

ATW talk on 'harm reduction' for substance abusers

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The experienced and caring staff members of Mendocino County AIDS/ Viral Hepatitis Network, MCAVHN, aka would like people to stop using dangerous drugs, but they are not going to tell them to do so. They know, through their years of personal battles and study on the subject that the "Just Say No" paradigm, made popular by Nancy Reagan, does not work.

They, on the other hand, place their efforts on creating "harm reduction," keeping people from selfdestruction through means of reducing risks, so that their clients can continue to be alive, in order to finally make their own decisions regarding their health, hopefully leading to abstinence or greatly reduced usage.

On April 17, three MCAVHN staff members, Joe Ditto, Travis Meeks, and Aurelie Clivaz, participated in a forum at the Methodist Church, produced by Suzanne Picetti Johnson of the Avenues To Wellness, a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. They came to educate and to answer questions.



Above: The two contestants that will run for the 2024 title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart include Willits High School seniors, Catie Spackman, left, and Elena Arkelian, right. Ticket sales will begin soon; check www.WillitsFrontierDays.com for the schedule and info.

Back to a real race Two candidates will compete for the Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart title and crown for the 98th annual event

For the last five years, the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart was awarded to the solo contestant who ran. While they did indeed have to compete in all the usual aspects of the competition, even without a person contending against them, this year, the race will get back to a friendly competition, with two girls looking to win the crown.

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Elena Arkelian and Catie Spackman have both placed their cowgirl hats in the ring,

looking to sell tickets, ride well, speak eloquently, and demonstrate their knowledge of rodeo which will earn them the title of 2024 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart.

The contestants will start selling likely on May 10, and will have tickets to the California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association events and the Junior Rodeos; the barbecue;

which they typically they put towards schooling, vehicles, or advancing their rodeo careers.

Since two contestants will be competing this year, the winner will also receive a custom saddle from Willits Frontier Days, a perk that has been removed during the solo-contestant years. She will also receive the traditional silver tiara, silver belt buckle, and silver spurs, as well as a sash and flowers, and she will be entrusted with the perpetual American Flag leather chaps which, for several years, have been signed and passed down from the previous Sweetheart to wear during the 4th of July activities.

While both contestants are available to reach by phone (see below), be on the lookout for them at upcoming public events where they can offer tickets and make sales in person, too.

BOS supports mobile tiny homes

Annie Evarts Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Mendocino County, like much of California, has a housing availability and affordability problem. housing Alternative concepts like tiny homes are one way other counties in the state have used to help correct the problem. Tiny homes, as we know them from popular culture, can be mobile. They're lowcost to build and maintain. they're and energyefficient. They can make the path to homeownership significantly shorter. They can also be used as inexpensive rentals to generate a second income, and because their footprint is so small, they can easily be situated in a backyard.

Julia Krog, director of Planning and Building Services for Mendocino County, presented possible regulations for the construction of mobile tiny homes at the April 9 meeting of the board of supervisors. Presently, in Mendocino County, there is no process for permitting a tiny home on wheels as a residential dwelling. Though there are regulations for building a house that is very small, or "tiny."

Read the rest of Tiny

City seeks

"I like to keep my pulse on local issues, and this is one of the most important because it's a life-or-death issue," explained Johnson. "It's a whole new world out there, and everyone needs to be aware of how serious it is. MCAVHN does substance use and opioid use awareness. They have an awareness project where they educate the community members and youth on substance

Read the rest of Reduction

Poker benefit for Little Lake Firefighters on Saturday

With fire season coming up, it's a great time to support the volunteers of the Little Lake Firefighters Association at their Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Tri-Tip Dinner Benefit Tournament, set for this Saturday, April 27 at Sparetime Distribution, 300 East Commercial Street. Buy in is \$100. Signups 4 pm; game play starts at 5 pm; tri-tip dinner at 7 pm.

Proceeds to be used to purchase items for the volunteer firefighters in Willits, such as web gear and training props (propane props and fire extinguisher education) for our community. Tickets at the door, or stop by Willits Fire Station 54, 74 East Commercial Street, to get advance tickets. the Pancake Breakfast, Truck Pulls, and the new Bulls and Broncs event, too. They also sell tickets for the Sweetheart Raffle which includes a large selection of great prizes, all donated by the community.

Money raised by the Sweethearts' ticket sales efforts not only goes to support the functioning of the Willits Frontier Days events, but the contestants also get to keep a portion of their sales. Many contestants over the years have worked hard, treating their run as a serious summer job, and have managed to earn several thousand dollars, Willits Frontier Days always wants to remind the public and encourage family and friends to tell persons interested in purchasing tickets to contact the contestants directly, as it is the sole responsibility of the contestants to sell the tickets themselves. Selling assistance is not permitted, and online campaigning is not encouraged to try to keep things as fair as possible to both contestants.

Read the rest of **Sweethearts**

Over on page 15

input on new loan program for **housing rehab**

Submitted by Willits Community Development

City of Willits The seeking community is input to develop an owner-occupied home rehabilitation revolvingloan program to offer low- or no-interest loans to homeowners making under 120% of the area's median Income. [Editor's Note: Median income for Willits households was \$45,592 in 2022, according to the U.S. Census.]

Generally, the program will provide rehabilitation home loans for activities which will prevent deterioration and extend the lifespan of the home.

This new program is made possible by approximately \$550,000 in funding awarded to the City of Willits through the state's Housing and Community Development Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program.

The community meeting is Wednesday, May 1 from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street.

Read the rest of Input Over on Page 13

S S Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Contestants Elena Arkelian, above, left, and below, right, with horse Gideon; and Catie Spackman, above right, and below left, with horse Cinder, each hope their riding, selling and speaking skills will earn them the win of the 2024 title.







What do **YOU think?**

Opinions, thoughts and thank you

letters from our readers

Opposes parole for Troy Harden To the Editor:

An open letter to Governor Newsom and the members of the Board of Parole: My name is Kenneth J. Brown, I have been a lifelong citizen of Willits, California all my life.

I strongly disapprove of the parole of Troy Harden, in our community. This murderer, Troy Harden needs to spend the rest of his life in prison.

He should not be released in our community. I beg you to reconsider the parole of this murderer, Troy Harden.

Kenneth J. Brown, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

The Willits Basket Beaters NorCal Winter Charity Series, "Willits Finale," was held on April 13 and 14 at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Sherwood Firewise would like to thank the Willits Basket Beaters for selecting Sherwood Firewise to be the recipient of a generous donation from funds raised at the Willits Finale.

This donation will be used to provide CAL FIRE approved address signs for vets, disabled, and elderly residents of the Sherwood Corridor community.

We would like to acknowledge the event organizers - Willits Basket Beaters Disc Golf Club members Joseph Haggard, Derrick Robbings, Jason Cabral, and Mark McKey; volunteers Shaun Holub, River Haggard and Marcus Newby; and the staff at the Brooktrails Golf Course, for hosting this successful event.

> Tracey Douglas, Sherwood Firewise Steering Committee

Exciting news for Willits Posted by Willits Community Development

We're thrilled to announce that the City of Willits has been awarded a grant of \$3,813.000 from the State Coastal Conservancy to support the construction of the Willits Rail with Trail Project, which is part of the Great Redwood Trail initiative.

The project entails the construction of a 1.6-mile Class 1 paved multi-use trail within the City of Willits. This trail will eventually become a vital part of the Great Redwood Trail, connecting communities and providing opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Here's what you can expect from the Willits Rail with Trail Project:

 10-foot-wide paved asphalt surface with 2-footwide shoulders, accommodating two-way bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian travel.

• Trail amenities including trailheads, benches, interpretive signage, resting areas, crossing improvements, waste and recycling receptacles, and

City announces settlement with former WPD officer

of Willits in which she alleged that she suffered

damages from alleged acts including gender and

sexual discrimination in her brief employment with

The City Council determined that the settlement,

which avoids a potentially lengthy, uncertain, and

expensive jury trial, is in the best interest of the

The council met in closed session on February 14,

2024, and by unanimous vote conditionally approved

the proposed settlement agreement pending former

officer Higley's execution of a general release

Online workshop on local

road plans, April 25

The Mendocino Council of Governments has hired

a consultant to update Local Road Safety/ Action

Plans for the County of Mendocino, and the cities of

These updated safety plans will enable local

jurisdictions to enhance safety for all modes of

transportation for all ages and abilities and will aid in

seeking state and federal grant funding to implement

MCOG invites the public to a virtual public

workshop on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 6 to 7:30

pm, to hear a presentation on the project and offer

input. The presentation will cover Local Road Safety/

Action Plan goals, preliminary collision analysis

findings, high injury networks, and the project's online

For Zoom meeting access, to provide online

community input, and for additional information,

visit the project website at https://www.

Updating the Local Road Safety/Action Plans

require public outreach in order to improve road

safety and reduce traffic fatalities, and gathering

feedback from the community can help ensure the

Your input is essential for the success of the

This project is funded with state grant funds

provided by Caltrans. Contact MCOG project

manager Loretta Ellard at lellard@dbcteam.net or

Savings Bank hosts shred

events, May 9 in Willits

Savings Bank of Mendocino County and Integrity

Shred have teamed up to help prevent identity theft

by offering the public an opportunity to shred outdated

updated Local Road Safety/Action Plans. Public

updated plans address their concerns and needs.

Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, and Willits.

agreement. The agreement is now fully executed.

the city.

community of Willits.

Submitted by MCOG

priority safety projects.

outreach platform.

mendoroadsafetyplan.com/.

input is due by May 3.

