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Brooktrails board hears various updates

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The Brooktrails Community Services District Board of Directors met at 7 pm on October 24. All of the board members were present: Ralph Santos, Joanne Cavallari, Ed Horrick, Tina Tyler-O'Shea, and board president Rick Williams. Also present were Brooktrails General Manager Tamara Alaniz, Fire Chief Jon Noyer, and Counsel Chris Neary.

Director Ralph Santos reported that the Mendocino Association of Fire Districts meeting that had been scheduled the previous week on October 18 was cancelled, but he had received word that the association was still trying to get the Proposition 172 and Measure P funding through the Board of Supervisors in Ukiah. "They met with them on October 13," Santos said, "and are talking about the revenue sharing occurring on a quarterly basis rather than monthly."

The general manager had a few things of significance to report. "The new, long awaited Fire Department squad vehicle is delayed and some kinks are being worked out by the vehicle builder Derotic," Alaniz said. Continuing, she stated: "We've completed the pad for the water treatment second clarifier. Staff is preparing to mount the footings, basically the base with the feet and the legs for the clarifier unit, here shortly. We will then contact our crane vendor that worked with us to unload the clarifier from the truck to finally mount that top operational unit on top of the feed. Then, once it's fully installed and bolted in place, staff will start plumbing it into the system."

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2023 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Willits Food Bank hosts the 2023 Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, on Thursday, November 23. Served in the dining room from 11 am to 3 pm; drive-thru to-go dinners served from 1 to 3 pm.

This free dinner is provided for everyone to enjoy. Menu: Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, green beans, cranberries, green salad, roll, beverage, and pie.

Call the Food Bank to volunteer or for more info: (707) 459-3333 or (707) 354-3960.

– Willits Community Services



Above, from left: Reza's Breadery offers boules, loaves and batards of bread in several varieties at the Willits Farmers Market. Roxanne and Mike of Roxy B's Honey smile from behind their booth. The Farmers Market Band, featuring, from left, Don Willis, Richard "Tootrees" Jeske, and Bunny Deanne California, sing for the shoppers and vendors. Below: Friends Nancy Runberg, left, and Molly Snider smile together for a quick mid-shopping photo.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Market on Main

Willits Farmers Market is outdoors for another couple of weeks

The lovely colors of the trees lining Mendocino Avenue make a beautiful backdrop for the final weeks of the Main Street Willits Farmers Market, but as the color is temporary, so is the market's outdoor location. Come November 30, it'll be back to the Little Lake Grange for the winter.

"Willits Farmers Market will close at 5 pm for the remaining outdoor two markets in November," said Willits Farmers Market Manager Michael Foley. "This is just for November 9 and 16. There's no market on the week of Thanksgiving, and then, starting on November 30, we go into the Grange and our winter hours will be the usual 3 to 5:30 pm again."

Below, from left: Kiki Burghardt selects a tomato from Yesim Ford at the Seven Farms and Bakery booth. Market Manager Michael Foley holds up EBT tokens available for those wanting to shop using their benefits. Mushrooms and garlic are a perfect pair, and both are available from the Mulligan Farms booth.



Below, from left: Yellow bell peppers are a colorful addition to salads, and help add flavor, even when cooked down into tasty soups. Acorn, delicata and butternut squash were available to purchase. A container of mixed microgreens are available for purchase, which includes a mix of pea, sunflower, red cabbage, broccoli, pak choi, and kale shoots. At bottom, from left: Apples, parsley and lettuce are all available this time of year. Irene's Garden offers a selection of produce and garlic. Fresh green broccoli heads await purchase.



As usual, a selection of food, produce, crafts, spices and more are present and available to purchase including eggs, meat, honey, apples, lettuce, squash, tomatoes, mushrooms, collards and more. There's also ready-to-eat items including tamales, lasagna, fresh salsa, mac and cheese, chili, jam, breads, cookies, quick breads and more.

Current vendors listed for the Willits Farmers Market on the Mendocino County Farmers Market Association's website: www.mcfarm.org, include: Sweet Spot, Seven Farms/Mediterranean Delight, Roxy Bee's Honey,

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Supervisors honor veterans at Tuesday meeting

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors proclaimed November 11, 2023 to be "Veterans Appreciation Day" in Mendocino County. The proclamation cites the more than 5,000 Mendocino County residents who have served in the Armed Forces, among the 41 million Americans who have served during the last century, and the over 1.3 million Americans who have given their lives while serving during that time.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak, co-sponsor of the proclamation with First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty, read it aloud to a round of applause to start discussion of Veterans Day in Mendocino County.

"Whereas, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when called to duty, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and Whereas, their contributions and sacrifices have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by American citizens," Haschak read.

"Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims November 11, 2023, as: 'Veterans Appreciation Day in Mendocino County,' a time dedicated to the people of Mendocino County to show their appreciation, gratitude, and respect for veterans and their families."

Stephen White, deputy director of Mendocino County Adult and Aging Services, and an Air Force veteran, came to the podium to give some history of U.S. commemorations of

Read the rest of **Veterans**
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Veterans invited to free Veterans Day breakfast

Willits American Legion Post 174 presents its annual Veterans Breakfast, on Saturday, November 11, from 8 to 11 am, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street in Willits.

Breakfast is FREE to all veterans, military, emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Please join us for a "Flag Raising" ceremony at 12 noon at the Mendocino County Veterans Memorial, at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, in honor of veterans.

– American Legion Post 174

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Rotary Christmas program gearing up

To the Editor:

It's that time of the year, and the Willits Rotary Christmas program is gearing up. This Christmas program is a referral program through Willits schools – this is not a self-referred program.

Each year for more than a quarter of a century our community has come together to help less-fortunate Willits children by giving essential items (rain wear, winter coats, shoes, sleepwear, blankets, etc.) and other appropriate holiday gifts.

Persons who wish to assist a single child can select a card from display trees located at various locations around town that will be placed in participating merchant's stores on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

On each card there is the child's clothes size as well as their wish list. If you are unable to fill the card, please just donate a toy or clothing in one of the drop-off bins, that way we can assure the child gets what is needed as well as what is wished for.

Selection of a single child works for most program supporters, but others have voiced an interest in adopting an entire family. If you or your group wish to adopt a family, you are asked to follow a different path.

My name is Marcy Barry, and I am one of the coordinators for the Willits Rotary Club program. I ask that you contact me so that I may assist you in choosing a suitable family. My email is barrysbunch@yahoo.com and my phone contact is (707) 272-5395. Please leave a message if I am unable to answer, and I will return your call promptly.

In order to be efficient, we need to satisfy requests to Adopt-A-Family before our usual referral process begins in late November. Please call (the earlier the better) if you want to discuss adopting a family.

Marcy Barry for the Willits Rotary Christmas program

Brrr, it's cold out ...

To the Editor:

There is much about the coming of winter that calls for cozy: We put the gardens to bed, stack firewood, and become more interior with increased at-home time, a cup of something warm, and a good book. "We need the rain!" is a common comment and "Boy, it's cold!" when the temperature drops below shirt-sleeve weather. We take this luxury for granted.

It's uncomfortable to think about the many people who don't have this luxury, because they are not safely sheltered, and a car, tent or sleeping bag no longer provides even marginal safety in the long nights.

The State of California created opportunity this summer via the Homeless Assistance and Prevention Program for funding a wide variety of services and supports with the goal of reducing homelessness. The monies could be used to provide day or night time safety, could pay for the development of housing supports, housing application navigation, and rental assistance.

Mendocino County staff reached out to city

entities and non-profits with a request for proposals. Sadly, for the North County, only one application was submitted, by a non-profit, which was not accepted. Therefore, there are now no county or state funded services based in Willits to help reduce homelessness in our community this winter.

The few hours a week of day time Wellness Center resources provided on South Lenore Street will be closing mid-November. No longer will there be a place where people, who are without safe or stable housing, are invited to rest, charge their phones, defrost, get water or use a toilet.

In past winters, the Willits Community Services and Food Bank has managed to provide motel rooms, focusing primarily on Willits residents who are unsheltered, elder, in frail health, or families with children. That funding was exhausted by last April and Director Ruthanne Volz tells me they are ready and willing to manage such a service again, but need donations to pay for it.

WCS staff screen each applicant and follow through with the motel owners to verify highest need and prevent abuse of the system. This provides 1-2 nights a month in which a person can have a locked room, shower, warmth and real rest. These are luxuries that do not exist on the street or in the unsafe places where shelter is traded for exploitation, molestation and abuse.

Please consider talking to your church, co-workers, community groups, friends, and family about helping to pay for this life-saving service. When holiday shopping, maybe match as a donation the amount you are spending on decorations, special food, and material gifts that lose their thrill before the tree comes down.

I think I'll pledge to write a check every time I hear myself say "Brrr, it's cold out, but nice and cozy in here!"

You can reach WCS Executive Director Ruthanne Volz at (707) 459-3333 or wcsrav4@gmail.com. Checks to Willits Community Services can be mailed to 229 East San Francisco Street, Willits CA 95490 with a note on the memo line "Motel Shelter"

Helen Falandes, Willits

Worrisome water politics in Willits

To the Editor,

There is no more crucial resource than water, but in an era when sooner or later we are going to have another drought, it is unclear whether the City of Willits is behaving responsibly with its water supply. (This water comes from the Morris and Centennial reservoirs, and, since 2022, it also includes ground water from the City's Elias Well in the Little Lake Valley).

In addition to recently having developed a memorandum of understanding with the Sherwood Band of Pomo Indians to potentially begin supplying the tribe with water for 15-20 households outside of Willits' legal water district on the east side of the Little Lake Valley (as reported in the Willits Weekly, September 28 issue). It is also considering supplying Pine Mountain with water in case its reservoir goes dry.

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THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

November 2023 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

The turmoil in the County's finances and financial departments continues. It is unfortunate that charges have been filed against the Auditor/ Controller/ Treasurer/ Tax Collector and the former payroll clerk for misappropriation of public funds. The board suspended the ACTTC until the situation is resolved.

Meanwhile we face a huge budget deficit. As Albert Einstein said, "In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity." This is a chance for the County to eliminate wasteful practices, develop modern processes, and provide better, more efficient service.

The acting ACTTC stated that she discovered that there were County bank accounts that were not part of the Treasurer's system. Even the outside auditors seem to be unaware of these accounts. These accounts apparently have existed for quite a while. Cleaning up these situations is a top priority.

