
- One hundredth of a liter
- Shabbiness
- TV personality Roker
- Triangular upper part of a building
- Speed at which you move
- Offend
- A reference point to shoot at
- Entering
- Forays
- Biblical city
- Blatted
- Northern sea duck
- Shabby (slang)
- Allege
- Tax collector
- Whereabouts unknown
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Indicates equal

CLUES DOWN

- Occur as a result of
- Spiritual essences
- Representative
- Entering
- Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- Midway between northeast and east
- Consumed
- Tablelands
- Kids' craft accessory
- Not known
- Sound directed through two or more speakers
- A major division of

Blues and Brews

Free at the Rec Grove this Saturday

The Willits Lions Club and Cosmic Pickle Productions bring you the annual free Blues and Brews concert at Rec Grove this 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 Northspur Brewing Co. and Hare in the Forest brews, along with select wines. Shop the crafts of 30 vendors.

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What's Happening Around Town

Thursday, August 31

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

Friday, September 1

Clay Hawkins Duo at Shanachie: "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart" by slide guitarist and songwriter Clay Hawkins and longtime co-conspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass. Friday, September 1 at 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, September 2

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Mountain Folk Festival: 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, music, free parking, kids' activities, competitions, and food.

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 final 1st Saturday evening stroll along East Commercial Street this summer. Saturday, September 2, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. More info, including if you're interested in having a pop up, at: www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

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Friday, September 8

Claws for a Cause: 10th annual Claws for a Cause event, Saturday, September 2, 5:30 pm, Ridgewood Ranch, south of Willits. A benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, with 10% to the Willits Rotary Scholarship Fund. Maine lobster and filet mignon, live & silent auctions, beer & wine, the Ice Box Gelato Truck, desserts by Kemmy's Pies, and live music by Ed Reinhart and The Revealers. Info or tickets: 707-391-3873 or 707-272-1918, or purchase online at www.seabiscuitridingcenter.org/events-1/claws-for-a-cause-1

'Made in Mendocino, Art Quilts' at WCA: The September exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts is "Made in Mendocino, Art Quilts," showcasing the diverse and creative work of 20 talented art quilters. Each piece has been carefully selected to demonstrate the diverse range of quilters' artistic visions and technical mastery, showcasing the vibrant diversity within the local community. Opening reception Saturday, September 2, in conjunction with the Art Walk, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Free admission. Galleries open Friday-Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street.

Wednesday, September 6

Twining Time at Brickhouse Coffee: John Wagenet and Anita Wagenet (Blu) of Twining Time perform Wednesday, September 6 (and the first Wednesday of every month), from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Folk/Country/Mountain Americana Roots-plus new and old favorites as well as original music, with 2 part polished vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard. 3 South Main Street, at Commercial.

Farewell to Laura Paeyeneers: The Willits Kids Club hosts a celebration for Willits treasure Laura Paeyeneers, who came to work at Kids Club in December of 2007. "Sixteen years later, having left her mark on Kids Club and countless children and families... we say farewell to Laura and wish her well." Wednesday, September 6 at WKC Clubhouse, 1265 Blosser Lane.

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Roots of Motive Power's 41st Annual Steam Festival: Come join us for a couple days of steam, whistles, tractors, and free train rides. At Roots' 41st annual Steam Festival, Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10 at the Roots yard, 420 East Commercial Street. Debuting Roots' newest asset, the Keystone Well Driller, with its water cart powered from its own boiler. All regular exhibits like the Bucyrus-Erie 50B; the antique tractors back in the pit; the Bluestone Mining And Smelting #1 Heisler steam locomotive; the Port of Olympia #2 BLW steam locomotive; and Carson Knives.

steam roller printing services at the Rec Grove 11 am to 3 pm both days. Annual BBQ, raffle, and auction happens Saturday starting at 4 pm. Sober Grad committee will be serving hot dogs, chips and sodas both days, plus Sugar Mama's shaved ice and Carson Knives. Cover Apple Farm will also be back this year pressing cider on Saturday only.