Submitted by SBMC

707-234-3434 with any questions.

Natalie Higley Submitted by the City of Willits

Join us for the First Annual Clean Canvas Event, April 18, 2024 - The Willits City Council and former "Celebrating Earth & Art," on Saturday, April 27 from Willits Police Officer Natalie Higley entered into a 11 am to 3 pm at Willits City Park. settlement agreement, effective April 18, 2024, for Get ready for a day filled with creativity, the dismissal of Higley's lawsuit against the City

Development

environmental awareness, and community spirit! We're proud to partner with the Willits Chamber of Commerce, Willits Center for the Arts, Mendocino County Public Health, and our grantor Clean California to bring you this fantastic event! Please submit your artist, vendor and sponsor applications by Friday, April 19.

'Clean Canvas Event'

at City Park, April 27

Posted by City of Willits Community

What to Expect:

• Educational Demonstrations and Vendors Sidewalk chalk painting with Earth Day themes

(FREE for all ages and levels of artistic experience)

· Litter abatement education

• Art competition judging at 3 pm

· Opportunities to learn about re-use, recycling, and reducing consumption

Invite your friends and family to celebrate Earth and art with us at the tail end of Earth Week! Let's make a positive impact together!

> PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Recognizing

April 22, 2024 as Earth Day WHEREAS, The first Earth Day was proclaimed in 1970 in order to foster public awareness of the need to protect the environment and conserve resources;

WHEREAS, the year 2024 represents the 54th anniversary of celebrating Earth Day and this year's Earth Day theme is "Planet vs Plastic." The first goal is to bring widespread awareness to the importance of ending plastic pollution by helping everyone

WHEREAS, Plastics are the most common type of marine debris. More than 200 species have been documented consuming plastic, and it is estimated that at least 14 million tons end up in the ocean annually. The breakdown of larger plastics in our environment leads to microplastics that are found nearly everywhere in our world including in the human body. The impacts of single-use plastics on the environment and public heath are widespread; and

WHEREAS, some things that you can do to celebrate this year's Earth Day theme include:

• Supporting our pollinators by bringing native bees and other pollinating creatures in to your home garden and backyard







bove, from left

Student volunteers

helped prepare and

dish out the pasta,

sauce, salad, and

bread. Billy "Mr. Billy"



WECS Gala

Student performers star in sold-out benefit

This year's Willits Elementary Charter School's Gala was an exercise in directed and ad lib insanity and fun, not unique in the annals of The Gala, but the new classes of youngsters created a sense of déjà vu while bringing a set of fresh faces to the proceedings.

The full house at the Little Lake Grange raucously cheered on Mathew Caine the performances of the kindergarten through fifth-grade budding eatures Writer instrumentalists as they took the stage with their ukuleles, guitars, willitsweekly@gmail.com and recorders to the delight of proud parents and other relatives. It

didn't matter that not every note was hit perfectly or that an occasional obvious sour tone escaped the instruments, in the hands of these enthusiastic but inexperienced youth. The important thing was that they tried, and that under the guidance of long-time music teacher Tyler "Mr. B" Balthrop, students keep improving throughout their years in the school.

"Kindergarten did 'Pen Pineapple Apple Pen,' then they sang with first and second grade (who played recorders)," said Balthrop with obvious affection for his wards. "Kindergarten and first grade sang 'You Are My Sunshine,' and we got the whole audience to join in. Third and fourth grades played together, the third on recorders and fourth on ukuleles, and they played 'Norwegian Wood' by the Beatles. Fifth grade played guitars with the Beatles' 'Blackbird '" Mr B said

The show did not end with the formal music presentations, as Mr. B and WECS Director Charlene Bredder had a surprise in store for the attendees. The movie screen was lowered, and a video began to play, the now-legendary South Korean dance hit, "Gangnam Style," to which the mass of kids danced and followed the video to varying degrees of success. Mr. B said the students had picked out the video.

Of course, the real reason for having the WECS Gala was to raise funds for all the





and

understand the impacts of plastic pollution; and

lighting.

This project will not only enhance connectivity and accessibility in our community, but also promote health, wellness, and environmental stewardship.

Stay tuned for updates as we embark on this exciting journey toward a more connected and vibrant Willits!

The Rules: LETTERS

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

Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.



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Additionally, to help shred hunger, non-perishable food will be accepted at each event for local food banks.

Times are 9 am to 11 am for the following dates and locations:

Lakeport: Thursday, May 2 at Savings Bank, 290 South Main Street

Read the rest of Over on page 15 Shred



 Cleaning up litter and plastic in your neighborhood Planting a tree

• Replacing your lawn with native plants Conserve Water

· Recycle your food waste so that it can become compost used in gardens and agriculture businesses,

 Look up fun activities with your family and friends and implement them year round; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino is values its partnership with the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee and all the organizations in our community that work to create an environmentally friendly Mendocino County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims April 22, 2024, as:

"Earth Day"

Signed, Maureen Mulheren, chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

existential needs of the Willits Elementary Charter School. Ongoing repairs, classroom and grounds maintenance, and many other aspects of running such a facility all require money. The Gala raised money through the sale of tickets, which included a comfort-food dinner of spaghetti, sauce, salad, and garlic bread (provided by the kitchen staff at the school and by student volunteers), a silent auction (with generous donations from local merchants), and the sale of beverages.

But, as usual, the most fun and lucrative food event of the evening was the Dessert Auction, deftly conducted by the middle- and high school theater instructor Billy ("Mr. Billy") Hetherington, who breezed through his duties as master of ceremonies and auctioneer.

The cakes and cookies and brownies, provided by parents, were an inspiring selection of white and chocolate cakes, iced with various creative designs of flowers, gummy worms, G.I. Joe action figures, and pinwheels.

"I almost just think that's a piece of art," pitched auctioneer Mr. Billy. "Some of these cakes are so impressively, beautifully, wonderfully done. What you see coming around now is a berries and cream cake. Vanilla cake with a cream cheese mousse. Fresh berries. None of that frozen stuff!," he said. [This cake went for \$90, after some furious bidding].

N. HWY 101 IN WILLITS



set up to amuse the young ones who didn't want to sit in the auditorium. Above, right: Aurora displayed this creative Over on page 6 cake with a springtime theme.





395 North Street, Willits Remodeled 3 bedrooms on a corner lot.



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Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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14-day reporting period.

April 1

April 2

Railroad Avenue.

and Arrests

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32. Payment (abbr.)

37. Variety of Chinese

38. A way to be anxious

39. Famed wrestler Hulk

40. Partner to cheese

41. Slang for sergeant

44. Highly unpleasant vapor

42. Canadian flyers

43. Actress Ryan

45. Body part

46. Halfway

48. Consume

47. Cool!

Pg. 4

30. Order of the British Empire

Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047

31. Don't know when yet

35. Winged angelic being

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

April 1 to April 14 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Street. She was arrested pursuant to Department handled **136 incidents** in this 23152 (F) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs) and on misdemeanor charges of possession of toluene and possession of a Summary of Active Investigations substance similar to toluene.

> 3:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Hazel Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:30 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Valley Street and South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

8:30 am: Officers conducted a stop near April 5 the intersection of Holly Street and South

1:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

3:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of 11:09 am: Officers conducted a stop near South Main Street. the intersection of Pepperwood Way and

4:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive and issued a warning.

April 6

5:35 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

9:20 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

5:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

5:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. 6:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East

Commercial Street and issued a warning.

April 7

3:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Mendocino Avenue.

4:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation. am: Officers responded to a

ance in the 1500 block of South April

Rudy Vega of Covelo.

Melissa Brown of Covelo.

7:47 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run am: Officers conducted a stop in the vehicle collision investigation in the 21000



NO CHILD DESERVES TO LIVE IN FEAR...



Raising Awareness

Local chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse reaches out to community

The skies cooperated on this meteorologically iffy Saturday, as the benevolent bikers, known as BACA, set up in a parking lot on the corner of Commercial and Main streets, in order to let the people of Willits know that they were still in operation, still protecting abused children, and ready to come to the aid of kids in bad situations. They

Mathew Caine passed out literature, pins with their logo, and pinwheels. "We're out here, raising awareness for National Child Abuse willitsweekly@gmail.com

Awareness Month," explained the chapter president with the road name, "Preacher." "We want our community to know that Bikers Against Child Abuse exists here in Mendocino County. We're here to empower abused children to not feel afraid in the world in which they live.

"We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children," said Preacher. "We go to court with these kids so that they can give good testimony. We bring them into our family as little brothers and sisters. We're on duty for them 24 / 7. When we bring them into our family, they get to have a vest, a back patch, and a road name. They get to pick their own names and back patches. Some of the names they have picked: Butterfly, Gypsy Rose, Zombie, Scorpion, MJ, Rhino, Deadpool, anything you can think of. The kids have a great imagination.'

BACA accomplishes its mission through friendship, family, power, and love. "BACA exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children," reads their mission statement, "We exist as a body of bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by











FREE Admission! FREE Admission! FREE Admission!



mission. A beaming biker with the road name "Crow" is secretary of the club. At far left, below: The Bikers Against Child Abuse group has been operating in Mendocino County since 2014. At left: Darkside has recently taken on the duties of media and advertising manager. Below, left, top: The Harleys are lined up

From far left: BACA

gave away tri-folds

with attached pins

to bring awareness to child abuse. The motto of Bikers

Against Child Abuse tells of their

as the club sets up their presentations Below, left, bottom Pigpen enjoys passing out material to bring awareness of child abuse and the work that BACA does. Below, right: New member Karma is eager to help out with saving abused kids.