While providing substance abuse treatment and other behavioral health and mental health services is a priority, the mental health wing of the jail must be built. Construction of the mental health wing is now costing \$44 million instead of the \$26 originally estimated. There have been a series of delays with the state bureaucracy, supply chains, the pandemic and so forth which have led to cost overruns.

The County received a \$25 million grant from the State to build the wing. The County's cost was to be \$1 million. The State's contribution stays the same, while our County must pay for all increases. The latest, and supposedly last, overrun is \$6.8 million. That is why the Board decided to borrow that amount from Measure B funds. This will be repaid. Former Sheriff Allman, author of Measure B, supported this approach.

"Talk with the Supervisor" is the second Thursday of the month, November 9 this month, at 10 am at Brickhouse Coffee in Willits. I am available by email haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or phone 707-972-4214.

WCC proclaims Native American Heritage Month in Willits

This proclamation was on the Willits City Council agenda to be approved at its November 8 meeting.

WHEREAS, during National Native American Heritage Month we celebrate the rich tapestry of Indigenous Peoples and honor their sacrifices, which we recognize as inextricably woven into the history of this country and locally; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans are descendants of the original, Indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have enriched our heritage and continue to add to all aspects of our society through their generosity of culture and the continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, we honor our native peoples in this, their ancestral homes, and recognize their continued contributions to strengthening the diversity of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Greta Kanne, Mayor of the City of Willits, along with Vice Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, Councilmembers, Saprina Rodriguez, Madge Strong, and Larry Stranks, hereby proclaim the month of November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the CITY OF WILLITS to be affixed this 8th day of November 2023.

Attest: **Greta Kanne, Mayor**



The Little Lake Fire Station had some spooky supervisors for Halloween. Photo by Shawna Handschug

Where does your annual Little Lake Firefighters raffle ticket money go?

Submitted by Little Lake Firefighters Association

The Little Lake Firefighters Association recently purchased equipment to help our community stay safe! Two infrared cameras and three combustible gas leak detectors were purchased with your donations.

The "FLIR Firefighter Infrared Camera," a situational awareness tool, is designed to survive in harsh environments and features temperature sensitivity. These cameras are ideal for search-and-rescue operations, finding hot spots, or locating potential hazards. They provide excellent image quality where visibility is obscured by darkness, fire or smoke.

The "Sensit TKX Combustible Gas Leak Detector" is for:

- Gas Pipe Leak Detection
- Propane / Butane Bottle Checks
- Chemical Detection
- Arson / Accelerant Detection

A massive shout-out to our community for your support! Please remember ALL donations go to your volunteer association, not the Fire District.

Thank you, volunteers. You are unmeasurable, and we would not have a fire department without you (literally, would not) and our wonderful community!

An added note from Michelle "just the secretary" Schmitz:

It is not a secret that I am always proud of our community fire department – and protective. But since I work here

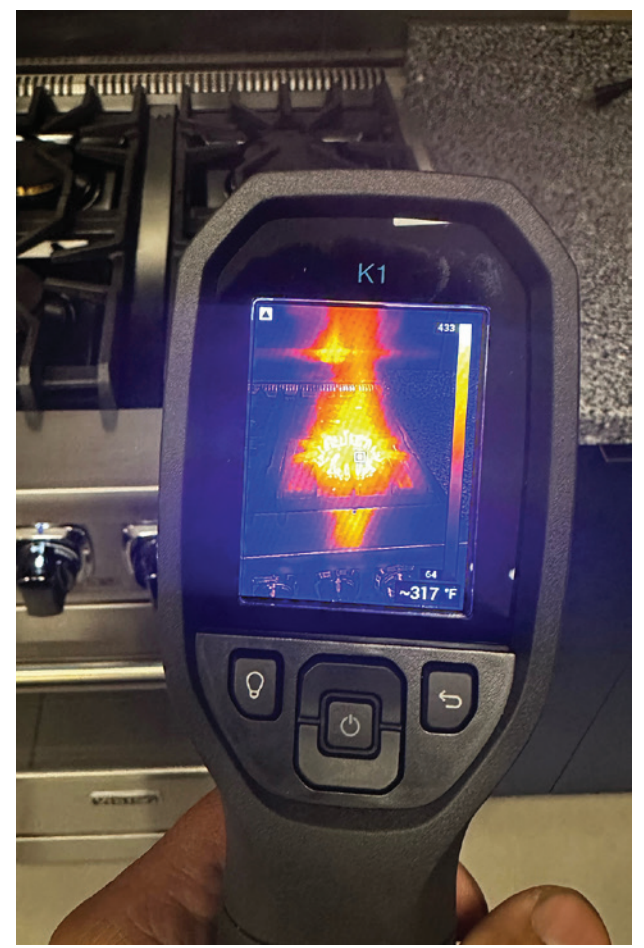
firsthand, I see what others don't. I see the smiles from a good call, and I see the deflation of a bad call. I see the sad tears and the happy tears, and the "I don't know if I can do this anymore," but they do. I see this on the law enforcement side as well. You cannot unsee what you see.

So I want to shout out to our volunteers who donated 170.21 hours to our community last month on Traffic Collisions, Fire Calls, Smoke Checks, Fire Alarms, and Medical Assists. My shout-out also includes our three paid firefighters, as they are volunteers from 5:01 pm to 7:59 am. We do not have 24-hour paid staff, so thank you!

Volunteerism, no matter where you live, is complex with the hustle and bustle of life. Our community is not guaranteed a response after 5:01 pm because volunteers are precisely that – volunteers! So looking at the numbers this morning, I bow to you.

Especially when I wake up and see the calls from 1 to 4 pm – yuck! Hence why I am "just the secretary." Our community cannot run without volunteers, whether it is the senior center, athletics for our littles, or your fire department (and many more). I have the utmost respect for those who choose to put their time in, away from their families, knowing there is no monetary compensation.

With that being said, our firefighters are always looking to expand our "firefighting" family. If you are up for the calls, of course. For more info: 707 459-6271.



Above: The Sensit gas leak detector shows the gas coming off a stovetop. These Sensit devices detect combustible gases, and can help find chemicals that might indicate arson. Inset: The camera shows infrared images for firefighters when it's too dark, fiery or smoky to see.

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COVID-19 vaccinations available at local pharmacies

Submitted by Mendocino County Public Health

Public Health wants to remind everyone to get the latest updated COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccinations are available at select local pharmacies for insured patients, including Medi-Cal.

Appointments must be made online through the pharmacy websites.

Individuals who have no insurance, or whose insurance does not cover vaccines, can contact Mendocino County Public Health for more information at (707) 472-2700, Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm.

The pharmacy websites are:
Rite-Aid: www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler
Safeway: www.safeway.com/vaccinations/home
CVS: www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine
Walgreens: www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp
Walmart Pharmacy: www.walmart.com/cp/flu-shots-immunizations/1228302
Costco: <https://waitwhile.com/welcome/costco-rx-01297>

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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!

SALSA WORD SEARCH

Word search grid with letters A-Z for finding salsa-related terms.

ADODO	CORN	JALAPENO	RECIPE
BEANS	DICE	KITCHEN	RESTAURANT
CAPSAICIN	DIPPING	LATIN	SAUCE
CHERRIES	ENTERTAINING	MEXICO	SOUR CREAM
CHILE	FESTIVE	MILD	SPICY
CHIMICHURRI	HEAT	ONIONS	TACO
CHIPS	HERBS	PARTY	TOMATOES
CILANTRO	HOMEMADE	PUNGENT	TOPPING
COOKING			TORTILLA

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

October 9 to October 15

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 56 incidents in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 9

12:19 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

11:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

October 10

7:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Nancy Lane.

October 11

7:52 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Blosser Lane and West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

8:06 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

11:01 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

5:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Main Street and Monroe Street.

11:31 pm: SMART, Seth Ashton (27) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Meadowbrook Drive and Della Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 11364 (A) HS (Possession of drug paraphernalia) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

October 12

8:12 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Holly Street and Magnolia Avenue and issued a warning.

9:07 am: Officers conducted a stop in the

300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

11:10 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

12:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of California Street and issued a warning.

1:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

2:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Monroe Street.

2:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Laurel Street and issued a warning.

October 13

11:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

October 14

10:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.

October 15

7:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of North Street.

11:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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And the City of Willits is also talking with Trout Unlimited (a fish advocacy organization) about making late summer and early fall dam releases to try to increase the survival of young steelhead trout and coho salmon in Davis Creek and the greater Outlet Creek watershed.

All of these seem like very good things to do if the City of Willits actually has the water to do them, but just because we had a good amount of rain this past rainy season doesn't mean we won't be in drought mode again this year or the next. Due, in my opinion, to public pressure the City of Willits has finally commissioned a study of the possibility of causing arsenic intrusion into its water supply by excessively pumping ground water from its well in the Little Lake Valley, portions of which are known to have high levels of arsenic and manganese.

But, it also came to light at the Willits City Council meeting on September 13 that the city is not in compliance with California Department of Fish and Wildlife's required water releases from Morris Reservoir into Davis Creek. Apparently neither elected officials nor city staff have been acting with due diligence in this matter.

If you are familiar with the official State of California Outlet Creek Basin Assessment Report (2007) you would know that the construction of the second of the two City of Willits dams that created the Centennial Reservoir coincided with a huge drop in water in the greater Outlet Creek watershed.

As part of the city's permit to construct

Centennial Dam, CDFW required the city make water releases for downstream fish habitat in order to compensate for the impacts of impounding water behind Centennial Dam. These releases are meant to create not only a healthy habitat for fish, but to contribute to the health of the whole Outlet Creek basin.

The city has admitted it is not in compliance with these lawful demands, but they have currently not been forthcoming with exactly what dam releases they are required to make and how long they have been out of compliance. The city's obligation to do the CDFW releases predates by many years these other water uses it is now considering, and yet it seems to be contending that is unable to do the dam releases because it doesn't have enough water.

I am hoping this letter will catalyze Willits residents into demanding greater transparency from its city government and demand that the city prove to them it is actually taking sufficient care with the water that their lives depend on. It's time for the City of Willits to stop violating its water rights agreement with CDFW and make the required water releases to maintain downstream water quality and quantity.