Ken Howard at Shanachie: Singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, born in Prestonsburg, Kentucky - a mix of Folk, Roots, Reggae and Sophisti-Pop. Saturday, September 9 at 8 pm

Sunday, September 10

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am; September pancake breakfast is set for Sunday, September 10 at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. \$10; \$9 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides \$2: 3 slices bacon, 2 sausage links. Breakfast includes Peet's Coffee and orange juice or milk.

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'Gran Turismo'

The Story: Jann Mardenborough (Archie Madekwe) is a teenager. He practically lives in his bedroom, sitting in front of his Gran Turismo racing simulator. He competes online against other racers. And he's the best. Danny Moore (Orlando Bloom) is an idea man, a hustler, and an advertising executive. He proposes to Nissan Motors the idea of setting up a team of hot dog simulator racers and training them in real, top of the line, wheels on the ground, 200+ mph vehicles.

Danny convinces Nissan that those young guys and gals you've been playing like they're race car drivers, and who have put in years of practice driving (and sometimes crashing in brightly colored flames) on computer screens, can compete against real flesh-and-blood professional Gran Turismo drivers on real race tracks like Le Mans and the Nurburgring. And can Win! A high stakes gamble. A life-and-death gamble. An advertising bonanza. It's a true story.

My Thoughts: I went into the theater with a bad attitude. I "assumed" the flick was an unnecessary remake of the Clint Eastwood "Gran Turismo" which was a compelling, gun-positive but vaguely racist hero-as-martyr saga. It wasn't a remake. And then I thought the demographic was teenagers who are socially timid except online, and spend all their time racking up hours on computer role-playing games. I was wrong about that, too.

There is a real Jann Mardenborough from Cardiff, Wales. And he really did learn how to drive on a racing simulator. And he really did race at Le Mans. Go figure. What they said about assumptions and expectations is true.

Now I'm going to watch this "at first glance unbelievable" movie again, but without the "tude! The flick's director is South African Neill Blomkamp who made the quirky, but great science fiction movie "District 9" about apartheid and aliens who eat cat food. I recommend that flick, too. Shout out to all involved.

Parents: The movie is about love of family, perseverance, and hard work. And it messages that success isn't accidental, it's about practice and putting in the time. These are quite positive values. Good for children to see.

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

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.
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Library closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day

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."

Willits Walk and Talk: 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. Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am; meet at the front entrance to the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or call the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

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, 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 pm."

Ongoing Events

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every week on Mondays, 6:30 pm, at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

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

Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & Vinyl: "Sign-ups start at 4 pm. 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 South Main Street.

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

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

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

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

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 drop in!"

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Tiffany Tucker is a trainer for Redwood Community Services. She has been a program supervisor in both youth and adult residential settings while employed at RCS. She has been a resident of Mendocino County since 1985 and graduated from Round Valley High School in Covelo. She completed her Associate of Science Degree in Human Services at Mendocino College in 2017.

Call 456-9676 for more information.
Email: tiffany@redwoodcommunityservices.org
Web: www.redwoodcommunityservices.org

Lap swim at City Pool

Law swim has returned!

Starting Wednesday, August 23, the City Pool will be open for lap swim only, Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 am. Lap Swim will continue until October 1, 2023. City Pool is located at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

- Posted by City of Willits

Senior Center Drive-Through BBQ Chicken Dinner

September 22

Willits Senior Center fundraiser offers a BBQ Chicken Dinner for 2, \$35, includes 1/3 chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread with honey butter, and peach cobbler. Thanks to the Willits Lions Club for providing and BBQing the chicken. Friday, September 22 from 5 to 6 pm. Pre-sale tickets only; Visit or call the center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 707-459-6826.

Willits Pumpkin Patch opens September 22

J&J Pumpkins will be opening their Pumpkin Patch on Friday, September 22 at 10 am, at 19656 Walker Road "We are so excited to bring such a fun and positive experience to our community. There will be fun activities and food for kiddos of all ages to enjoy. We can't wait to welcome you all to our patch." Info: (707) 354-8187

Inland Valley Women's Chorus

September 7

The Inland Valley Women's Chorus begins its 30th season Thursday, September 7, from 6 to 7:30 pm, meeting at the Holy Trinity Church, Mary & Martha Room, 640 South Orchard Avenue (next to the DMV) in Ukiah. New members are welcome! No audition or prior experience required. Carpooling is available from Willits: Info: contact Madge Strong at 707-459-1493 or mstrong@willitsonline.com.