Photos by Mathew

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involving them with an established, united organization.

Defense lawyers will call family and friends as witnesses, with the sole purpose of excluding them from being able to sit in the courtroom and support the children. Young kids are made to sit on their own to face lawyers and other personnel, which can be extremely fear-inducing. BACA will come to court and sit with them to let them know they are not alone.

When they are informed that a child Read the rest of needs their help, they come in packs, Over on page 6 BACA with their roaring machines to invite



Bereavement Support Group

This facilitated 8-week group provides an opportunity to learn the symptoms of grief, as well as to recognize the individual nature of its expression and duration. With a fuller understanding of the grief process and effective ways to cope, we can find meaning and move forward.

> Beginning Thursday May 2 Space is Limited: Time: 2-4pm Register NOW Willits Senior Center CHARGE To register call: Suzanne at (707)456-9676



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that will help you navigate challenges effectively and tackle adversity with renewed strength and confidence.

Friday Evening, 7 PM: Building Blocks of Resilient Living Discover tools to bounce back from adversity, and adapt to life's challenaes.

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Saturday, 9:30 AM: Nurturing Our Innocent Freedom Learn to embrace authenticity, spontaneity, and joy in your life.

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Saturday, 2:30 PM: ABCDE Model of Healthy Thinking Recognize and reframe negative thoughts, promoting mental wellbeing & resilience.



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Speaker: **Dr. Geof Tio**



BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TK-Kindergarten Registration Now Open

> To pre-register go to www.willitsunified.com Para registrar a su estudiante ve a www.willitsunified.com

Kindergarten - age 5 by September 1, 2024 Transitional Kindergarten - age 5 between Sept. 2, 2024 and June 2, 2025 Kinder - 5 años antes de Septiembre 1, 2024 Trancision de Kinder - 5 años en medio de Septiembre 2, 2024 a Junio 2, 2025

> Once you have completed the online registration, please bring the following documents to Brookside:

• Birth Certificate • Certificado de nacimiento • Immunization records • Registros de inmunización (vaccunas)

If you have any questions please call the Brookside office at (707) 459-5385 or visit our Website at www.willitsunified.com/o/brookside

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina de Brookside al (707) 459-5385 or visite nuestro sitio web www.willitsunified.com/o/brookside

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"This one is like spring incarnate," Mr. Billy enthused. "A chocolate cake, delicately held together with vanilla cream cheese, butter cream frosting. Inundated with Gummy Worms. Pinwheels." [This cake sold for \$65].

In the end, it was all about the parents showing and giving their support to their kids, by supporting the school where the children spend a good portion of their day. "This is our first gala since COVID, since 2020, so it's been four years," said Bredder.

"It's a very exciting opportunity to be back together again as a community and to celebrate the school. The school year has been going very well. We implemented a new literacy program to ensure that all of our students can read more proficiently by the time they graduate. We have a new math curriculum which we are very excited about. We've implemented new math teaching methods," she said.

"Our theater year is going amazing. We're gearing up for our next show which will be a talent showcase on May 17," explained Hetherington. "We have some original pieces. Caspar Silveira is going to be debuting a couple songs on the album he is recording in my radio-film class. We have some Shakespeare. The middle school class is doing some incredibly funny scenes, and we have a monologue or two. It'll be a fun show. Pay what you can."

In the end, the proud and amused parents filling the Grange had a great time, as did the kids. Money was raised, and people left with their stomachs filled with tasty pasta and the desserts, which were available for bid. Below, left: generously shared around the room.



100+ Women Strong Inland Gathering May 2

Submitted by Heidi Dickerson, for 100+ Women Strong

This year's 100+ Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County gathering is set for Thursday, May 2, from 5:30 to 7 pm at Dancing Crow Winery on Highway 101 between Ukiah and Hopland.

The three non-profits who will present at the gathering are: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), the Historical Society of Mendocino County, and the Mendocino County Spay-Neuter Assistance Program.

Attendance is open to anyone who wants to participate in giving a financial boost to an inland Mendocino County non-profit. Refreshments are provided by the Caring Kitchen, a non-profit which creates nutritious meals and delivers them to cancer patients in the area. Dancing Crow wine and other beverages will be available. At the 100+ Women Strong Gathering, each non-profit is allocated five minutes to make a presentation and five minutes for the audience to ask questions. After hearing from each of the speakers, everyone who has made \$100 donation will cast a vote for the non-profit of their choice. The non-profit with the most votes will walk away with \$10,000. Any donations above \$10,000 will be split between the other two non-profits. CASA is a program of volunteers who are screened and trained to look out for the best interests of abused and neglected children of the community who are in the court system. The program has been in effect since 1994 and serves 60 children with continued care and attention until their case is concluded The Historical Society of Mendocino County has been a treasure trove of archival and other research materials about Mendocino County since 1956. Housed at a Victorian home on Dora Street in Ukiah, left to the HSMC in 1967 by the family of Judge William D. L. Held, the public resource is dedicated "to the preservation of archival materials relating to county and state history." In 1972, the HSMC built and donated the Mendocino County Museum to the county. SNAP, the Mendocino Spay-Neuter Program non-profit, is dedicated "solely to offering affordable spay/neuter alternatives for dogs and cats in the hopes of bringing an end to the needless suffering they endure as a result of overpopulation." The all-volunteer organization holds spay and neuter clinics at Mendocino Animal Hospital. More than 800 dogs and cats are treated each year. 100+ Women Strong is an inclusive all-volunteer group. Anyone interested in attending the Gathering and hearing from three non-profits doing indispensable work in our community is welcome. To register, each attendee pledges \$100 on the 100+ Mendocino Women page at the Community Foundation of Mendocino County website, https://communityfound.org/community/leadershipprojects/100-women-strong-inland-mendocino – hit the Donate button.



Above: All of the classes ioined in on a rousing audience participation performance of "Gangnam Style." At right: The WECS fifth-grade class played "Blackbird" on the guitar. At far right: Music teacher Tyler "Mr. B" Balthrop introduced

each of the WECS classes and their songs. At right, below: Nefara acting as "the Vanna White of cakes," showing the dessert entries throughout the audience. Below: Cake makes kids

happy, and there was no shortage of baked desserts The WECS third- and fourthgrade classes collaborated 1.1.1 on "Norwegian Wood," on ukulele and recorder at the WECS Gala.





Above: 100+ Women Strong volunteers gather for a photo.





CDFW urges public to leave deer fawns alone

Posted by CDFW

Late spring and early summer is the peak time for California's deer herds to give birth to fawns, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a reminder to well-intentioned people to not interact with the baby deer - even if they find one that appears to be abandoned

Adult female deer often stash their fawns in tall grass or brush for many hours while they are out foraging for food. "If you care, leave them there!"

"Each year dozens of fawns across the state have their lives shortened by well-meaning residents," said Axel Hunnicutt, Siskiyou unit biologist with CDFW's Northern Region. "For the first several weeks of their lives, young deer are left for extended periods by their mother as a survival strategy. People who interfere with this process always mean well but end up disrupting nature and the life of both mother and fawn."

Each year, CDFW and wildlife rehabilitation facilities are called to assist with fawns that have been removed from the wild by concerned members of the public recreating outdoors. With limited long-term placement options in zoos or other wildlife sanctuaries, the animals often have to be euthanized since they lack the survival skills to be released back into the wild and can become dangerous and difficult to keep as they become bigger.

To report an injured, sick or suspected orphaned fawn, contact your local CDFW regional office directly. Mendocino County is part of CDF's Northern Region 1, serving Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties, which can be reached at: (530) 225-2300 or askregion1@wildlife. ca.gov

Read the rest of Over on page 7 Leave Me Alone



Above, from left:

of the Willits chapter



Petite Jessie

Jessie is a beautiful and petite tabby girl, just over 2 years old, looking for forever love. Jessie is an indoorsonly cat and currently enjoying the comforts of a foster home, where she settled in quickly, feeling very relaxed and happy, chasing feathers and mouse toys. She loves being near her people. She'll sit next to you on the couch and will sleep at the foot of your bed ... but she's not overly needy. Jessie is a sweet girl who would be a wonderful companion in an adult home or with a family that has older kids (14+).

To learn more about Jessie, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary, west of Willits, 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.





See Guest Services for details. Gambling a problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER



Lovely Bobbie Sue

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from noon to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1 to 1:30 pm) on Saturdays. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www. mendoanimalshelter.com. Call 707-467-6453 for more information.

The rest of Leave Me Alone



Anyone who removes a young animal from the wild is required to notify CDFW or take the animal to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator within 48 hours. Only a limited number of wildlife rehabilitation facilities are licensed to accept fawns (there are no such facilities in Mendocino County); visit https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Health/Rehab/Facilities to see the list.

any questions about Wooly.

It is both illegal to feed deer and keep deer in your personal possession. Both crimes are misdemeanors, each subject to penalties of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail. Learn more about the dangers and consequences of feeding deer in this CDFW video at https://vimeo.com/531017062.



Obituary Neva Williams Hatfield

Neva Williams Hatfield passed away peacefully at her home in Willits, California on February 27, 2024. Neva was born in Oak Grove, Louisiana on October 22, 1938, to Warren and Georgia Williams.

In 1951, the family relocated to California where Neva lived a life full

of adventure, resilience, and love. Neva was a devoted employee at Montgomery Wards, as a cashier at Star Super Market, and later as a secretary at Willits Tire Center.

Neva enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She loved to sew, and she did so for family and lots of friends. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Her tough and compassionate spirit touched the hearts of many, and she will be deeply missed.