And, they need to do a thorough analysis of the rainfall needed to sustain the current use of groundwater volume and quality. Only after these actions should the city consider whether it can realistically serve more customers. For the health of our people and watershed,

Kirk Lumpkin, Willits

Looking for something to celebrate? Learn more about these, or see a list of other celebrations and days at <https://www.listofnationsaldays.com/>

November 9: British Pudding Day, Go To An Art Museum Day, World Freedom Day, National Fried Chicken Sandwich Day
November 10: National Forget-Me-Not Day, National Vanilla Cupcake Day, Sesame Street Day, United States Marine Corps Birthday
November 11: National Education Day, National Sundaes Day, Singles Day, Veterans Day
November 12: Happy Hour Day, National Fancy Rat And Mouse Day, National French Dip Day, National Pizza With The Works Except Anchovies Day, Origami Day, National Chicken Soup For The Soul Day
November 13: National Hug A Musician Day, National Indian Pudding Day, National Mom's And Dad's Day, World Kindness Day, Sadie Hawkins Day
November 14: National American Teddy Bear Day, National Pickle Day, National Spicy Guacamole Day, World Diabetes Day
November 15: America Recycles Day, American Enterprise Day, I Love To Write Day, National Bundt (Pan) Day, National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day, National Drummer Day, National Philanthropy Day, Raisin Bran Cereal Day



At far left: Emptied bottles are drained of their last drops at the Hazmobile event last Saturday. At left: Darius greets the people who have brought hazardous household materials for processing and disposal. Below: C&S Waste Solutions of Lake County is the contractor who collects the toxic materials with the Hazmobile.



Hazmobile Returns

Willits residents take advantage of free hazardous household materials drop-off on Saturday

Almost everything that we use in this society creates waste. From household toxins (paints, pesticides, etc.) to prescription medicines, it all accumulates in homes, creating problems and unhealthy situations.

Many of these items are not safe for the environment and require disposal or recycling by experts in a sanctioned facility. These materials can leech into the soil and creep into our waterways and oceans if thrown away in a less-than-safe location.

The Hazmobile was instigated in 1993 in order to bring an easy method for people to get rid of these materials

without having to drive to the few recycling or disposal centers which often charge fees for the service.

The Hazmobile is a free service. It is a drive-through facility which does not necessitate the driver to get out of their cars or trucks. A crew of four helps to unload, sort and place the materials in their proper containers.

MendoRecycle is the entity behind the Hazmobile, operated by C&S Waste Solutions who run a transfer station at 3200 Taylor Drive, Ukiah, which is open on

Read the rest of Hazmobile Over on page X



At far left: Fernando of C&S Waste Solutions helps to check people and materials in. At left: Partially used paint cans are collected at the Hazmobile. Below: A steady stream of automobiles make their way up to the Hazmobile. Photos by Mathew Caine

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to drop
- 4. Bits per inch
- 7. Ghosts
- 12. Presents
- 15. Noises
- 16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
- 18. Elevated railroad
- 19. A way to drench
- 20. The Tarheel State
- 21. Lilly and Manning are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Harvester
- 30. Unit of subjective loudness
- 31. Jewish calendar month
- 33. Dash
- 34. Armed conflict
- 35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
- 37. Jump
- 39. Get free of
- 41. A written proposal or reminder
- 42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
- 44. African country
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Used to treat

- Parkinson's disease
- 49. __ route
- 50. Ed Murrow's home
- 52. Lethal dose
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. A treeless grassy plain
- 61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. In an incisive way
- 64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
- 65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
- 2. A domed or vaulted recess
- 3. Trade agreement
- 4. Larger
- 5. Edged
- 6. Data
- 7. Something curved in shape
- 8. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 9. Farm state
- 10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 11. Short-term memory
- 12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
- 13. Honor as holy
- 14. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 17. Company that rings receipts
- 22. City in Finland
- 23. Small finch
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Partner to 'oohead'
- 29. Turntable
- 32. Major Hindu deity
- 36. Move head slightly
- 38. Plain-woven fabric
- 40. Die
- 43. Shipped as cargo
- 44. Something highly prized
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Humbled
- 51. Speak indistinctly
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. Green vegetable
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Singer Charles
- 62. Camper

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 24th 6am - 6pm BLACK FRIDAY SALE

November 25th 10am - 6pm SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

December 3rd & 5th Santa Photos!

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Holiday Hours

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veterans, starting with President Wilson’s declaration of Armistice Day to mark the actual end of fighting in the Great War on “the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month” of 1919.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words, White said: “To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us, and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the counsels of nations.”

In 1954, after the return of service personnel from Korea and World War II, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill rededicating November 11 as Veterans Day, White said, “encouraging Americans to commit themselves to the cause of peace and to honor America’s veterans for their courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice.”

White noted that Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, no matter which day of the week it falls on. “This day not only preserves the historical significance of the date,” White said, “but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: a celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.”

Mendocino County Veterans Services Office “takes immense pride,” White said, “in supporting our veterans by ensuring they receive every earned benefit they are entitled to. This year alone the VSO has completed over 800 compensation claims, bringing in \$21 million, \$225,829, directly to veterans and their families.

White urged any Mendocino County veterans to contact the Veterans Services Office to be assisted in obtaining their earned benefits.

After White gave thanks to all veterans, and another round of applause, four Mendocino County employees who are veterans, stood up to read the list of names of county employees who are veterans, too. They were greeted with a standing ovation after all the names were read.

“We thank all of our veterans,” Chair McGourty said, “not only for their service to their country, but their continuing public service to Mendocino County. You’re an inspiration to us all, how you love your country and the place you live, and the sacrifices you’ve made for it, and probably continue to make for it. We really appreciate all you do. Thank you very much.”

Here is the “thank you” list of County of Mendocino employees who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces:

Air Quality Management District

Brian Knapp: Air Force

Animal Care Services

Lee Stipe: Marine Corps; Richard Molinari:

Murder arrests made in Covelo vehicle fire case

By Captain Gregory Van Patten for MCSO

On October 31, 2023 Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office deputies responded to a vehicle fire where suspected human remains were located. The location was a private parcel at the end of Refuse Road, with a county address in the 78000 block of County Road 337L in Covelo.

Severely burned human remains were located in the rear of the vehicle. Identification of the remains is pending DNA results. One license plate on the vehicle survived the fire, and Sheriff’s Office detectives were able to determine the registered owner.

The Sheriff’s Office requested the assistance of professors from the Chico State University Forensic Anthropology Department to assist in recovering and identifying the burned remains.

While this was occurring, a male adult reported (to the Sheriff’s Office) his adult son as a possible missing person, which was the same person as the registered owner of the vehicle.

When the missing person’s report was made, detectives were learning the missing person had been working on an illegal cannabis farm at a residence in the 23000 block of Hopper Lane in Covelo.

Sheriff’s Office detectives went to that location, and in checking the missing person’s living structure adjacent to the cannabis grow, they located an obvious crime scene.

Two people who reside at that same

Air Force; Travis Johnson: Army

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Gary Thomas: Army; Juan Lopez: Army
Kersten Alvarado: Navy; Martin Kaye: Navy;
Rosanna Santos: Navy; Stephanie Elledge:
Marine Corps; Virginia Cliver: Navy

Child Support Services

Catherine Banks: Marine Corps

District Attorney

Joseph Gallagher: Marine Corps; Ivan
Abrams: Navy

Environmental Health

Stephen Lowery: Army; Will Nalty: Coast
Guard

General Services Agency

Brett Albee: Army; Jeff Determan: Navy;
Larry Nelson: Army; Michael Lockhart: Navy

Human Resources

William Schurtz: Air Force

Information Technology

Jon Gall: Army; Ian Belford: Air Force

Library

David Frick: Marine Corps; John Teller: Navy

Planning & Building

Brian Webb: Air Force; Fernand Gandolfo:
Navy

Probation

Geraldo Gonzalez: Marine Corps; Nestor
Hernandez: Army National Guard

Public Health

A’Kesh Eidi: Navy Reserves

Sheriff’s Office

Brandon Juntz: Marine Corps; Brandon Lee:
Marine Corps; Chantel Simmons: Navy/Army
National Guard; Charles Denoeu: Air Force;
Clayton Murry: Army; Daniel Buschbacher:
Marine Corps; Edwin Benner: Air Force; Jason
Caudillo: Army; Jeffrey Andersen: Army; John
Magan: Air Force; Luis Espinoza: Army; Orell
Massey: Marine Corps; Mark McNeley: Army;
Michael Grant: Army; Michael Jensen: Marine
Corps; Miguel Vazquez: Marine Corps; Paul
Borg: Coast Guard; Ryan McCartney: Navy;
Scotty Tuttle: Marine Corps; Shayne Turner:
Army National Guard; Steven Studer: Army; Ze
Manuel Lima: Coast Guard; Finn Alden: Coast
Artillery in Norway

Social Services

Alec Kyle: Coast Guard; Anthony Davis:
Army; John Flammang: Coast Guard; Kort
Pettersen: Navy; Roxanne Martinez: Army;
Stephen White: Air Force; Ulyses Lopez: Army

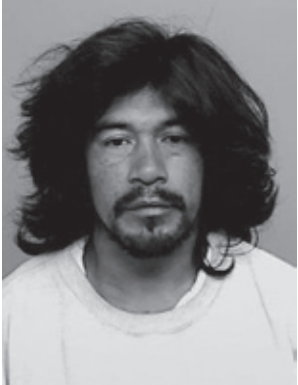
Transportation

Aurelio Ramirez: Army; Larry Breshears:
Marine Corps; Patricia Garcia: Army; Richard
Branch: Marine Corps; Robert Nowlin: Army;
William Wood: Navy

location were identified as being Lawrence Allen Joaquin, 35-year-old male from Covelo, and Iran Lee Hoaglen, 42-year-old male from Covelo.



Iran Hoaglen, 42, from Covelo.



Lawrence Joaquin, 35, from Covelo.

Joaquin arrived at the location while Sheriff’s Office detectives were present, and he was arrested on unrelated drug charges and violation of CDC Parole.

Hoaglen arrived at the location while Sheriff’s Office detectives were present, but left prior to being identified as a suspect in this case.

Detectives continued investigations and established probable cause to identify both Joaquin and Hoaglen as suspects in this case, resulting in the issuance of warrants for their arrest.

Joaquin was still in custody at the Mendocino County Jail and was subsequently booked on murder-related charges on November 6, 2023.

Sheriff’s Office detectives engaged in attempts to locate Hoaglen and on November 7, 2023, they learned he was possibly at a residence in the 15300 block of Hudson Avenue in Clearlake, in Lake County.