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With several kids enrolled in the school district, including senior Charley Lamprich and her siblings, below, the family is excited to dedicate effort to continuing the Sober Grad event for years to come.

The new group held their first meeting on August 30, and the next meeting is planned for 6:30 pm on September 21, the third Wednesday of the month, at the Willits High School Media Center.

If you'd like to get involved or learn more about Sober Grad, email willitssobergrad@gmail.com or give April a call at 707-354-4268 for more info.

— Maureen Jennison



Charley Lamprich, Seems like yesterday I was walking you into Kindergarten (above, left). Now you are a Senior (above, right)! Enjoy this year, Soak it all in. We are so proud of you! Love you more!



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NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

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The rest of Bender | From page 1

"Thank you mayor and city council my name is Brittany Ponikvar and I've been an employee of your Police Department for nearly seven years. I've served on the board of the Police Officers Association for many of those years as well, and though I was able to step down briefly, a recent emergency meeting last night of the membership necessitates that I come to you today as the newly elected POA president to inform you of the perils placed upon our police department by the city's management

their probationary period without cause. Yes, it is unusual for a city manager to make a decision without the police chief. However it should be noted that tensions are particularly strained between the city's top official and its police chief after his request for the chief's resignation effective September 7. Important decisions are not made in a vacuum.

"I am present to raise concerns regarding the judgment and fitness of the Willits City Manager Brian Bender. Under his leadership the city manager has created impossible odds for the police department and opened the City of Willits to further civil litigation liability.

"On Monday, August 14 Sergeant Jordan Walstrom as the vice president [of the WPOA] spoke with the city manager and the human resources manager of an officer's misconduct within this department, and the city manager terminated him just days later, this last Friday, August 18. Why? The police chief was unaware of this decision. When asked by the chief that evening as Sergeant Walstrom was gathering his belongings next door, City Manager Brian Bender's response was 'because I can.'

"Interestingly enough the city manager has chosen to execute the power to release an employee during

"In May the city manager called upon the services of independent investigative consultants for an outside perspective as to the relationship between the police department and city management. The return of that report was not favorable to the city's management, and a distinct change occurred, and communication soured.

It is my request to council that you review that consultant's report.

"City Manager Brian Bender acts on rumor and speculation. Through his actions on Friday, August 18, City Manager Bender has weaponized an employee's provisional status and opened the city to further liability

to disregard serious employee allegations.

"Following our emergency meeting last night the Willits POAs present members made a vote of no confidence in Brian Bender's ability to lead this city. He has cost the police department's ability to protect the city and meet its needs. Thank you."

As per the Brown Act, councilmembers cannot take action on public comments made about items that are not listed on the agenda. Mayor Greta Kanne reminded those at the meeting about that, but commented that WPOA President Ponikvar's comments "certainly will create discussion amongst the council, and I appreciate you coming forward."



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Above, from left: Some seeds can be extracted using a kitchen cloth. Beans can be extracted by breaking open the pods and running them through various-sized screens. These beans are almost completely separated and need just a couple more screens. At left: Jamie Chevalier of Quail Seeds speaks to the class behind an array of different seed-bearing plants.



Below: These seeds are easily extracted by opening the pods. At right: Walking on the pods prior to separating them with screens is one method of extracting beans.



At left: Jamie Chevalier shows the class some commercial screens used to separate the seeds from the surrounding materials. Below, left: The lecture is attended by a small but extremely interested group of gardeners. Below, right: Among the various methods of extracting seeds is the simple rolling of the plant between two hands.



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Seed Saving

Jamie Chevalier of Quail Seeds gives demonstration on different seed-extraction methods at library

The art of saving seeds for future use is a complex and multi-faceted subject, as explained by Jamie Chevalier of Quail Seeds. Each plant has a unique set of seeds that can be removed to retain a healthy plant with all the desired traits of the optimal fruit, vegetable, or flower. For some plants, this is a simple process, while some other plants require a more complex and precise method of extraction and storage.