Meet our new friend Wooly! This sweet mixed-breed boy,

about 1 year and 8 months old, is in search of a home

where love is plentiful. Wooly is a big boy at 69 pounds,

and sure is unique looking. He walks nicely on leash and

enjoys getting out in the wild blue yonder. This dude is

seriously adorable. You won't want to miss this special

guy. Applications are being submitted now! Get yours in at

mendohumanesociety.com. Contact our dog team at 707-

485 0123, info@hsimc.org, or dogteam@hsimc.org with

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at

9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to 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.



All previous donors to 100 Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County, who have not done so already, must Foundation link. Pledging before arrival is high priority. But checks will be accepted at the venue.



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of BACA. Joker passes the child into their family and embrace their fears, replacing out literature that them with love and a sense of belonging to something informs people about bigger than the bully who is creating that fear and a self-BACA. Hulk is a biker image of inferiority. who can't help but

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enjoy helping kids. BACA has been proven successful in several areas. Virginia Jorge has been According to a study in the International Journal with the club since its of Evaluation and Program Planning, "A four-year early days and is also independent study by professionals in the field has revealed president of the Senior that BACA children achieve a statistical significance in: Center board. improved self-confidence, diminished regressive behavior, increased feeling of safety, empowerment to testify, better communication, reduced feelings of guilt, decreased negative behaviors, a sense of belonging, independence." The entire conclusion to the study can be found at: https:// bacaworld.org/.

An estimated one-in-four children experience abuse, be it physical or mental, both equally as destructive. Mendocino County has a higher incidence of abuse than many in California. The Mendocino chapter of BACA was formed in 2014 and has been working tirelessly, always ready to empower children to be the best version of themselves. The organization began under the aegis of a licensed clinical social worker from Brigham Young University. the actions. BACA has grown into an international organization. There are over 200 chapters in the United States and chapters in Canada, England, Spain, Australia, Iceland and more.

To donate to BACA or to find further information, visit https://california.bacaworld.org/mendocino-countychapter/. Their hotline number to report abuse and get the organization involved is 707-841-1354.

Children do not grow up in a vacuum. Their lives are redo their contribution information on the Community shaped by their environment. Children need positive role models and a sense of empowerment and belonging and most importantly, love. The bikers of BACA help to provide them with a chance to mature, while belonging to something bigger than themselves and the people who would destroy their feelings of self-worth.

Preacher is president





She leaves behind her husband, Ned (Sonny) Hatfield, son Kenny (Tabitha) Knight, stepson Steve (Janice) Hatfield, stepdaughters Angie Hatfield and Karla (Jim) VanHagen, grandchildren Matia (Dave) Gerstenkorn and Mandy (HB) Albright, step grandchildren Brian, Christopher, Joshua, Justin, Steven, and Ashley, and great-grandchildren Mayson and Silas Albright.

She is also survived by her sister Peggy Bloomquist, brother-in-law Nick Durupt, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Mary Durupt.

A graveside service honoring Neva's life will be held at the Willits Cemetery on April 27, 2024, at 11:30 am.



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SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape **Bible Church** 290 S. Lenore Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services:

10:00 a.m. - Worship Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com **Amazing Grace**

Assembly of God Church 803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Worship Service - 5:00 p.m Pastor Kris Strickland

EVERYBODY IS WELCOM Church of Christ

What must we do to be saved Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study-

The Church of **Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints

7-8:00 p.m.

Willits, ČA 95490 ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m

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•Spiritual Living Courses Spiritual Discussions •ECK Light & Sound Services More information? Call 530-224-8703

Grace Community

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits Modified Worship Service 10 a.m. Other ministries suspended for now. For appointments call:

St. Anthony of Padu Catholic Church

Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market moves outdoors for the season, on Thursday, April 18, to the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street. Hours are still 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Tobin's Tales, story time at the farmers market, from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome.

'The Glass Menagerie' at WCT: Willits Community Theatre's production of Tennessee Williams' poignant drama, "The Glass Menagerie," continues Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 pm. "The award-winning play delves into the fragile dynamics of a mother and her two children, haunted by the memory of an absent father and their struggle to escape their suffocating circumstances .: Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm, through April 28. Tickets for all shows are \$20 and available at the door or online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org.

Friday, April 26

Book Lovers Discussion Group: Meeting monthly at the Willits Library to discuss books, authors and genres. Come talk about why you love books! All adults welcome. Friday, April 26, from 1 to 2 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary. org or 459-5908.

Sober Grad Pick-Up Tri-Tip Dinner: Sober Grad's biggest fundraiser is set for Friday, April 26, from 4 to pm. Pick up is at the Willits High School Ag Farm Please support our biggest fundraiser of the year!! (behind the high school, WILLITS SOBER GRAD

299 North Main Street).

from Kemmy's Pies, and

a Beautiful Rose donated

by Flowers by Annette.

Tickets are available at

101 Trailer & RV Supply

and Monkey Wrench Men

& Womens Wear. You

can also get your ticket

from your favorite Class

of 2024 graduate, or call

Karen Thiel, WHS, 707-

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459-7700, ext. 1504 or Carrie Lambert, WSG, 707-671-6173. Nurturing Wellness at the Seventh-day Adventist Church: FREE 'Mental Health & Spirituality' course presented this Friday and Saturday by the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church. 399 West Mendocino Avenue. The course features guest speaker Dr. (707) 459-3106

61 W. San Francisco Ave.

Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English



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or call Karen Thiel, WHS 707)459-7700 ext. I504 Carrie Lambert, WSG

Dinner Includes: Complete meal for 4!

Flowers by Annette

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chalk painting with Earth Day themes

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harmonica (aka "Mississippi saxophone") player Donnie, joined by friends and fellow

musicians possibly including Gary Bouley, Jeff Martin, Rasta Sean and Tom G. among others, playing an improvisational variety of Chicago style Blues, Rock, Funk, Latin,



Seventh-day Adventist Church: FREE 'Mental Health & Spirituality' course presented by the

Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church. 399 West Mendocino Avenue. Featuring guest speaker Dr. Geof Tio, director (707)671-6173 of Pastoral Care at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley. On Saturday, April 27 Marinated & Grilled Tri-Tip, Baked Presentation #2: "Nurturing our Innocent otatoes, Green Salad, Emandal Bread, Cookies from Kemmy's Pies Freedom," at 9:30 am. Learn to embrace and a Beautiful Rose Donated by authenticity, spontaneity, and joy in

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What's Happening **Around Town**

(FREE for all ages and levels of artistic experience); Litter abatement education; Art being a part of this amazing community. We're competition judging at 3 pm; and Opportunities the Cosmic Family Band and so are you. to learn about re-use, recycling, and reducing Saturday, April 27 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. consumption

Spring Saturday Crafts at the Library: Join Sunday, April 28 us at the Willits Library on Saturdays for a craft to celebrate the spring season. 11 am to noon. Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join your friends at the Saturday, April 27 features Animal Ears Creations monthly Little Lake Grange Breakfast on Sunday, April with "Paws and Tales!" Animal-Themed Storytime. that 28, from 8 to 11 am. "Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful includes a special guest, Casey the therapy dog. All ages welcome. Held inside at the Willits Branch Library meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street, (707) 459-

Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea." \$10, \$9 for seniors, \$5 Bees, Blooms, and Crafts at the Library: Join us children under 10. Also: extra sides of Organic Fruit \$2, at the Willits Branch Library when we unveil our new Amish Organic Maple Syrup \$1, Fresh-made fruit syrup Pollinator Demonstration Garden, Saturday, April \$1, Extra Beelers Bacon \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 27, from 1:30 to 5 pm. We will celebrate the wonder 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 and magic of spring by highlighting our "Pollinator block west of Main Street. Superheroes." Including a discussion, a film, crafts, and

refreshments. Held inside at the Willits Branch Library meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street, (707) 459-5908. Lambs and Gardens Picnic at 2 pm. See Thursday, April 25 Ridgewood Ranch: Join us at Ridgewood Ranch for a day of beautiful

listing for more details. Spring activities on Saturday, April 27, Spring L.O.V.E. Fest - Vegan any time between 11 am and 2 pm. Potluck: Laytonville's Organic Feel free to bring a sack lunch and eat Vegan Experience is hosting n the pasture with the sheep or in the our Spring L.O.V.E. Fest eld with the vegetables. Dozens of Vegan Potluck, on Sunday, white, brown, black, spotted, and grey April 28, from 4 to 6 pm at the lambs will be prancing around, and all Long Valley Garden Club, 375 of the gardens at Ridgewood Ranch Harwood Road in Laytonville.

are bursting. Tours of the gardens will feature tastings Please bring a dish that contains no meat, dairy, eggs, of the freshest veggies

gelatin, bone broth or honey Auditions at WCT: Open Auditions at Willits Community and label if it contains the Theatre Saturday, April 27 at 3 pm, for Sam Shepherd's common allergens gluten "The Tooth of Crime," directed by Mike A'Dair. More nuts or soy. To carpool from info: Jeff Shipp at 214-912-7884.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Benefit for Firefighters: Support the volunteers of the Little Lake Firefighters Association at their Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Tri-Tip Dinner Benefit Tournament, Saturday, April 27 at Sparetime Distribution, 300 East Commercial Street. Buy in is \$100. RE Buys until after dinner. Signups 4 pm;

game play starts at 5 pm; tri-tip dinner at 7 pm. Proceeds to go to training and other gear for our local volunteer firefighters. Stop by Willits Fire Station 54, 74 East Commercial Street, to get advance tickets.

com in advance so we can print up copies. This month's The Glass Menagerie' at WCT: Tennessee Williams' poignant drama, "The Glass com. Menagerie," continues at Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 pm.