With the assistance of the Lake County Sheriff’s Office and the Lake/ Mendocino Multi-Agency Regional SWAT team, Hoaglen was arrested at that residence during the evening of November 7, 2023. Hoaglen was subsequently booked into the Mendocino County Jail on murder and other felony charges where he was to be held on a No-Bail status.

Veterans Appreciation Day

Via this proclamation, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recognizes November 11, 2023 as Veterans Appreciation Day in Mendocino County.

WHEREAS, over 41 million Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, over 1.3 million Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when called to duty, willingly put themselves in harm’s way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their contributions and sacrifices have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by American citizens.

WHEREAS, Veterans Day was established in 1954 by Congress to honor all who had fought in various American wars and for citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought

so courageously to promote an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS, there are over five thousand veterans in Mendocino County who have served in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have, since the 1930s, contributed to our communities by supporting youth groups, providing honors at burials of veterans, and teaching our young people about our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims November 11, 2023, as “Veterans Appreciation Day In Mendocino County”: A time dedicated to the people of Mendocino County to show their appreciation, gratitude, and respect for veterans and their families.

Dated: November 7, 2023
Signed by: Glenn McGourty, chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Health care workers masking order effective November 24

Submitted by Mendocino County Public Health

Mendocino County Health Officer Andrew Coren, MD, has released a new order mandating personnel with patient contact working in health care delivery facilities to be masked, starting November 24. The order also requires employers and operators of health care delivery facilities to develop and implement policies strongly recommending seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations to their employees.

Vaccinations are the safest and most effective way to prevent severe infection, hospitalization, and death from these viruses. These are strongly recommended for everyone from 6 months and older.

High quality and well-fitting masks for employees helps prevent staff from spreading COVID, influenza, RSV, and many other infections to each other and to their patients. This will help preserve the capacity of our health care delivery facilities during the “flu season.”

This order will become effective on November 24 and extend to April 30 of this year, and in future years will extend from October 1 through April 30 and continue until rescinded.

The order is posted on the Public Health website: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/public-health>

Senior Center menu for the week

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

Thursday, November 9: Teriyaki Chicken Stir-Fry

Friday, November 10: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Bread, Corn

Monday, November 13: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit

Tuesday, November 14: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Chips

Wednesday, November 15: Steak Fajitas, Rice and Beans

Thursday, November 16: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll

Friday, November 17: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Roll, Cranberry

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday.

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

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

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

Notice to Mendocino County taxpayers

Submitted by the Mendocino County Treasurer / Tax Collector

It has come to our attention that Mendocino County taxpayers with more than one tax notice, could see errors on their tax bills, due to a printing error with the contracted vendor.

The corrected tax bills will be prepared and sent to you as soon as possible. To avoid any confusion, we kindly request you use the reprinted bill when sending in your payment.

We understand that errors like these can be inconvenient, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Tax Collector’s Office at (707) 234-6875.

Open houses set for new map of Willits

Submitted by Willits Chamber of Commerce

The Willits Signage Committee is pleased to announce that, after almost a year of work, a map of Willits has been created to encourage exploration and use of our community assets. Your feedback is requested!

Drafts of the map design will be on display at designated locations throughout Willits over the next month. We want your feedback!

Please join us for a first-look reception at the Mendocino County Museum on Wednesday, November 15 from 4 to 5:30 pm.

The maps will also be on exhibit with an opportunity to share feedback at the following additional locations and times:

- Willits Library, Thursday, November 16, 10 am to 4 pm.
- The Mane House, Tuesday, November 28, 10 am to 4 pm.
- Mendocino County Museum, Saturday, December 2, from 11 am to 4 pm.
- Willits Library, Thursday, December 7, 10 am to 4 pm.



At top, left: Michael Steffen has plenty of natural sights to photograph near his home past Third Gate. At top, right: Jerry Albright lives in a beautiful place on the Eel River which affords him some amazing views. Above, left: Recently retired Dr. John Glycer now has plenty of time to explore the places where beauty happens. Above, right: WCA board member Eric Hart displays three photos taken with his iPhone 15.

‘Singleness of Focus’

Willits Photography Club members bring attention to local beauty at annual WCA art exhibit

“I do photography as a hobby. I love it. It keeps me going out in the world, looking for things,” said Michael Steffen, echoing the sentiments of many of the photographers of the Willits Photography Club, whose works are being exhibited at the Willits Center for the Arts through November 26.

One thing that all the photographers have in common, other than their inherent creativity, is their love for found art, mostly in natural settings, and many in their own backyards. Living in a place with such awe-inspiring vistas, dazzling wildflowers, and powerful, lofty trees, it is easy to find bits of time and place from which to create blocks of color and scenes of incredible beauty.

The photographers’ talent lies in recognizing how these natural pastiches will look as a block of printed material and in the ability to capture what they are seeing in a way that translates to a piece of art in which their vision and appreciation can be shared.

“This is an annual show,” said Willits Center for the Arts Curator Gary Martin. “We’ve been doing this for 18 years.

We have 20 photographers, including some new ones we haven’t seen before. We have mostly professional photographers doing wonderful scenes of the area in particular.”

New photographers are always welcome at the monthly meeting, held every second Saturday at 10 am, where the members of the Willits Photography Club show samples of their work, discuss the lighting and techniques, and get pointers on the best methods to capture a certain scene in various types of lighting.

At the meetings, the photographers love to speak about the lovely places they have been in order to get the desired shot and about vistas and beaches they have found, while also sharing some technical data.

It is apparent from the exhibit that beautiful photos, both macro and natural, can be found in extremely disparate locations. Lydia Sims showed three photos with little in common other than having been produced by the same photographer.

Read the rest of **Photography** | *Over on page 15*



Above: Lydia Sims stands next to her super-sharp photo of a dragonfly resting on one of her poppies.

At left, above: Maria Steffen finds beauty in natural environments. At left: Bruce Haanstra poses with two very different examples of his photo art.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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Ongoing Events

Willits Tennis Club: Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am at the Willits High School courts. New members welcome. Free. Show up or call 707-484-3385.

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 Brunear: 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. Games start 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 3 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

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!"

Thursday, November 9

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market continues on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot downtown. Thursdays from 3 to 5 pm. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Schedule update: Farmers Market stays outdoors through November 16, takes a break for Thanksgiving Thursday, then moves indoors to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on November 30, when hours will be back to 3 to 5:30 pm.

'Harnessing Your Happiness Hormones': a free Zoom talk by Avenues to Wellness, featuring Nick Lawrence, an entertaining, informative, and empowering national speaker and trainer, who is the director of Tools for Life, Inc. This talk focuses on the individual and their unique hormone levels, including an evidence-based quiz to determine their personal hormone "picture" and how well they are functioning. Thursday, November 9, from 6 to 8 pm. Go to this link - no password required: <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/4843059069>. Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit www.avenuestowellness.org to view video archives of previous talks. More info: 707-456-9676.

Friday, November 10

So You Want to Go to College: One of a series of classes offered by the Willits Library to all high school students and their parents that will "help high school age people understand the terminology and process of applying for college ... and make informed decisions regarding their future education." Willits Branch Library meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm; November 10. Light refreshments will be served. Info: 707-459-5908

Football Playoffs at WHS: Willits High School hosts another home playoff game in the 2023 North Coast Section Playoffs District 7. Varsity game against Bearn Christian from Walnut Creek is set for Friday, November 10, starting at 7 pm at WHS, 299 North Main Street. Tickets: \$12 general public, \$5 students, must be purchased in advance at <https://gofan.co/event/1217602?schoolid=CIFNCS>. Tickets will not be sold at the gate.

'Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Famed psychological thriller opens at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, November 10. The 1966 play debuted in its widely popular film version in 1967, starring Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin, and Efram Zimbalist, Jr. Directed by Mathew Caine, the WCT production features veteran WCT actors Steve Marston as Roat and Sarah France as Susy. Also appearing are Joshua Sternberg, Talisman Marshall, Garrett Moore, Zoe Robertson,





What's Happening Around Town

Emmilia Pyle, Austin Peterson and Ben Wilson: Plays through November 26, at the WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, with shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm (except Sunday, November 19). Tickets are \$20; available online at www.wctperformnartscenter.org or at the door.

Wolf River Band at Shanachie: Indie-folk duo from the Gulf Coast on tour in the West. Their sound blends Americana, Folk, Blues, and Bluegrass with strong harmonies and breakout electric guitar and fiddle jams. Friday, November 10 at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. 8 pm.

Saturday, November 11

Free Veterans Breakfast: Willits American Legion Post 174 presents its annual Veterans Breakfast, on Saturday, November 11, from 8 to 11 am, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street in Willits. Breakfast is FREE to all veterans, military, emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Please join us for a "Flag Raising" ceremony at 12 noon at the Mendocino County Veterans Memorial, at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, in honor of veterans.

Free Museum Admission for Veterans Day: Mendocino County Museum will honor veterans with free admission for all visitors on Veterans Day, Saturday November 11, from 12 to 4 pm. 400 East Commercial Street. Near the front of the Museum is the Mendocino County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in honor of the 22 fallen or missing in action locals who served in Vietnam. More info about what's on view, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum. Contact the Mendocino County Museum at museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

Sit-N-Sew: Second Saturdays at the Willits Library, November 11 this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in - bring your sewing project and have fun. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or 459-5908. "Wait Until Dark" at WCT: Famed psychological thriller shows at 7:30 pm, Saturday, November 11. See November 10 listing for more details.

'Shaken' at Calvary Chapel: An invitation for a one-of-a-kind walk-through drama, "Shaken," on Saturday, November 11, from 2 to 8 pm, at Calvary Chapel Willits, 145 Wood Street.. Presentation is 1 hour; tours start every 20 minutes. "He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress, I will not be shaken" - Psalm 62:6. Recommended for age 10 and older. Admission is free. Pre-register for a time slot at Calvary Chapel Willits' website, www.ccwillits.org

'Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Famed psychological thriller shows at 8 pm, Saturday, November 11. See November 10 listing for more details.

The Funknauts at Shanachie: SF-based band "known for their unique blend of funk, soul, and hip hop, with a touch of Afro-futurism thrown in for good measure" come to Willits to celebrate Jazzminh's birthday. Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 pm. \$10. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, November 12

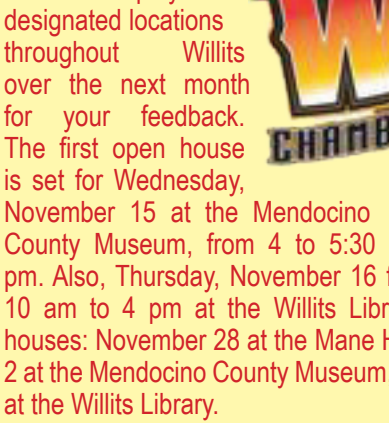
Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am; November pancake breakfast is set for Sunday, November 12 at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs 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.