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Chevalier, having lived off the grid near Sitka, Alaska prior to moving to Northern California, had to develop methods to create a sustainable garden to keep her family in healthy foods. After moving to the Willits area, while living in a small cabin on the river, she and her husband worked at Bountiful Gardens for several years, with Chevalier writing the company's seed catalog. Chevalier also writes Willits Weekly's garden column.

After Bountiful Gardens went out of existence, Chevalier started her own seed company, Quail Seeds, "hoping to build community and spread knowledge, not just sell seeds," according to her bio on the Quail Seeds website: www.quailseeds.com.

Since 2018, Chevalier has been providing seeds to small gardeners. "Our goal is a simple and effective local medicine kit, a varied and delicious local diet, and neighborhoods people like to live in. Homes for pollinators, birds, bees and us," the biography cites.

Last Saturday, at the Willits Library, Chevalier invited the public to a talk on the proper methods of seed extraction and saving. A few extremely interested and motivated gardeners attended, listening to the vast amount of information and asking intelligent, pointed questions about creating sustainable gardens, avoiding cross-contamination, and increasing their ability to retain seeds from year to year. Some even brought plants for which they had questions.

Much of the first part of the talk dealt with cross-pollination, in reference to the library's seed library. "If you are going to return them, you do need to know if it is likely they were cross-pollinated," Chevalier said. She explained that a plant must be adequately isolated in order to prevent cross-pollination.

For example: "Brassica is all the turnips, bok choy, and all those things are one species," said Chevalier. "Kale, broccoli and cabbage are all the same species.

If you grow two things that are the same species that could cross or if you grow two varieties of the same species like a purple or a green kale, a yellow or red zinnia.

"So, when you collect seeds from your red zinnias," she instructed, "instead of putting 'scarlet queen zinnia' on the package, knowing that you or your neighbor also had white, yellow, or purple zinnias, just put 'zinnia gene pool' on the packet. Then people know what to expect.

"What is not good is when you might save seeds from your zucchini and you or your neighbor also grow pumpkins and the next year you get this watery, stringy, tasteless zucchini with hard seeds in it." This is just one of the subjects that Chevalier imparted a deep trough of knowledge on.

Chevalier used tomatoes as an example of one method of extracting and saving certain kinds of seeds. "Why do we ferment tomatoes? Not just put them on a paper towel?" She asked the group. She then explained that in the wild, a tomato will either fall off the vine and rot or get eaten. When the tomato rots, it becomes acidic, essentially mimicking the process of going through an animal's stomach acid.

"Tomato seeds are encased in a little sac of gel. That little sac of gel has germination inhibitors. The gel is there so that if the tomato falls off the vine, it will not germinate until the conditions are right. It's possible that if the plant sprouts at the wrong time of year, it could freeze and die.

"A lot of plants have germination inhibitors so that the seed will wait until conditions are right. Fermentation, or being eaten by an animal, removes the inhibitors so that the next spring, after the fermentation has taken place on the ground with the rotten tomato, the seeds can sprout.

"For us, the fermentation kills a lot of seed-borne diseases. It makes the seeds easier to store without the gel. It makes them not spoil as quickly. The gel is food for bacteria. Fermentation gets rid of the gel and allows the seed to last longer in storage."

This was just an infinitesimal selection of the knowledge that Chevalier imparted to the gardeners. Other subjects included various methods of extracting the seeds such as threshing, screening, and in the case of beans, stepping on the pods to release the beans (seeds).

By the end of the class, the attendees went away with a much deeper understanding of the different methods of extracting seeds, the intricate natural workings of a sustainable garden, and the role of pollination.

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exacerbate the current big backups she sees in town. "I don't think we have enough data, and it's happening really fast," she said.

Councilmember Stranske said he was probably one of the few that likes South Main Street the way it is now. "As far as I'm concerned the way it's set up it's better than what you have proposed," he said.

Most of the public commenters were against the proposal, some suggesting that the city would "lose everything it gained with the bypass," as far as congested traffic making moving around town difficult. Other concerns included safety issues, aggressive passing maneuvers, and air quality.