Bereavement

Friday, May 3 See Thursday, April 25 listing Tom Freund & Big Sticky Mess at Shanachie: for more details. featuring singer/ songwriter and Americana artist,



band,

that

Firewise Sherwood Communities annual meeting is set for Saturday, May 4 – National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day at the Brooktrails Community

annual

Center, from noon to 5 pm. From noon to 1 pm, Eat & Greet with Taqueria Ramirez combination of comfort foods: All you can eat pancakes faco Truck, and exhibits of (choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Roadside Fuel Reduction Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free), Beeler's Quality Home Fire Hardening projects. From 1:30 to 3 pm gency Panel Discussion, with epresentatives from federal state and county agencies discussing Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan update and Evacuation Preparedness. Closing Matinee for 'The Glass Menagerie' at WCT: From 3:30 to 5 pm: Local

Tennessee Williams' poignant drama, "The Glass Fire Safe Councils / Firewise Menagerie," at Willits Community Theatre, is set for its Communities Roundtable Discussion. Forming and last performance, with a Sunday, April 28 matinee at maintaining a FIREWISE USA recognized community.

> the galleries of Willits. Art enthusiasts and community members are invited to the opening celebration of creativity and talent on Saturday, May 4, 71 East Commercial Street, from 6 to 9 pm. Attendees can cast their votes for the coveted "People's Choice Award," after viewing the carefully curated selection of artworks. Gallery hours are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 am until 5 pm

Sunday, May 5

Dharma Talks at the Muse: Tibetan Buddhist master Lama Lodu Rinpoche returns to Willits to teach on "The Essence of Mind – Shamatha and Vipassana Meditation." Lama



Texas Hold 'Em

Poker Benefit for

Firefighters,

April 27

Street, to get advance tickets.

Annual Student Show

at Mendocino College,

through May 19

Dirty Cello at WCT: SF band Dirty Cello returns to Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm with its showcase mix of high-energy blues, bluegrass, and rock standards. With its most unique spin, Dirty Cello is certainly cello like you've never heard before. Advance tickets are \$20 and available online at: wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Firewise Ongoing Events at the Willits meeting: Library Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908. **Sherwood Firewise Communities** Annual Meeting 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 IONAL WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DA library." - 1:00 - Eat & Greet - Taqueria Ramirez TACO TRUC Exhibits of Roadside Fuel Reduction & Home Fire Hardening projects 1:30-3:00 - Agency Panel Discussi

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". Topics will range and will be announced ahead of time.'

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, now 4 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 Commercia

Open Lab / Study Hall: Don't have a decent place to study? Come to the Willits Branch Library's meeting room every Wednesday from 3 to 5 pm for the new Open Lab / Study Hall. The library has plenty of helpful resources including public Wi-Fi, computers with internet and word processing capabilities, and databases to aid you with your research, plus friendly and helpful staff ready to point you in the right direction

Calming Coloring at the Library: Thursdays, from 5 to 6 pm at the Willits Library, An hour of quiet with coloring pages. Supplies provided. All ages welcome.

Chess for Teens: On Fridays, from 4 to 6:30 pm. Teens, ages 12-18 are invited; all skill levels welcome. Library staff will be there to help beginners and those who want to learn. Light refreshments provided.

Tech Help: Now every 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!

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street Saturday Scramble: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any instrument you can play and sign up to perform a 15-minute set with other local musicians. "Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!"



Saturday May 4, 2024



Long Valley Garden Club

10:30 a.m. - Spanis Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252 https://stanthonywillits.org saintanthonywillits@gmail.con We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis **Episcopal Church** 1 North Main Street, Willits 707-272-0177 Sunday Service - 10 a.m In-person and on Zoom

Lutheran Church

Church Service:

Sunday 10:00 to 11:00

(707) 459-2988

24 Mill Creek Drive

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Saturdays

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Worship Service - 10:45 a.m

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Wednesday

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Call for information. ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau St. John

'Abigail' The Story: The major "plot spoiler surprise" is given away in all the trailers. Night has fallen. We meet Abigail (Alisha Weir), she is a 15-year-old ballerina. She's dancing. She wears pink. She skips and whirls gracefully, tippy-toed en pointe. She absolutely loves

"Swan Lake." She's adorable. And, she's a throat-ripping vampire.

All the other characters are kidnappers, and as they say in the South, "bless their hearts." Dan Essman They drug Abigail unconscious. They drive her to a hide-out in a huge Gothic horror

movie-style mansion where they've been told to wait. The kidnappers all believe that come morning, they will be paid \$12 million when they hand over the young and apparently helpless Abigail to her wealthy Papa. Does anyone survive to see the sunrise? A fair question, because serious and bloody killings complete the movie.

My Thoughts: Not a perfect movie, but I had a good time. My favorite cliché: Let's all split up and search this mansion to see if we can find a way to get out. "Dumb, so dumb!" Even though they are being hunted by Abigail, they do split up. And then they walk alone down long dark corridors. It's classic

Abigail is a first-rate date night movie. Scary-enough, check! Moderately clever, check! Nightmarish ballet dancing, check! No gratuitous sex, check! On my "Dan's Big Anvil Scale," I award it Five Anvils out of Five! I expect that the viewers will get their money's worth of bloody throat-slashing; and if not, they probably should get therapy.

Parents: No kids. None. Not ever!

THEATRE

57 East Commercial Street - Willits

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Next Week:

THE FALL GUY

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





ABIGAIL

Abigail

Masks Optional

(R) 1 hr 49 mins

Fri.: 5:30 & 8:15pm

Sat.: 2:45, 5:30 & 8:15pm

Sun.: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15pm

Mon.-Thurs.:

4:30 & 7:15pm



of the grief process and effective ways to cope we can find meaning and move forward. This group is best suited for people approximately 4-6 months from the loss or longer.

The next Bereavement Support Group starts Thursday, May 2, and meetings Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm at the Willits Senior Center. Group facilitators are Susana Wilson and Suzanne Picetti-Johnson. To register call: Suzanne at 707-456-9676.

GODZILLA X KONG:

THE NEW EMPIRE

Tightwad Tuesday Title for April 30 is in RED. All tickets at just \$6!

(PG13) 1 hr 55 mins

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Wednesday, May 1

Willits Song Circle at Methodist Church: The free

first-Wednesday-of-the-month Willits Song Circle is for

people who like to sing together, a community of song.

Open to all! This month's Wednesday, May 1 circle,

5 to 6:30 pm at Willits Methodist Church, School and

Pine streets, song circle organizers "would welcome

some songs about May, May Day, and workers' rights.

Anyone can lead or request a song. If possible, please

send the lyrics for songs you request to its2fran@aol.

song leaders will be Fran Gardner and Madge Strong.

More info: its2fran@aol.com or mstrong@willitsonline.

multi-instrumentalist Tom Freund with Big Sticky Mess,

Library at 3:30 pm.



INLAND MENDOCINO COUNTY'S Black & Mhite; Spring Gala With fire season coming up, support the volunteers of the Little Lake Firefighters Association at MAY 4, 2024 their Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Tri-Doors Open at 5pm Tip Dinner Benefit Tournament, set BARRA OF MENDOCINO for Saturday, April 27 at Sparetime 051 N. State St., Redwood Valley, CA Distribution, 300 East Commercial lease dress in your finest black and white Street. Buy in is \$100. RE Buys Please purchase tickets by April 21 until after dinner. Signups 4 pm; game play starts at 5 pm; tri-tip dinner at 7 pm. Proceeds to be used to purchase items for the volunteer firefighters in Willits, such SECOND SATURDAY as web gear and training props (propane props EVERY MONTH and fire extinguisher education) for our community.

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Graves, Stories, and Genealogy: **Tracing Your Family History**

Join us at the Willits Branch Library using the latest online resources. Repertory Dance Company will on Saturday, May 11 from 11 am to 12 This is part of a monthly speaker pose in costume for those who wish pm, when Benjamin MacBean, local series. "A Touch of Mendocino, A Taste to try their hand at drawing from genealogist, graver, and storyteller, of Mendocino." The event will be held life, with materials provided. Light regales his listeners with his experiences in the Willits Branch Library meeting refreshments will also be served. in tracing the history of those who have room, 390 East Commercial Street gone before us and telling their stories. More info: visit www.mendolibrary.org

edu/academics/programs/arts/art-In addition, McBean will give tips and or contact the Willits Branch Library at gallery or gallery@mendocino.edu. advice in tracing your own family history 707-459-5908.

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!'

Wednesday Open Mic Night: Shanachie Pub presents its popular Open Mic Night every Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world. Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7 pm, you can be entered for the lottery. Lottery determines order from which you pick your 20 minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm

> Join the Museum Volunteer Team

Prospective volunteers are invited to join us monthly on the second Thursday for a Stop by Willits Fire Station 54, 74 East Commercial morning Volunteer Coffee Break! Coming up: May 9, from 9 to 10 am, and June 13, from 10 to 11 am. Meet staff and current volunteers and learn about the exciting opportunities available at the Mendocino County Museum.