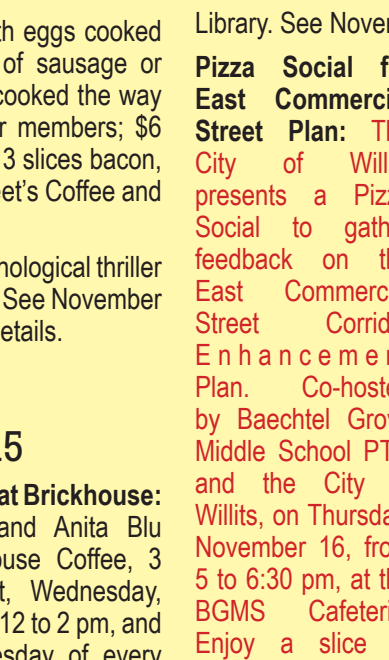
'Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Famed psychological thriller shows at 2 pm, Sunday, November 12. See November 10 listing for more details.

Wednesday, November 15

Harmony Keepers at Brickhouse: Duo Kate Black and Anita Blu perform at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Wednesday, November 15, from 12 to 2 pm, and on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Beautiful vocal harmonies, with guitar and keyboard, and some songs with dulcimer or ukulele. Music from Joni Mitchell, Carole King, James Taylor, Phoebe Snow, Laura Nyro, Leonard Cohen, and more.

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Cohousing Meeting: For all who are interested in learning about and/or helping to establish a senior-friendly, multi-generational cohousing community in or near Willits. Open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Thursday, November 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. RSVP: Email: greenleafcohousing@gmail.com or text or call Janae at 707-354-2035.

Friday, November 17

'Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Famed psychological thriller shows at 7:30 pm, Friday, November 17. See November 10 listing for more details.

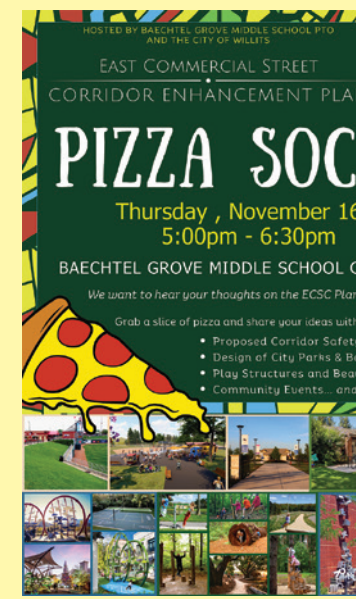
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Willits Stamp Club: meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 5 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Bring your collection and enjoy time perusing stamps. All are welcome. Refreshments served. Info: talsfam@pacfic.net

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Pizza Social for East Commercial Street Plan: The City of Willits presents a Pizza Social to gather feedback on the East Commercial Street Corridor Enhancement Plan. Co-hosted by Baechtel Grove Middle School PTO and the City of Willits, on Thursday, November 16, from 5 to 6:30 pm, at the BGMS Cafeteria. Enjoy a slice of pizza and engage with City Planners Taylor Perry and Leiloni Shine. Share thoughts on proposed enhancements, safety measures, park designs, play structures, and more. It's a family-friendly event welcoming your insights.

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Saturday, November 18

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Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie: Folk-based country and blues and unique vocals and harmonies by Sonoma County-based multi-instrumental duo Hilary & Christiane - harmonica, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, and banjo. "Fun and engaging to audiences of all ages." Saturday, November 18 at 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, November 19

'Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Private showing tonight at Willits Community Theater. See November 10 listing for more details.

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org
Willits Library is closed November 11 for Veterans 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.

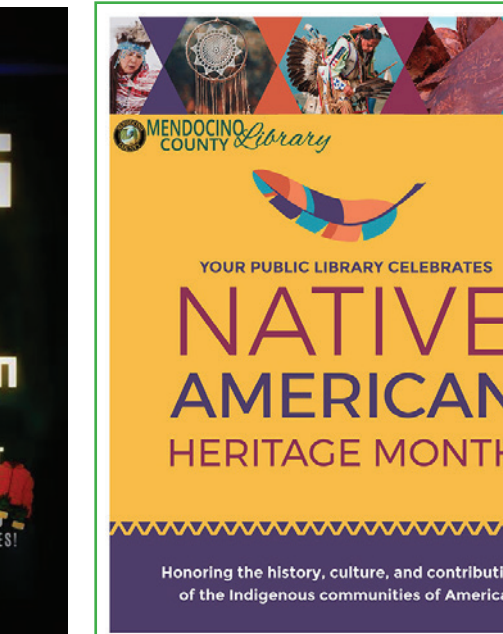
Games at the Library: First and third Fridays of the month, 4 to 5:30 pm. "Calling all board, card and tabletop role-playing game players! All ages and player levels welcome. Bring your own games to add to the fun!"

Tech Help: Every first and third Saturday from 11 am to 12 pm: Is your computer on the fritz? Want to install a new app? Bring your tech questions and get help from the library's tech savvy volunteer

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."

31st Annual Willits Toy Run, Sunday, November 26

The annual Willits Toy Run, the kick-off to the Willits Kids Christmas Program, is presented by the Willits Wild Bunch on Sunday, November 26. The day starts with a Meet and Greet at the Evergreen Shopping Center. The motorcycle pack leaves at noon for a beautiful ride through Little Lake Valley to Little Lake Grange. Admission: one unwrapped toy and/or \$10. Giveaway prizes, live & silent auction, 50/50 raffle. Free lunch - beverages provided for additional donation. Music by DJ Mikey T. All bikes, all riders, and non-riders are welcome to the party. The Grange, 291 School Street.



Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2023

Willits Community Services and Food Bank presents its annual Thanksgiving celebration, Thursday, November 23 at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 11 am to 3 pm; drive-thru / to-go dinners: 1 to 3 pm; Seniors please reserve your delivered meal. Menu: Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, green beans, cranberries, green salad, roll, beverage, and pie. Call the Food Bank to volunteer or for more info: (707) 459-3333 or (707) 354-3960.



Weekly organic waste pickup in November

The City of Willits announced on Facebook that Solid Waste of Willits and owner Gerry Ward "is once again accommodating our residents by collecting mixed organic waste carts every Friday for the month of November. Thank you Mr. Ward and the Solid Waste crew!"

Forrest & Friends post-Thanksgiving bash at the pub

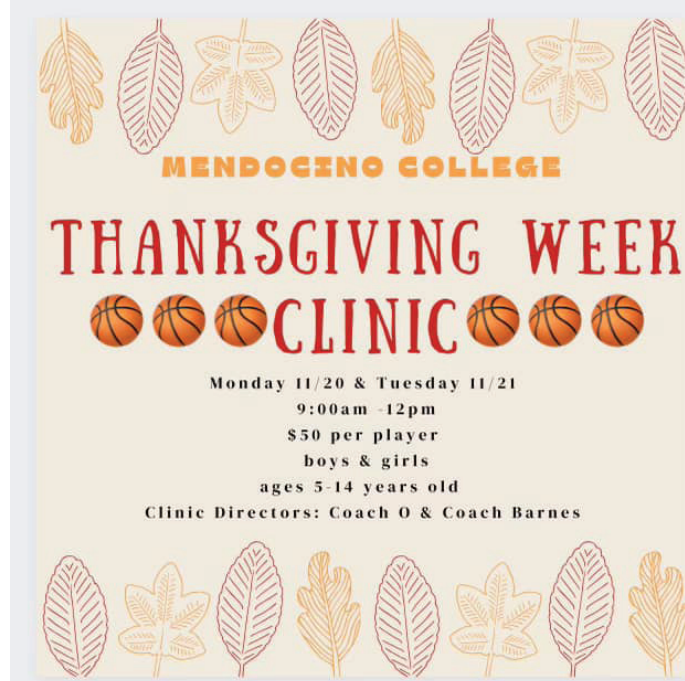
It's Shanachie Pub's traditional "Day After Thanksgiving" party, Friday, November 24, with Forrest & Friends, featuring Forrest Glycer and Malakai Schindel of Schindig, joined by some of the best local musicians and singer-songwriters around, as special guests for this special night. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Free Photojournalism Workshop with Mathew Caine

Local photographer Mathew Caine (Willits Weekly and more) leads a free photojournalism workshop, November 11 and 18 at Willits Center for the Arts. An interesting exploration into photojournalism and its effect on local issues, with history, some basic techniques, and guest lecturers, including Danilla Sands of WatchDuty, Alicia Bales (past program director at KZYX and environmental activist), and Holly Madrigal (publisher of Word of Mouth magazine)

Participants will be given an assignment to be accomplished between the first session (November 11) and the second session (November 18). Bring questions, concerns, and anything you would like to discuss during the sessions.

We'll keep it light and fun and hopefully we'll have some spirited discussions. All levels welcome. Register online at www.willitscenterforthearts.org



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Holiday Express

Roots of Motive Power's annual free celebration set for Saturday, December 2

Come join Roots of Motive Power for their FREE annual Holiday Express event, Saturday, December 2, 11 am to 4 pm at the Roots yard, 420 East Commercial Street in Willits.

There will be Trains, Treats, Toys and a visit from Santa. Free train rides pulled by Roots' steam locomotive, treats in the beautifully decorated Engine House, and visits and pics with Santa with a small toy.

We only do this one day - always the first Saturday in December. Don't miss out on the opportunity to kick off the Holiday Season with us.

The Mendocino County Museum will be having a book sale and Take and Make Crafts. Our local Sober Grad kids will be selling lunch in the Engine House during the event.

To learn more about Roots of Motive Power, visit <https://rootsofmotivepower.com/> or check out the "Roots of Motive Power" page on Facebook.

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For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
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CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING FORMAL BIDS
PROJECT NO. 2023-07
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:
The work shown on the project plans entitled:
CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS
For:

2023 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2023-07
The work for this project includes grinding and repaving portions of Boscabelle and South Lenore Avenues totaling approximately 37,000 square feet and completing approximately 11,250 square feet of asphalt digouts on Baechtel Road. It also includes construction of two sidewalk bulb-outs, six pedestrian ramps, 5 driveways, and approximately 2,032 square feet of sidewalk.