Caltrans Traffic Designer Andreas Krause did a brief presentation on some specifics of the proposal, which would trim the current two lanes each direction on South Main Street / state Highway 20 down to one lane in each direction, with bike lanes, and a turning lane in the middle. Krause also emphasized that the safety plan was based significantly on previous planning efforts by the City of Willits, including the Main Street Corridor Plan and the pedestrian and bike specific plan led by the One Town, One Vision group.

Other commenters also brought up earlier planning efforts, suggesting that this plan is a reflection of many years and thousands of hours of planning efforts, and those efforts should be respected.

Councilmember Rodriguez agreed she "didn't want to disrespect those who worked so hard on the plan before, or those at those at Caltrans who also worked hard on the plan," but that she was elected to represent her constituents, "and most of my constituents are against this project."

Mayor Kanne also acknowledged the work that went into the Main Street Corridor Plan, and mentioned her own involvement, although she was not on the council then. "I think a lot of people in this room know that I ride my bicycle, and I like bike lanes," she said, "but I'm very concerned about this project, and I feel as a cyclist that reducing the lanes of the south end of town to two lanes would put a target on my back and on other cyclists' backs, because it will feel to the public and to motorists as if they have lost ground due to the handful of us who ride our bicycles." She also suggested Caltrans' count of 37 cyclists a day was "very generous."

Kanne also brought up unfinished work downtown that had been promised as part of the "complete streets" elements of the project that have still not been finished, including bulbouts and enhanced crosswalks for pedestrians.

She also mentioned the late notice about the project, saying she'd heard that Caltrans wanted to put Willits on a "road diet" through the Mendocino County of Governments about three months ago. "I asked for details multiple times," she said, but was told "well, there are no details yet, it's all conceptual, and then all of a sudden we got a flyer two weeks ago, and there's a picture of our street completely redesigned, and so it just it just feels like we missed a boat somehow."

Asked about the deadline for any changes to the proposal, Caltrans' Krause said the project designs would need to be submitted by the end of September, and the bid package needs to go out by December, "and if that doesn't happen, the money is lost," he said.

"If there are minor changes to the plans, such as some of the concerns around Safeway," Krause said, "we can take another look at that, and we can possibly make some modifications," but when it comes to "major modifications, or completely changing the spirit of the plan altogether ... I think we're past that window."

When he was asked from the audience - "Do we have a choice?" - i.e., would opposition from the city council or the public make a difference as to whether Caltrans would proceed with the project, Krause responded that if the city council put objections to the "road diet" project in writing, they would be considered.



At top: Caltrans Traffic Designer Andreas Krause stands at the podium presenting the "Willits Bicycle Safety Enhancement Project" to the members of the Willits City Council and the gathered crowd.

Photo by Maureen Jennison

Below: A slide from the proposed "road diet" which will reduce north and south bound lanes of traffic to one lane in each direction from Oak Street south to Manor Way.



Fuels management strategy for Mendocino National Forest

Submitted by Mendocino National Forest

Forest Supervisor Wade McMaster issued a draft decision notice on August 14 on the Mendocino National Forest's Prescribed Fire and Fuels Management Strategy. The strategy allows for forest personnel to conduct prescribed fire in combination with other fuels reduction treatments across the forest, excluding wilderness areas, to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

"This strategy offers the forest more flexibility," said Forest Supervisor McMaster. "The conditions on the ground, which can change over time, will dictate where we go and what kind of treatments will be applied to a particular unit to help us reach desired outcomes."

Projects under the strategy will have to meet site-specific conditions. Before the forest can implement in the field, projects will be vetted by an interdisciplinary team in a screening process. Community members, local tribes and collaborative groups like Firescape Mendocino will also play an important role in helping identify potential areas for treatment.

To help inform the public on specific projects that will be implemented under the strategy, the forest has published an online story map "Returning Fire to the Landscape" that provides a visual summary of the forest-wide prescribed fire and fuels management strategy.

Forest officials issued a legal notice in the Chico Enterprise Record announcing the opportunity to file an objection to the decision within 45 days. Objections can be filed by those who submitted comments during previous comment periods. Instructions for submitting objections can be found in the legal notice and on the project website.

Funding for the forest's environmental assessment was provided through a Pacific Gas & Electric recovery program.