Volunteering at the Museum is a great way to meet new people, engage with the Mendocino College's Annual Student Show, community, and learn local history. If you featuring an extraordinary display of talent have been considering dipping your toes from budding artists, with over 200 works of art into the community service world, this is across various mediums is now open and will run the perfect time!

through May 19. Artist reception and Draw-a-thon Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/ scheduled for Thursday, April 25 museum or contact the Mendocino County from 4 to 6 pm. The Mendocino Museum at museum@mendocinocounty. College Gallery, 1000 Hensley gov or 707-234-6365. Creek Road in Ukiah. Dancers



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CIVIL WAR

Movie Times for April 26 thru May 2

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Fri.: 5:45 & 8:30pm

Sat.: 3:00, 5:45 & 8:30

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

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test kits to detect the presence of fentanyl and treat opioid

overdoses were available at the Avenues to Wellness talk.

At left, from top: Joesph Ditto imparted personal knowledge about drug addiction and harm reduction. Aurelie Clivaz, as well as working with MCAVHN, is a counselor and garden teacher at Willits Charter School. MCAVHN's Travis Meeks said that drug abuse is more rampant in marginalized communities. Above, left: MCAVHN brought along several items to remind people of their mission. Above, right: Free Narcan sprays and fentany

The rest of From page 1 Reduction

use, making healthy choices and reducing stigma around drug use. If you can't just be free and talk about it, how are you going to help anyone? Bring it out in the open, take away the taboo nature of it."

pain, the heightening of emotion, or correcting personality disorders, however, in the modern world of substances including stimulants, cannabinoids, opioids, anti-depressants, and psychedelics, there are a great many drugs which are easy to misuse, resulting in physical and mental traumas and possibly death. MCAVHN's mandate is to keep people alive and healthy while they are deciding their next steps in life.

All of the MCAVHN counselors have a personal history with drugs, or other self-destructive behaviors, so they know, first-hand, both the ecstasy of drug use and the dangers that are inherent. They educate the population, with their years of experience; they go to schools and organizations to speak about the realities of drug use. They strive to reduce the stigma that is associated with addiction, in order to create a place where people can bring out their experiences and addictions in a non-iudgmental environment, in order to best deal with the underlying problems that caused their set of behaviors.

First and foremost, MCAVHN believes in harm reduction through a series of services, some of which include: clean syringe access services, injection alternatives (smoking, etc.), testing for hepatitis C and HIV, overdose prevention education, counseling and support for the basic needs of people who use drugs, community syringe waste pick-up, outreach to indigenous communities, and more. MCAVHN also provides Narcan and Naloxone distribution, for emergencies (overdoses), and fentanyl test kits, which are needed due to the contamination of other less lethal drugs with fentanyl.

First to speak was Joseph Ditto, program manager at MCAVHN. "Overdose Awareness Month is October, but we try to keep them [aware] year-round," said Ditto. "Whether you have been affected by overdose directly or have overdosed yourself or someone in your close circle has been affected by overdose or knows someone who has [especially] with the potency of street drugs now and the cross-contamination or purposeful contamination. We had an individual go out to get some fentanyl, but it was laced with Xylazine [also known as "trang" or "trang dope"] which is a heavy-duty tranquilizer for large game that is not FDAapproved for humans.'

Ditto spoke about the dangers of fentanyl and how it is creeping into everyday drug use. "I here was a party where people decided to try some cocaine. It was laced with fentanyl, and 11 people died. That's the thing with fentanyl. It doesn't have to be a large dose. It's easier to see fentanyl mixed in with methamphetamines as they don't blend well together. I can see the difference," Ditto said.

experience is individuals coming in for syringes and finding out we have injection alternatives - which is a smoking apparatus. It serves a dual purpose because not everyone

"We are now able to supply them with those clean sterile supplies, and it helps reduce the waste of syringes in the community. If you come across a syringe, there's more room for the spread of disease with accidental pokes,' Ditto said.

If users "switch from syringe use to smoking ... then from smoking they come in and want to use our medicated assisted treatment that we provide, which helps individuals whether it be alcohol, opiates, stimulants. It helps them get off those substances."

Travis Meeks talked about outreach: "People in the LBGTQ community are often ostracized from their families which puts them on the street quite often. That is some of our biggest group of clients, people who are unhoused. It happens that a large portion of those people are LBGTQ."

MCAHVN started out as an organization to test for and treat HIV, but has widened its mandate to include all harmful drug use reduction and keeping people alive.

Aurelie Clivaz, who also teaches gardening and is a guidance counselor at the Willits Charter School, spoke on the harm that drugs can do to the un-fully developed brain. "People's brains don't fully develop until age 25 which means their pre-frontal cortex is the last to develop," Clivaz said. "That's the part that thinks about future consequences. So, in a lot of ways, you are acting as their pre-frontal cortex. You have to help them think about those consequences in a non-shameful way.

Clivaz continued: "Just saying 'no' doesn't really work. As a counselor, I tell them that their choices don't really affect me, so I get to be incredibly neutral and empower them to make the healthiest choices possible. The staff here is trained to listen, to have meaningful conversations. I come from a place of my own healing and supporting other people.

"The younger a person starts using drugs," Clivaz continued, "the more likely they are to develop a problematic relationship with substances. I ask the kids how do they think it would look if they became addicted? That way it's not me telling them. I tell them that I'm going to hold them accountable. I'm asking right now, what it's going to look like if they develop a problematic relationship?"

MCAVHN brought along Narcan emergency kits, which include fentanyl test strips, plastic collapsible water bottles for their unhoused clients, wrist bands, and buttons, to hand out to the attendees. They are available for lectures, forums, talks to schools, and other ways to get their message out. They can be reached at 707-462-1932 or 707-621-1872 to make an appointment or to handle an emergency. Their office is at 148 Clara Avenue, in Ukiah. To learn more visit https://mcavhn.org or the "MCAVHN Care and Prevention Network" page on Facebook.

LEGAL NOTICES

WW483 Fictitious Business Name Statement	Willits Weekly can run legal
2024-F0196 The following person or persons are doing business as Danny Mihelcic Construction Services, 260 Margie Drive, Willits, CA 95490. Registered owner: Summit Signal, Inc., 260 Margie Drive, Willits, CA 95490. This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2, 2024. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk- Recorder on April 8, 2024. /s/ Danny Mihelcic, Vice President, Summit Signal, Inc. Publication dates: April 18, 25 and May 2, 9, 2024.	notices including fictitious business name statements, foreclosure notices, storage unit auctions, and more. Contact us for more information at willitsweekly@ gmail.com



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\$75,878 - \$93,142 **Deputy Sheriff-Coroner in Training**

\$25.08 - \$30.48 Hourly Eligibility Specialist III

\$52,520 - \$63,856 Mental Health Clinician I/II

\$60,340 - \$84,843 **Senior Public Health Nurse** \$101,296 - \$123,136

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From page 4 WPD

1:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of Margie Drive and issued a warning. 4:16 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Maple Street and West Mendocino Avenue and issued a warning. April 12 3:11 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted

subject in the 300 block of Mill Street. 6:40 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300

block of North Main Street. 12:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Walnut Street and South Main Street and issued a

citation. 1:58 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Monroe Street and issued a warning.

11:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of South Main Street

April 13

12:39 am: JONES, Ryan Donald (26) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of Crest Drive following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol).

5:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:18 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:57 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a citation

April 14

6:00 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

2:04 pm: YOUNG, Ryan Joseph Oneal (31) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Coast Street and South Coast Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation

4:00 pm: **HURTADO**, Brian Hurtado of Willits. Brian Keith (34) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459.5 PC (Shoplifting), on felony charges of violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of petty theft.

4:02 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street

11:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

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WCA seeks John Ford weekend Ranch Beef coordinator John Ford Ranch Willits Center for the still has the 50 lb. Arts is looking for a Rancher's Choice Box personable for \$390.00 and the 25 volunteer coordinator/ lb. Hamburger Box for gallery host to work \$170.00. Please contact weekends to engage Debbie Arkelian @ 459 visitors and organize 5049. (Prices change volunteer schedules. effective 6/25/23)

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concentration in current planning and/or long-range

•Must possess and maintain a valid California Class

C Driver License and satisfactory driving record. Out

of state valid motor vehicle operator's license will be

Desirable Experience/Education Special

Requirements:

Experience using GIS software to create reports and

Some private sector experience will be considered a

Application Deadline:

Friday May 10, 2024, by 4:00 P.M.

Contact Karen Stevenson at (707) 459-7176 or

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American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

accepted during the application process.

Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year

Four years of progressively responsible related

a related field.

planning.

plus

certification desired.

At right: Suzanne Picetti-Johnson. head of Avenues to Wellness. invited MCAVHN to speak. Below: MCAVHN's Joseph Ditto demonstrated the proper use and what to expect from a dose of Narcan. Photos by Mathew Caine





who comes into our service wants to inject drugs. Some want to smoke them.



Employment Opportunity: Accountant and Sr. Accountant

Annual salary is DOQ/DOE: Accountant: \$48,680.74 - \$59,171.63 Desirable Experience/Education: Any combination of education and experience which would provide an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and abilities listed. Normally, either possession of a college degree in accounting, finance or business administration with at least 12 semester or 16 quarter units of Accounting, including Principles of Accounting, Intermediate Accounting, Advanced Accounting Governmental Accounting, Cost Accounting or Auditing; or one year of experience in the accounting field.

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> Application Deadline: Friday, May 9, 2024, by 4:00 P.M. Contact Karen Stevenson at (707) 459-7176 or email kstevenson@cityofwillits.org



"One of the things I do as program manager at MCAHVN is oversee the syringe exchange. What I've gotten to



Wastewater Plant Operator I/II/III - requires possession of a Grade I/II/III Wastewater Treatment Operator's Certificate issued by the California State Department of Water Resources Board.