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

2023 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2023-07
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 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, California, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.

THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$531,008.50

The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.

- Key Dates:**
- Pre-bid Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. (Onsite - Intersection of E. San Francisco St. & S. Lenore Ave., Willits, CA 95490)
 - Final Questions from Bidders: Monday, November 27, 2023
 - Final Addendum Issued: Thursday, November 30, 2023
 - Bid Opening: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
 - Project Start Date: Monday, January 8, 2023
 - Project length: 90 calendar days

Interested bidders should contact the following to obtain electronic copies of plans and other bid documents:

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CITY OF WILLITS: s/Delores Pedersen, City Clerk
Publication Dates: November 2, 9, and 16, 2023

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NO. D-503-CV-2023-00408
EDDY COUNTY
PETROLEO, LLC,
Plaintiff
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING DECEASED PERSONS: CLARENCE M. GORMLEY, TOMMIE LEE AUSBURN, aka TOMMIE B. AUSBURN, GRACE L. BARNES KANE, FERN POPE, LaMOINE CORNER, FRANK W. CORNER, and AGNES RINKER; and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS; Defendants

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING DECEASED PERSONS: CLARENCE M. GORMLEY, TOMMIE LEE AUSBURN, aka TOMMIE B. AUSBURN, GRACE L. BARNES KANE, FERN POPE, LaMOINE CORNER, FRANK W. CORNER, and AGNES RINKER; and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS GREETINGS:

You and each of you are notified that there has been filed in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, the above-entitled cause of action wherein Petroleo, LLC is the Plaintiff and you are Defendants. The object and purpose of said suit is to quiet title to Plaintiff's undivided onehalf (1/2) interest in the following:

An overriding royalty interest consisting of the following percentage interests in the oil and gas produced under United States Oil and Gas Leases LC 062410 and LC 062140-A, issued as a single lease under No. LC 062140 by the United States of America, as Lessor, to Clarence M. Gormley, as Lessee, recorded in Book 42, Page 204 of the Oil and Gas Records of Eddy County, New Mexico (collectively the "Oil and Gas Lease"), insofar as it covers the following described lands (the "Lands") in Eddy County, New Mexico, as follows:

Township 25 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M.
Section 21: 5% 1/3 of 1%
Section 27: W½NW¼ 1 - 1/3%
Section 28: N½NE¼, SW½NE¼, NW¼, SE½NE¼ 1/3 of 1%
Section 29: NE¼ 1/3 of 1%

You, and each of you, are further notified that unless you enter your appearance within thirty (30) days after the date of last publication pursuant to NMRA 1-004(B)(2) and file a responsive pleading or motion within such time, judgment by default may be rendered in said cause against each of you so failing to appear and the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this Complaint to Quiet Title.

Plaintiff is represented by Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP (Anna Brandl), whose address is P.O. Box 3580, Midland, Texas 79701 and whose phone number is (432) 683-4691.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of the Court this 6th day of June 2023.
MARTHA HUEREQUE
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
Publication Dates: October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2023

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2023-F0347

The following corporation is doing business as Terphogz IPC, THIP, 95 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490. Registered owner: Terphogz Intellectual Property Corp., 95 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490;

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 7, 2023.

/s/ Jon Orantes, COO
Publication dates: November 9, 16, 22, 30, 2023

WW460

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2023-F0314

The following person is doing business as Esthetics by Eden, 152 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490. Registered owner: Eden Hincker Tye, 24900 North Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

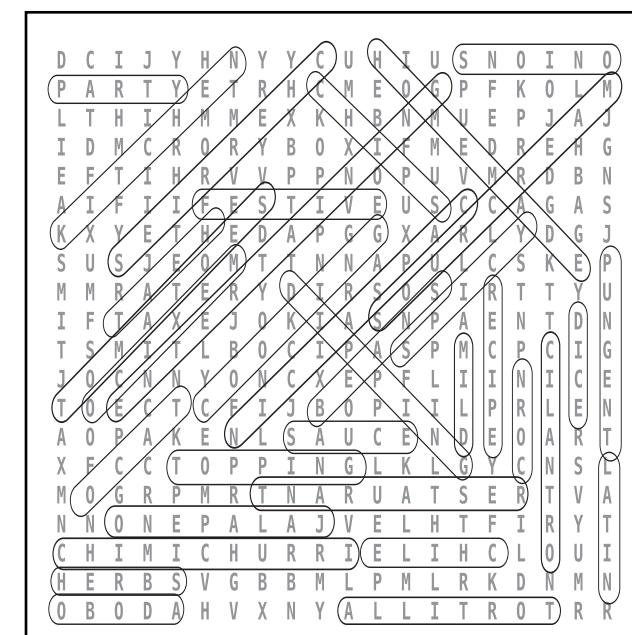
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 23, 2023.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on November 6, 2023.

/s/ Eden Hincker Tye
Publication dates: November 9, 16, 22, 30, 2023

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Indoor Yard Sale
Giant Indoor Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler), Saturday, November 11 from 8 am to 4 pm

John Ford Ranch Beef
John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkelian @ 459-5049. (Prices change effective 6/25/23)

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At top: A new bridge across the creek along Beaver Trail in Brooktrails, made by donated lumber from Willits Redwood Company. Above, from left: Volunteers Chris Beebe, Kyle Klesper, and Adam Winokur haul in one of many pieces of redwood lumber to make the new bridges. Volunteer Adam Sherf works on the frame for one of the new bridges, with Adam Winokur in the creekbed. This photo shows the steepness of parts of the Beaver Trail in Brooktrails.



New bridges built on Beaver Trail thanks to volunteers, Willits Redwood

Submitted by Willits Area Cyclists

The Beaver Trail in Brooktrails has some resilient new bridges, thanks to an extremely generous donation from Willits Redwood Company and a huge effort from Willits Area Cyclists volunteers.

Last Sunday [October 29], WAC logged 91 volunteer hours hauling in a very large amount of redwood (down the steepest trail in Brooktrails) and building four new bridges to replace the old deteriorating bridges.

ALL of the redwood lumber used was donated by Willits Redwood Company. Huge thanks to all involved, including volunteers Chris Beebe, Ernie Burton, Bennett Burton, Ashley Sherf, Adam Sherf, Tom Burghardt, Lynn Webb, Fred Carillo, Kyle Klesper, Simon Apostol, Adam Winokur, Rudra Knoles, Josh Bonner, and Aaron Boyes.

To learn more about Willits Area Cyclists visit <https://wacraills.wixsite.com/ride> or check out the "Willits Area Cyclists" page on Facebook.

Above: The Willits Redwood Company logo on a fence post.

At right: Loading up donated lumber for the new trail bridges at the Willits Redwood Mill.



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Above, from left: The first-place Ranch Rodeo team, TK Excavating, and members, from left: Jace Kelley, Justin Ramos, and Ronnie Seever. Tristin Taylor holds his silver belt buckle that he won for earning first place in the bronc riding contest. Team Frontier Girls, including, from left: Nicole Kunka, Kamish Wagner (who also won first place in breakaway), and Danielle Barry, won the all-female team award. Below, left: Cowgirl Josephin Brookins tries her hand in the bronc riding competition. Below, right: Stetson Burgess scans the herd of cattle, looking for the steer he needs to cull from the herd.



Ranch Rodeo Results

Annual cowboy and cowgirl event showcases real-life events of ranch life

While the June and July events usually come to mind when thinking about the happenings at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds, there's also a fall-time event held annually called the Ranch Rodeo. This differs from the summer events because more real-life ranch tasks are asked of the competitors, including calf branding, ranch doctoring, team sorting, and trailer loading.

There are also livestock riding events for bull and bronc riders who want to try their luck at holding on for a wild ride, an open branding event, and a breakaway event for aspiring calf ropers.

Teams of three compete in each event and earn cumulative points towards the overall winning score.

When all events were said and done, the winning team was "TK Excavating" with members Ronnie Seever, Jace Kelley and Justin Ramos. Second place went to team "Fonsen Cattle" and members Mike Fonsen, Justin Ramos, and Ronnie Seever, and third place went to team "Bar X Cattle," with members Stetson Burgess, Brian Darst, and Billy Ward.

A girls' team winner was also awarded: team Frontier Girls and members Nicole Kunka, Kamish Wagner, and Danielle Barry.

The open branding event was won by team "Seever Livestock," with members Ronnie Seever, Billy Ward, and Justin Ramos. Second place went to team "TK Excavating," and third place went to team "Bar X Cattle."

Tristin Taylor won first place in the bronc riding, Riley Gibson came in second, and Charles Bisset came in third. There were no bull riders who placed with a qualifying time. Kamish Wagner won first place, and Jessie Jones placed second and third with her two runs in the breakaway roping event.

A Calcutta-style auction was also held at the beginning of the day. The auction allowed participants to bid on the team they believe will perform well in the event. The money collected from the auction is then distributed among the bidders who have bet on the winning team. This year the auction raised a total of \$1,600 and was won by Kyle Seever.

Non-riding events were also held for those wanting to participate in the day's events, including dummy roping, won by Emilie Vitorelo, a cornhole game, and the barbecue cookoff.

The cookoff named winners in People's Choice and Judge's Choice categories for best ribs, best beans, best bread and best décor.

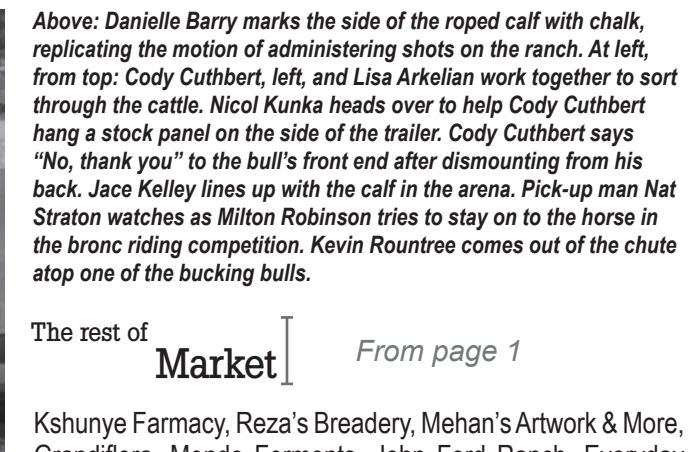
In People's Choice: Team "2 Racks are Better than 1" and members Michael Lopez, Jeremy Sneed, Donnie Arms, and Kathryn Baechtel, won for best ribs, beans and bread, but team "Trailer Trash" and members Jenn and Jack Drew and Matt and Johnnieann Johnstone won best décor.