The environmental assessment and draft decision notice/Finding of No Significant Impact are available for review on the project website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/mendocino/?project=59722>.

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

Update on county opioid settlement funding

Submitted by County of Mendocino

Mendocino County, in conjunction with several other California counties, sued manufacturers and distributors of opioids for the direct damages caused to our government by the opioid crisis.

The opioid crisis directly impacted Mendocino County's departments, resulting in many financial and programmatic damages such as higher healthcare-related expenses, lost productivity, increased crime, and additional burdens on departments that serve and protect our community - Social Services, Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Public Health, and law enforcement agencies such as the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office and Probation. Our litigation was joined with multiple national lawsuits alleging similar claims.

The first settlement reached with one of the opioid manufacturers and the big three distributors nationwide, has resulted in funds beginning to be distributed to the county.

The funds Mendocino County receives from all opioid settlements fall into two categories, meant to achieve different purposes. The majority of the funds (70% of the overall settlement) are distributed directly to counties through the "Abatement Fund," which will be used for opioid remediation - i.e., care, treatment and other programs, and expenditures designed to address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, to treat or mitigate opioid use and related disorders, and/or to mitigate other alleged effects of the opioid epidemic.

An additional (significantly smaller) portion of the settlement funds (15% overall) is distributed directly to the named government subdivision plaintiffs, like Mendocino County, for initiating the litigation.

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DPS are dedicated to ensuring everyone reaches their destinations safely, especially given the surge in traffic that typically accompanies holiday weekends.

Throughout the holiday weekend, while law enforcement will be looking for traffic violations and assisting motorists, a special emphasis will be placed on identifying and apprehending those suspected of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

"Alcohol- and drug-impaired driving continues to be a leading cause of traffic fatalities and injuries," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duray. "An impaired driver behind the wheel puts themselves and everyone on the road in great danger. The CHP, along with our partners in Nevada and Arizona, are committed to proactive enforcement throughout the holiday weekend. We will deploy all available personnel to ensure the highest level of safety for everyone traveling."

Last year during the Labor Day maximum enforcement project, CHP officers made more than 900 arrests for DUI, in addition to issuing nearly 5,700 speeding citations. Sadly, 52 people were killed in crashes on California's roads.

Avoid becoming a statistic and always designate a sober driver, utilize ride-share services, and always wear your seat belt.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security.

The rest of Report

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inspections. Eric is also getting ready to attend Inspector classes starting in September and will end in December. The staff has been working hard on a grant for outdated SCBAs (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) as well as structure gear. We are hoping these grants will come through as it is difficult for small departments to keep up financially with the regulations in the state of California.

The staff appreciates the assistance the City of Willits has provided with iWorqs as well as the site inspections. We wear many hats here, so we are all appreciative of the help.

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included CAL FIRE's Copter 101 out of Howard Forest station, CAL FIRE helicopters 904 and 110.

Watch Duty reported at 2:43 pm Sunday afternoon that, as per CAL FIRE's Copter 101 on the scanner, the fire was "looking really good." A 5:30 pm update reported that incident command was "slowly releasing local government resources."

Local fire departments that responded to this incident included Little Lake Fire and Brooktrails Fire.

The Mendocino Sheriff's Office sent out a "situational awareness" alert on the Golden Fire Sunday at 1:08 pm, but advised that "no further action is needed at this time," but to "use caution, and avoid the area."

Wagon Wheel Fire

Sirens from the Little Lake Fire Department were heard in town Tuesday evening, August 29, responding to a 9:24 pm report of a residential structure fire at the Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park at the south end of town.

The structure was "fully involved," when firefighters arrived, Watch Duty reported, but was "partially knocked down" by 9:30 pm and contained by 10:04 pm.



Dynamic Kirmey

Kirmey is a very friendly cat that likes to explore. He is curious, active, and likes to play with toys. We think he would do well in a home with both other cats and children.