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Employment Opportunity: Lifeguard I: \$16 per hour

Lifeguard II: \$16.50 per hour

Under supervision performs the duties of Lifeguard and may also teach swim instruction. Lifeguards are responsible for the safety of patrons in and around the pool at all times as well as providing safe and thorough instruction to all levels of students enrolled in the City's swim lesson programs. In addition, they are responsible for providing a friendly environment at the pool facility as well as its overall cleanliness.

Special Requirements: Must be at least 16 years of age; must possess current certifications for Red Cross Lifeguard, First Aid for Public Safety Personnel (FAPSP) Title 22, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer certifications, at time of hire.

> Application Deadline: Wednesday May 15, 2024, by 4:00 P.M.

Contact Karen Stevenson at (707) 459-7176 or email kstevenson@cityofwillits.org



Marc Komer Legal Document Assistant An Affordable Non-Attorney Service (707) 459-2775 245 South Humboldt St., Suite B, Willits **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** am not an attorney, and can only provide self-help services at your specific direction The rest of From page 6 100 Women 100+ Women Strong for Inland Mendocino County was spearheaded in 2019 by Katie Fairbairn and 20 volunteers. Previous winners include the Ukiah Senior Center, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness), Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County, Ukiah Valley Trails Group, NCO Gardens Project, Caring Kitchen, Project Sanctuary, the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, Northern California Disaster Services, KZYX Community Radio, and Hospice of Ukiah. More than \$200,000 has been raised to support local nonprofits. For more information and to become



a member of 100+ Women Strong for Inland Mendocino

County check the website https://communityfound.org/

community/leadership-projects/100-women-strong-inland-

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in urban or regional planning, or a related field.

Two years of progressively responsible related experience in city, county or regional planning.

•Must possess and maintain a valid California Class C Driver License and satisfactory driving record. Out of state valid motor vehicle operator's license will be accepted during the application process.

•One (1) additional year of qualifying experience may be substituted for the required academic major.

Desirable Experience/Education Special Requirements:

Experience using GIS software to create reports and maps.

Application Deadline: Friday May 10, 2024, by 4:00 P.M.

Contact Karen Stevenson at (707) 459-7176 or email kstevenson@cityofwillits.org



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Celebrate art and community at 'The May Show' reception at WCA, May 4

Submitted by WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts is thrilled to announce the eagerly anticipated opening of "The May Show," the first juried exhibition to grace the galleries of Willits. This momentous occasion invites art enthusiasts and community members alike to join in a celebration of creativity and talent on Saturday, May 4, 71 East Commercial Street, from 6 to 9 pm.

"The May Show" promises an evening of artistic wonder and community camaraderie as attendees peruse the carefully curated selection of artworks and cast their votes for the coveted "People's Choice Award." This esteemed award allows attendees to have their voices heard and contribute to the democratic spirit of artistic appreciation.

Experience the power of art to unite and inspire as you stroll through the galleries adorned with a diverse array of artistic expressions. Engage with local artists, gain insight into their creative processes, and immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural tapestry of the Willits community.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate art and community at the opening of "The May Show." Let your voice be heard as you join your neighbors in voting for your favorite piece of art, thereby community.

For more information, please contact Gary Martin, you

curator, Willits Center for the Arts at gtm1950@gmail.com The Willits Center for the Arts is a hub for artistic expression and community engagement, dedicated to fostering creativity cultural enrichment, and collaboration in the Willits community and beyond. With a commitment to showcasing local talent and providing a platform for artistic exploration, the WCA offers a diverse exhibitions. range of educationa events, and programs for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Join us in celebrating the transformative power of art to inspire, connect, and enrich lives.

lits CA 9549 707-459-1726 In Joving Memory of Kathleen Joraine Anderson

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to Kathleen Loraine Anderson, who passed away unexpectedly due to complications from a cardiac event. Born in San Jose, California, in December 1951 to Ronald Enos and Colleen Mackie, she was lovingly raised in Sacramento. Kathy, as she was fondly called, grew up under the nurturing guidance of her mother, with her grandmother Loraine leaving a lasting impression of love and wisdom during her formative years. Kathy met Leon Anderson, and their courtship led to marriage in the summer of 1972, at the Oakland California Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They started their life together in Davis, California, welcoming their children Adam and Tara. Upon Leon's graduation from UC Davis, they moved to Fort Bragg, California, where Leon taught school and where their daughter Allison "Alli" was born. In 1980, they settled in Brooktrails just outside of Willits, welcoming Natalie, and Matthew to their loving home.

SF's Dirty Cello brings highenergy blues, bluegrass and rock to WCT By Steve Hellman, for WCT

The San Francisco band, Dirty Cello, returns to Willits Community Theatre on Sunday May 5 at 2 pm with its showcase mix of high-energy blues, bluegrass, and rock standards. With its most unique spin, Dirty Cello is certainly cello like you've never heard before. Led by the vivacious crossover cellist, Rebecca Roudman, the fourpiece band plays familiar covers, with a virtuosic mix of down-home blues to the foot-stomping bluegrass and heart-thumping rock hits. Besides Roudman on cello, fiddle and vocals, the quartet includes Jason Eckl on guitar, bassist Colin Williams and drummer Cory Aboud.

From Italy to China, and all over the United States, Dirty Cello has wowed with their funky, carnival, romantic, sexy, fiercely rhythmic, and textured sounds. Their rendition of the Jimi Hendrix "Purple Haze" has been termed "incredible." Music journalist Nick Diamantides says, "When lead guitar is replaced by the sound of hot licks on a cello, blues, rock and bluegrass rise to a new dimension."



Crossover cellist Rebecca Roudman poses with members of Dirty Cello.

Roudman says the band's return engagement to WCT after popular shows in 2023, 2019 and 2018 is a moment for renewed excitement. "We always hope to make our show a lot like the town of Willits itself -- fun, casual, and a bit guirky!'

Advance tickets are \$20 and available online at: wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 W. Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub),

Nurturing wellness in Willits this weekend at the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Submitted by Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Saturday May 4, 6-9 PM

nds 11 am-5pm

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Do you ever feel like you're not measuring up or that your past is holding you back? Are you dealing with feelings of anger, anxiety, fear or depression? If so, this FREE 'Mental contributing to the rich artistic landscape of our Health & Spirituality' course presented by the Willits Seventhday Adventist Church coming up this weekend is made for

This event is dedicated to supporting you through difficult times and assisting you in building resilience. We're here to equip you with practical strategies and insightful ideas that will help you navigate challenges effectively and tackle adversity with renewed strength and confidence.

The seminars are presented by the Willits Seventh-day Guest speaker Dr. Geof Adventist Church, 399 West Mendocino Avenue, on Friday Tio, director of Pastoral evening, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 this weekend.

Care at Adventist Health Presentation #1: "Building Blocks of Resilient Living" is Ukiah Valley, brings a Friday, April 26 at 7 pm. Discover tools to bounce back from adversity, and adapt to life's challenges.

> Presentation #2: "Nurturing our Innocent Freedom" is set for Saturday, April 27, at 9:30 am. Learn to embrace authenticity, spontaneity, and joy in your life.

> > Presentation #3: "The Lies We Believe' is Saturday, April 27 at 11 am. Learn to identify and challenge self-limiting beliefs, fostering growth and empowerment.

Presentation #4: "The ABCDE Model of Healthy Thinking" is set for Saturday, April 27 at 2:30 pm. Recognize and reframe negative thoughts, promoting mental wellbeing and resilience.

At left: Guest speaker Dr. Geof Tio. director of Pastoral Care at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley.

Bonnie Butcher named head of Mendocino Winegrowers

Submitted by MWI

Mendocino Winegrowers, Inc. announces the appointment of Bonnie Butcher as its new executive director. Butcher brings a wealth of experience in event management, sales, and strategic planning to her new role.

With a diverse background in hospitality and event planning, Butcher is poised to drive MWI's mission of promoting and advancing the Mendocino County wine industry to new heights. According to MWI Board President Hoss Milone: "We can't imagine anyone better suited to take MWI in the direction we are envisioning, including more wine events and increased visibility for vineyards and wineries, inside and out of Mendocino."

considering dipping your toes into At BARRA of Mendocino, where she worked the community service world, this is for the past eight years, Butcher served as the the perfect time! Tasting Room and Event Center manager, where she oversaw all aspects of operations. Under her guidance, the tasting room experienced gov/museum or contact the Mendocino County Museum at substantial growth in both wine sales and event museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365 rental revenue, showcasing her ability to drive business performance and enhance customer experiences.

Submitted by Willits Song Circle Butcher's expertise extends beyond operational management. She has a proven is set for Wednesday, May 1, 5 to 6:30 pm at Willits Methodist track record in strategic sales, data analysis, Church, School and Pine streets. and cultivating strong customer relationships. She also has a substantial background in event planning, from large multi-day events to intimate community of song. Open to all! and upscale gatherings.

Butcher was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree May Day, and workers' rights. from the University of Alabama. Her passion for wine and hospitality, combined with her Southern hospitality roots, make her a natural fit for MWI's leadership team.

Says Butcher, "Mendocino County is a vibrant wine region with immense potential, and I am thrilled at the opportunity to help MWI elevate the profile of Mendocino wines on a broader scale.

Butcher's appointment comes at an exciting time for MWI as the organization develops new ideas and opportunities to expand its reach and promote the exceptional wines produced in Mendocino County.

For more information, visit mendowine.com.