In the Judge's choice category, best ribs and bread went to team "Smokin' B.V.s" and members Kinzie Barlow, Caleb Vogel and Dale Barlow, and team "2 Racks are Better Than 1" won for best beans again.

Results provided by Willits Frontier Days



Photos by Natalie Campbell



Above: Danielle Barry marks the side of the roped calf with chalk, replicating the motion of administering shots on the ranch. At left, from top: Cody Cuthbert, left, and Lisa Arkelian work together to sort through the cattle. Nicol Kunka heads over to help Cody Cuthbert hang a stock panel on the side of the trailer. Cody Cuthbert says "No, thank you" to the bull's front end after dismounting from his back. Jace Kelley lines up with the calf in the arena. Pick-up man Nat Stratton watches as Milton Robinson tries to stay on to the horse in the bronc riding competition. Kevin Rountree comes out of the chute atop one of the bucking bulls.

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Kshunye Farmacy, Reza's Breadery, Mehan's Artwork & More, Grandiflora, Mendo Ferments, John Ford Ranch, Everyday Alchemy Tonic Co., Mi Distinctive Tastes, Soul Shaker Acres, New Agrarian Collective, Mulligan Gardens, Moonflower Tea Co., Inland Ranch Organics, Green Uprising Farm, Fairall's Farm, Cas & Lux, and Cerro Negro.

While cash is always accepted, the Willits Farmers Market is able to accept EBT and WIC payments, too.

"We also offer an EBT Market Match Program that doubles the spending power of EBT/CalFresh recipients," explains the website. "Market Match is the single most effective way to support local farms and make local food more affordable for low-income community members. The program successfully redirects the subsidies away from industrial food in supermarkets and corner stores to local farmers by giving EBT users an additional dollar for every dollar they spend at the market."

"Each market has an EBT machine, like a debit or credit card processor, and an EBT/CalFresh recipient may use their benefits by simply swiping their card, indicate how much they want to take out, and receive tokens to spend at the market. This doubles the amount of tokens a customer can spend at the market. For example, if a customer spends \$15 in EBT funds, they're given an extra \$15 (\$30 total) in market tokens to spend on fruits and vegetables. Markets match up to \$30."

For more information on the Willits Farmers Market or how to use EBT benefits, log onto their website www.mcfarm.org or stop by a market and talk to Market Manager Michael Foley.



Above: Farmers market shoppers look at the selection of goods offered by Amanda Fairall of Fairall's Fine Foods.



At left: Tamales were hot and ready to enjoy for a quick bite, or dinner.

Photos by Maureen Jennison

WAC invites artists to join 'Small Works Show for Holiday Gifts'

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is thrilled to announce the upcoming "Small Works Show for Holiday Gifts," a delightful exhibition featuring the creative talents of many artists. To make this event even more spectacular, we are inviting additional artists to join us in this celebration of art and the holiday season.

The "Small Works Show for Holiday Gifts" is set to run December 2 to 31 at the Willits Center for the Arts, at 71 East Commercial Street, in Willits.

The "Small Works Show for Holiday Gifts" is a perfect opportunity to explore and appreciate art in an intimate and meaningful way. This exhibition is all about celebrating the holiday spirit through art and providing a unique platform for artists to showcase their small-format creations.

We are excited to have 20 talented artists already participating, and we are extending an invitation to other artists who wish to share their work. Whether you create paintings, sculptures, photographs or any other form of visual art, we welcome you to join this festive exhibition. Enter up

to five works, under 12" by 16" or no taller than 16".

Why join the Small Works show?

• **Holiday Gifting:** Small works of art make perfect, thoughtful gifts for the holiday season, and this exhibition is a fantastic opportunity to have your art considered for gift-giving.

• **Community Engagement:** Participating in the Small Works Show allows you to connect with the local community and art enthusiasts who appreciate your creativity.

• **Artistic Exposure:** Exhibiting your work at the Willits Center for the Arts provides valuable exposure and the chance to share your art with a diverse audience.

How to join

If you are an artist interested in being part of the "Small Works Show for Holiday Gifts," please email images of work you would like to show to Gary Martin at gtm1950@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming new artists to this exciting event.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Playful Donald

Donald is quite the young adventurer as he loves to explore his surroundings and boy does he love to chase some toys. He's more of an independent cat, but gets along well with other cats and we think he would do well in a home with children.



Donald



Bogey



Deuce

Cheerful Bogey

This big baby boy is a very happy fellow and loves to get your attention! He's a cuddle bug who wishes to spend more time with everyone he meets! He can be a bit mouthy and jump up at times, but with some consistent training, he would make a great companion. Bogey is waiting on that special someone, or family, to come into his life and give him the world! He would do well with lots of activity and adventures. This youngster is looking for love and he deserves it!

To learn more about Bogey or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 707-459-4900.

Lovebug Deuce

Everyone here is just head over heels for this boy. Deuce is a bit shy of new people at first but once he knows you're a safe person, his big personality comes shining through. He is a big lovebug and has the most contagious smile. He's bound to steal your heart.

His foster loved having him as a house guest. Here's what they had to say:

"Deuce is smart, and goofy when he's comfortable. He knows 'sit' and comes when I call him 80 percent of the time - especially if it's just us. He's my little shadow, and just wants to be close. Only one accident in the house in three weeks, and it was our fault."

"He's good with our dog, but honestly doesn't care about her too much other than their daily play session first thing in the morning. He couldn't care less about the cat, and sits outside our chicken run while I'm in there without reacting to them or seeming overly interested. He does decently on the leash on walks. He crates well while we leave the house and at night. He's spent nights loose in our bedroom and settled well without any potty or chewing incidents."

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

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Finally, regarding the Primrose Lift Station, Alaniz said: "We've been waiting for quite some time for PG&E's response to our final electrical connection and panel. They have provided us with a quote which we have accepted to get the panel. The total cost is \$8,000. There's a \$5,000+ up front portion that's included in our payables at this time. So, we do anticipate getting some movement on the finalization of bringing the Primrose Lift Station onto the grid so we can start testing our equipment and can start plumbing out the old lift station into the new lift station. And, without the electricity, obviously, we can't run the test to start the process of making the final transition to it.

"It's a beautiful metal building," Alaniz commented, "and it's been a long time coming and significant money has been spent on it." It's a proud accomplishment for the community.

The board then voted to unanimously approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$138,922.98.

The next agenda item up for discussion: Consideration of Request for Firefighters Association Contribution to the Cost for Electric Jaws of Life Tool

Manager Alaniz said: "I've never gone to the Firefighters Association and asked for anything, but this board, over the years has had some communications with the association. Chief Noyer and I were talking about the upcoming purchase of this tool for the new squad, and I thought it would be a good idea if we asked the association to help with the cost of it, because they raise money, they help out, and I thought this would be a good opportunity for them to participate in contributing to this expensive tool."

The jaws of life tool "is going to be on the squad which will be our No. 1 vehicle for our volunteers who do not have the firefighter endorsement," she said. "It will be part of the outfitting on that apparatus. Chief Noyer talked with their president, Tony Palma, and Damian Angell is here from the association."

Chief Noyer explained: "The jaws of life is a package of hydraulic tools that weigh a lot. There are four components to it plus some attachments that can cut, spread and lift. All of the four components weigh roughly 500 pounds, and it's located in the back of our first-out structural firefighting engine.

"The problem is," Chief Noyer continued, "I only have four besides me that can drive it legally, that have the firefighters' endorsement. So, the likelihood of us being able to get that tool there in a speedy amount of time is dwindling fast. So, buying this "combination tool" that is battery operated and that will sit in the new rescue squad vehicle that anyone can drive will enable us to respond and get there fast."

Director Joanne Cavallari remarked: "So, the net cost to the district for this piece of equipment is around \$12,580 after we subtract the \$4,500? I think it's really great that you're getting this piece of equipment because Brooktrails is often the first responder to car accidents."

The board then voted unanimously to request the contribution from the Brooktrails Firefighters Association, asking for their help.

Changing of the guard at Willits Community Theatre

By Mike A'Dair, for WCT

The Willits Community Theatre is bringing in a new wave of leadership, replacing a few of the key personnel who have guided the theater over the past several years.

Amythyst Romero has been hired as managing director, replacing Steve Marston, who has worked as managing director for the past three years. Jeff Shipp has been hired as production manager. He replaces yours truly, Mike A'Dair, who was production manager for the past 10 years.



New production manager for Willits Community Theater Jeff Shipp and new managing director Amythyst Romero are part of a new wave of leadership at the community theater.

the theater's online presence. In his spare time he is program manager for KLLG, Willits' hard working, low-power radio station.

"The board of directors for WCT is very excited to have Jeff Shipp join our management team," said WCT board President Robert Ford. "If we were to sum up one of Jeff's greatest qualities, it would be dedication. Jeff is so dedicated to the theater, that he has already been training for the job of production manager for three years. We look forward to the great productions that will be brought to life by the sure hands of Jeff Shipp."

At this moment of the changing of the guard, WCT would like to thank outgoing Managing Director Steve Marston. Steve has worked tirelessly as the theater's "big boss." In addition to paying the bills, Steve has secured more than \$100,000 worth of grant funding over the past three years; has expanded the theater's refreshment program to include a stunning array of quality alcoholic beverages, and has increased by a factor of five the number of musical concerts and other programming which WCT offers to the community.

"There is no way that the WCT Board of Directors could adequately express the depth of our gratitude for the job that Steve Marston has done as managing director for the theater," said Ford. "It would not be an exaggeration to say that the theater would not still be open without the amazing work that Steve has done to keep the theater running. Although we are excited for a new chapter for the theater, we will greatly miss having Steve at the helm."

Marston had a few valedictory words to share with theater supporters as he takes his famous river raft onward to the next adventure. "As I take leave of my post as managing director of WCT, I'm proud of the many positive changes we have made over the past few years," he said. "At the top of that list is the influx of younger generations into the theater family. Amythyst and Jeff are now the vanguard of that movement. To let fresh ideas blossom on stage is the future of our cherished theater!"