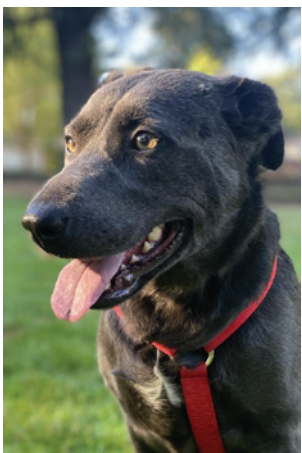
The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Kirmey or our other feline and canine guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com.

Playful Chowder

Chowder is a happy, fun-loving boy with loads of love to share. He loves to spend his day playing with his people, other canine companions, and a ball. Chowder loves to play fetch, though he isn't always great at giving it back. Chowder is currently housed with three other dogs, and they play all day. Chowder craves human attention, and begs to go on walks. He would do best in an active household.

Chowder can be food aggressive, though we are working with him and he has gotten much better. He would probably do best in an adult-only home, as he will act out if he feels threatened. Nonetheless, all Chowder really wants is a family and home to call his own, and he will delight whoever is lucky enough to take a chance on him.

To learn more about Chowder 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 in Willits at 707-459-4900.



Lovely Mikaela

Sweet Mikaela is searching for her forever home. This beauty is 3 years old and a medium-size gal who came to us a few weeks ago. We are still learning about Mikaela but so far everyone loves her and thinks she is just the sweetest! Come on down and see for yourself!

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



Free Fishing Day on Saturday, September 2

Posted by CDFW

Did you know that California offers two free fishing days a year, giving you the opportunity to try fishing without having to purchase a license?

This year's second designated free fishing day is Saturday, September 2.

Maybe you've never felt the excitement of watching your bobber suddenly jiggle, then dive out of sight? Or feeling the tap-tap-tap of a bass as it tastes the worm on the end of your line? Or having a salmon practically tear the rod out of your hands as it smashes your lure? Maybe you never learned to fish.

If you are new to the sport of fishing, and not sure if you will enjoy it, a great opportunity awaits you - on a free fishing day, you can fish without a sport fishing license. Free fishing days provide a

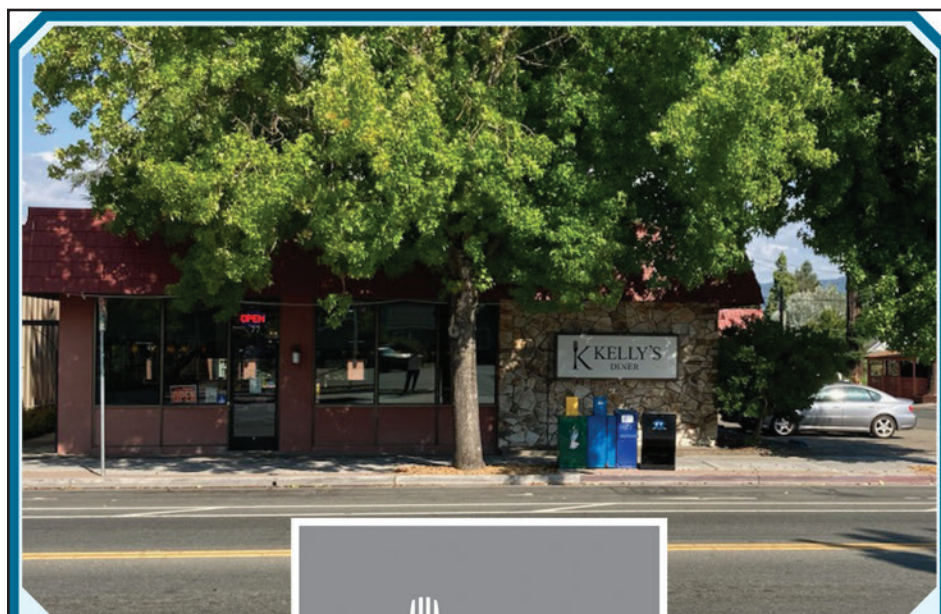
great, low-cost way to give fishing a try.

While all fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, report card requirements, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect, there are two days each year when anyone can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

One great fishing opportunity for locals is at Lake Emily in Brooktrails, about 4 miles from town. Lake Emily is planted with hatchery trout by the CDFW, usually in May each year.

If you're more interested in ocean fishing, find places to fish along the coast here: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Beach-Fishing>

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