Call for Artists

WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The WCA is looking for artists for the annual **Small Works Show** Paintings, Sculpture, Fabric, Glass, etc. Enter up to 5 works under 12" x 16" or no taller than 16"

Show will open December 2 until the New Year

More Information: 707-459-1726

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"This 'Canopy' was shot with an iPhone with the panorama app," explained Sims, who showed a striking vertical shot of a tree from top to bottom. "It was taken from the top of the sky down. It is a Cyprus spruce. This dragonfly was taken in my garden. It was on my mature poppies. This one, called 'Roots, Rocks, and Water' was taken with a Panasonic Lumex."

Maria Steffen also showed three very different photos. "I have three canvas prints. One is the Florida Gulf Coast. The other two are local. One is trees in the Grocery Outlet parking lot. The one with the mossy stump was taken in Brooktrails in the Spring Creek area."

Some of the photos are things the viewer might see every day but have become inured to their individual beauty, while the viewer sees the forest without seeing the individual trees or the life that teems around the trees. It is the photographer's art to bring these aspects into focus, inviting the viewer to greater intimacy with their surroundings.

"I do photography because it's the best art I can do," said Dorothy Asbury. "I don't draw. I don't paint. Photography tells a story. Whatever you take has a story in it. I like fine-art photography because people can look at your photographs and see something different from your original vision.

"I always figure that my photographs are part of my soul," said Asbury. "If somebody buys one, they're buying a part of me but they're also buying something that is their personal vision, something they can connect with, something that makes them feel good." Asbury enjoys creating a story that is depicted in her visual presentations,

sparking stories in the minds of the viewers. Bruce Haanstra has been in the Willits Photography Club for several years. He likes to occasionally shoot in gray scale. "I generally shoot in color but I've found that a lot of times black and white sometimes brings out a better image. Color can be a distraction. Black and white focuses your attention better, I think."

Like most of the photographers who have been shooting for several years, Haanstra took his time adapting to digital photography but now has embraced the immediacy and the ability to see images as they are taken, able to make adjustments in real time.

"Photography allows me to be creative," explained John Fischer, one of the newer club members. "I'm able to go out and find the beauty in the woods and the forests and put it on paper. I've done a lot of film. I've done a lot of slides. I mostly did underwater photography. Mostly I would go out and always take the camera and get some pictures but it wasn't my primary reason to go out where I was going.

"Digital photography has been a real game-changer," said Fischer. "It used to be that you had to wait a week to see the results and then many conditions might have changed, so you can't really find the scene again, just as you saw it before.

"One of the things with photography is that when you go out to do it, you just forget everything else. There's a mindfulness and a singleness of focus. It's a great therapy," Fischer shared.



Above, left: Michael Steffen took this gray scale photo of patterns created by a tumbleweed that died and left its skeleton. Above, right: Willits Center for the Arts board member Eric Hart took this photo with his iPhone 15 on a morning walk with his dog. At left: Bruce Haanstra likes to be in the places where the photos are, as with this image taken in Joshua Tree.

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Wednesdays, 9 am to 1 pm. The Hazmobile program is ramping up after a couple years of inactivity due to COVID and other staffing considerations.

There will be three more drop-off events this year, two in Caspar on November 30 and December 1, and the other in Gualala on December 8. This is a free service with certain limits, among which is a 15-gallon limit on paints. Further details can be found at: <https://candswaste.com/services/household-hazardous-waste>.

Once the Hazmobile opened up at the entrance to Willits Solid Waste on Saturday, the cars and trucks began to line up at the drive-through facility. Two sisters, Gail and Jody, brought materials they found that had been building up around their house.

"I think this service is wonderful," said Gail. "I'm sorry we didn't get it sooner because last year we didn't have it. I'm real happy it's back because I don't like this stuff building up at my house."

Kyle Brandon, manager of Willits Furniture, brought his truck with a bunch of furniture cleaning and conditioning chemicals that were found while cleaning out the store, which is currently being liquidated.

"I'm dropping off things from Willits Furniture, leftover furniture-treatment chemicals which were used to do fabric treatments to block stains, leather cleaner, stuff that we've got left in the back room," said Brandon. "I have about 15 gallons with me and some more back at the shop. It's great being able to bring this stuff down and drop it off safely. It keeps it out of the creeks and other places."

Fran Appling Gardner came to get rid of chemicals she used and found around her house. "I brought old garden pesticides, herbicides, and I don't even know what else is inside that box that was pulled out of my mother-in-law's garage about 20 years ago. I think the Hazmobile is a great service," said Gardner.

"We [C&S Waste Solutions] just recently took the program over," said Daniel Perez, supervisor at the site, "and we're trying to ramp up collection events and bring the service back to the county. We're picking up pretty much everything that doesn't belong in the landfill or down the drain.

"We take hazardous waste, everything from gasoline, oil, antifreeze, household batteries, automotive batteries, aerosol paints, propane tanks, toxic solids, toxic liquids, pesticides, herbicides, corrosives, caustics, oxidizers, acids, bases, roof tars, adhesives. We take some things that are not totally toxic but don't look good in a landfill like sheet rock compound.

"We collect these materials," said Perez, "bring it back to the base facility, consolidate it and get it ready for shipping to a third-party company that comes and picks it up. They take it for further processing, be it recycling or incineration or put into a hazardous-waste landfill."

Although most household substances are accepted, there are a few exceptions that are not allowed at the Hazmobile: explosives or ammunition, radioactive materials, biological wastes (except syringes), electronics, controlled substances.

A partial list of materials that can be left at the Hazmobile: Batteries (automotive and household), antifreeze, paints, toxic cleaners, solvents, prescription medicines, gasoline, fluorescent light tubes and CFLs, pesticides and herbicides, oil and oil filters, pool chemicals, cell phones, acids, propane tanks, corrosives, mercury thermometers, sharps, bleach and dyes, artist supplies, and photography chemicals. Commercial businesses can call to arrange delivery (for a fee).

Keep an eye on the website for information about future Hazmobile places and times: <https://mendorecycle.org/HazardousWaste/HHWDropoffFacilities>. 707-234-6400.

Art Talk with Gary Martin, 'Unraveling the Renaissance,' November 10

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the next installment of "Art Talks with Gary Martin," a captivating exploration of art and culture. This upcoming talk is set to delve into the remarkable era of the Renaissance, shedding light on the artists who sparked a revolution in the world of painting.

The talk is set for Friday, November 10, at 6:30 pm, at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

The Renaissance period, a pivotal epoch in human history, witnessed artistic expression, knowledge, and cultural rebirth. Through "Art Talks with Gary Martin," attendees will embark on a journey through time to understand the Renaissance's profound impact on the world of art.

Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the lives and works of iconic figures such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael.

The event promises to be an enlightening and enriching experience for art enthusiasts, history buffs, and anyone eager to explore the fascinating world of the Renaissance. Gary Martin's expertise and passion for art history will provide attendees with a deeper understanding of the cultural and artistic evolution that transpired during this remarkable period.

Admission to this enlightening and engaging evening of discovery and appreciation of the Renaissance era is open to all. More info: Willits Center for the Arts, 707-459-1726.

'Harnessing Your Happiness Hormones'

Submitted by Avenues to Wellness

Avenues to Wellness presents: "Harnessing Your Happiness Hormones," Thursday, November 9, from 6 to 8 pm. This is a free Zoom event. Go to this link. No password required. <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/4843059069>.

Stress negatively affects our happiness hormones: Serotonin, Endorphins, Oxytocin and Dopamine, and one stress hormone: Cortisol. This workshop focuses on the individual and their unique hormone levels. Each participant takes an evidence-based hormone quiz to determine their unique hormone "picture" and how well they are functioning.

This is an "eye-opening" experience for many people, showing the necessity for better and more consistent self-care. Presenter Nick Lawrence, MA, will cover "how-to" guidelines for each participant to improve their happiness!

Nick Lawrence is an entertaining, informative, and empowering national speaker and trainer. He is the director of Tools for Life, Inc. a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people thrive. He is the former director of the Foster and Kinship Education Program at Santa Rosa Jr. College, where he taught foster parents how to work with traumatized youth while maintaining their own health.

He brings 25 years of experience in early childhood education, parent education, and trauma recovery education. He currently teaches a variety of classes including "Caregiver Resiliency" and "Whole Brain Relationships."

Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit www.avenuestowellness.org to view Video Archives of previous talks. For more information call: 707-456-9676.

Coursey Communications recertifies as a B corporation

Submitted by Coursey Communications

Ukiah – Coursey Communications just recertified as a B Corporation, Ukiah's first and only company with this distinction. Coursey Communications uses communication tools and methods to help clients build trusting relationships with internal and external audiences in an effort to amplify organizational impact, primarily in K-12 education and health care.

To be a Certified B Corporation, a company must complete a rigorous assessment every three years demonstrating it has met robust standards of social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability.

The certification provides public recognition that Coursey Communications is part of a global movement to use business as a force for good, one that balances profit with purpose. This movement includes other Mendocino County businesses such as Thanksgiving Coffee, North Coast Brewing Co., and Fetzer Vineyards, as well as international companies such as Patagonia and Ben & Jerry's.

CEO Jendi Coursey said: "We're really proud to be part of the B Corp community. The certification process is intense and time-consuming, but totally worth the effort. It forces us to evaluate who we work with, how we support our employees, and whether we are living up to our values in every aspect of our business."

The certifying organization, B Lab (bcorporation.net) provides the B Impact Assessment, an evaluation tool used by more than 50,000 businesses worldwide, including more than 3,000 Certified B Corporations, to help companies assess their impact on various stakeholders, including their workers, community, customers, and the environment.

Coursey says she is particularly proud that her company's recertification score increased by a sizeable margin compared to the original certification score. The minimum threshold for certification is 80. The company's first certification score was 85.2. Their recertification score was 112.5 out of 140 total points.

Coursey attributes her company's success to her partnership with employee Kendyl Saxby, the agency's digital content manager.

She said, "Kendyl and I bring very different skills to this company, but we are beautifully aligned when it comes to values like quality, service, and integrity."

Coursey learned about the B Corp movement from consultant Heather Paulsen (hpaulsenconsulting.com), who helps companies worldwide pursue certification from her office in Fort Bragg.

Coursey Communications (jendicoursey.com) provides public relations, leadership training, and communication coaching to clients throughout California. Some of its local clients include Kelseyville Unified School District, Mendocino County Office of Education, First 5 Mendocino, and MCHC Health Centers.



Jendi Coursey attending the 2019 Champion's Retreat, pledging to be part of the B Corp movement.



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