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Director Krog's presentation explained that tiny, permanent construction homes are treated the same as any other type of residential dwelling. They're subject to the same building codes and zoning standards, whether they're a primary or accessory dwelling.

designating its compliance. They can also be permitted under Class K, which is a more relaxed construction standard that is, "available to owner-built rural dwellings and appurtenant recommended during the presentation. Supervisor structures" according to the county's website.

Join the Mendocino County Museum Volunteer Team Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

For more information please visit www.mendocinocounty.

Willits Song Circle, May 1

The next first-Wednesday-of-the-month Willits Song Circle

The song circle is for people who like to sing together, a

What kind of songs? Rounds, popular songs, folk songs,

simple part songs - anything that can be learned easily. This

month, we'd especially welcome some songs about May,

Anyone can lead or request a song. If possible, please

send the lyrics for songs you request to its2fran@aol.com in

You're also welcome to join with instruments: guitar,

ukulele, drum, shaker - anything that you can sing along

This month's song leaders will be Fran Gardner and

It's free! Donations accepted for the use of the hall. Join us

For more info contact its2fran@aol.com or mstrong@

advance so we can print up copies.

Madge Strong. (Don Willits is in Ireland!)

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Prospective volunteers are

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second Thursday for a morning

Volunteer Coffee Break! Meet staff

and current volunteers and learn

about the exciting opportunities

available at the Mendocino County

Upcoming Coffee Break dates

• Thursday, May 9, 9 to 10 am.

Thursday, June 13, 10 to 11 am.

Volunteering at the Museum is

a great way to meet new people,

engage with the community, and

learn local history. If you have been

Museum.

Descanso De Café Para Voluntarios

¡Únase al equipo de voluntarios del Museo del Condado de Mendocino!

¡Futuros voluntarios están invitados a unirse a nosotros



Conozca al personal v a los voluntarios actuales y conozca las oportunidades interesantes disponibles en el Museo del Condado de Mendocino. Próximas fechas: • Jueves 9 de Mayo, 9 - 10 am. • Jueves 13 de Junio, 10 - 11 am.

Ser voluntario en el Museo es una excelente manera de conocer gente nueva, interactuar con la comunidad v aprender la historia local. Si ha estado considerando sumergirse en el mundo del servicio comunitario, jeste es el momento perfecto!

Para obtener más información, visite www.mendocinocounty. gov/museum o comuníquese con el Museo del Condado de Mendocino en museum@mendocinocounty.gov o al 707-234-6365

USA Today nominates Skunk Train for Best Scenic Train Ride

Submitted by Mendocino Railway

The Skunk Train is thrilled to announce its nomination for the prestigious USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards in the category of Best Scenic Train Ride.

The USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards is a highly regarded platform that celebrates the finest destinations, attractions, and experiences across the United States. Being nominated is a testament to the Skunk Train's commitment to providing exceptional journeys through some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the country.

Voting for the awards started Monday, April 15, and continues until Monday, May 13. Daily participation is crucial, as voters are permitted one vote per day per device. Over the years, we have witnessed the remarkable impact of sustained voting efforts. Last year, the Skunk Train secured an impressive third place finish. This year, we are determined to ascend to the top spot, but we cannot achieve this without your continued support and dedication.

To cast your daily vote for the Skunk Train, and help us claim the title of the Best Scenic Train Ride in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards, simply vote here: https://10best. usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-scenic-train-ride-2024/skunktrain-fort-bragg-california

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our passengers, supporters, and enthusiasts for your unwavering loyalty and enthusiasm. Together, let us embark on this journey to showcase the unparalleled magic of the Skunk Train to the world.

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train, located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County, is a heritage railroad that has been operating both freight and passenger service since 1885. Initially used to move redwood logs to the Mendocino Coast sawmills from the rugged back country, the Skunk Train has become a beloved institution touted as one of the "10 Best Rail Tours in the Country" (USA Today), and a "Top 10 Family Activity in California" (National Geographic Traveler). The Skunk Train journey covers 40 miles of scenic delights and 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm - minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded its arrival. Operating yearround, this multi-generational experience welcomes passengers to bring along their families and even their dog, ensuring a memorable and inclusive adventure.



Over the past several years, Kathy and Leon enjoyed retirement embarking on adventures in their RV up and down the Pacific Northwest, checking off items from their bucket list, the latest of which was visiting Glacier National Park.

Kathy's life was filled with love and passion for her hobbies and her many friends. She enjoyed spending time in her garden, carefully tending to her plants and flowers. She also loved preserving family memories through scrapbooking and cooking in her kitchen, where she created delicious meals filled with warmth and generosity. Furthermore, she loved serving and talking with her many friends in her church, civic and community groups, and especially her dearest personal friends.

Kathy was skilled at sewing quilts, baby blankets, soccer team banners, and clothing. She also found joy in baking, filling her home with the aroma of freshly baked treats. Additionally, she enjoyed indulging in online retail therapy, finding treasures that brought her happiness.

While her life was often filled with physical difficulties, she always seemed to find silver linings in those challenges and had a deep and abiding love for her Savior, Jesus Christ and relied on Him through those challenges.

Kathy is preceded in death by her father, Ronald Enos, her mother, Colleen Mackie, her half-sister, Karen Hillis, and her granddaughter, Victoria Anderson.

Kathy's legacy lives on through her husband, Leon Anderson of Willits, and her children's families; Adam & Heather Anderson of Fort Collins, Colorado; Tara & Rich Redner of McKinleyville, California; Alli Anderson of Alamo, California; Natalie & Chris Green of Happy Valley, Oregon; and Matt & Bea Anderson of Willits.

Kathy's greatest joy was found in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Julie Harris, Caitlin & Eddy Obasogie, Jackson Harris, Makaela Anderson, Victoria Anderson, Byron Anderson, Bryleigh Redner, Davin Anderson, Kinsley Westerfield, Deegan Anderson, Kennedy Westerfield, Niko Anderson, Jessa Redner, Caleb Redner, Otis Obasogie, and Felicity Obasogie.





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In addition, more relaxed standards are allowed for permanent construction tiny homes that have an area of 400 square feet or less under Appendix AQ of the California Residential Code.

The distinction for mobile tiny homes, other than the obvious, is that they're registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles. A list of the proposed development standards for mobile tiny homes from Director Krog's presentation are as follows:

1) The tiny home may be a primary or accessory dwelling.

2) The minimum size is 150 square feet; the maximum size is 400 square feet.

3) There is a maximum height of 14 feet when being towed (per CA Vehicle Code). It may exceed 14 feet in height when placed on a lot and not actively towed but cannot exceed the zoning district's maximum height.

4) It must comply with all standard zoning requirements for the zoning district and the type of dwelling unit.

There are also some proposed design standards that Krog said are intended to keep mobile tiny homes from looking like RVs. "You want it to look like it is built onto the site," she said. For instance, skirting could be required to hide wheels and axels. A paved parking pad or "other installations to prevent movement of the unit" may be required.

There are standards proposed for insulation in the walls and ceilings, standards for framing, and the proposal of double-pane glass windows and trim, again to keep the tiny home from looking like an RV and, as Krog told the board, "ensuring it has the appearance of a stick-built home."

Other possible design standards include nothing mechanical on the roof except for solar, and the minimum requirement of an efficiency kitchen, which, as worded on the county's website reads, "specifically, a sink with a maximum waste-line diameter of 1.5 inches, a cooking facility with appliances that do not require electrical service greater than 120 volts or natural or propane gas, and a food preparation counter and storage cabinets that are of reasonable size in relation to the size of the junior accessory dwelling unit."

Requirements that tiny homes be connected to approved water and septic utilities and on- or off- by the summer of 2024 and is part of the inland zoning grid electricity (generators would only be allowed for code updates.

Ted Williams offered feedback about fire inspection

Fire inspections spaced every five years were

emergency use) were put forward. The provisions of

either ANSI (American National Standards Institute)

119.5 or NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

1192 were suggested and would likely need to be

met, with a sticker or plague on the mobile tiny home

regulations. He asked Director Krog that wording be included to allow for inspections to be performed by a building official to keep the costs down of having to pay someone from the state to come in from Sacramento.

Lindsay Wood, "The Tiny Home Lady," who works as an advocate, consultant, educator, and builder of mobile tiny homes in California, and has been featured on several major media outlets, was present at the supervisors meeting and took the opportunity to address the board.

Wood said she was "so excited" to see the new regulations come about. "What lays ahead [for the board] when making a vote [on proposed mobile tiny home regulations] is the opportunity to give property owners a chance to choose what size of home they want to live in, and if they want to be off-grid and contributing to decentralized power...."

Wood said she has some good ideas for smaller septic systems and sees herself as a resource, "working as a cross-industry meets jurisdiction on solutions.'

Amy Wynn of Wynn Coastal Planning and Biology in Fort Bragg called in to speak to the board. She said she "very much looks forward to the concept of mobile tiny homes being brought to the coastal zone." She told the supervisors, "We've probably had at least a couple hundred potential property owners and property owners ask to utilize mobile tiny homes as a

tool for a way to either phase their own residential use of their property or accommodate a family member, family support members, or workforce housing." Wynn asked the board to "please move forward post-haste."

The board of supervisors was unanimous in its own support of standardizing the construction of mobile tiny

homes. Supervisor Glenn McGourty thanked Director Krog for her presentation and said tiny homes, "offer a lot of flexibly for people in terms of affordable housing," and that, "there are places in the county where property is pretty reasonable but building a home is pretty expensive, so this gives them the ability to have a space of their own that they own."

Board Chair Maureen Mulheren said it was a "great step forward." She concluded the presentation saying, "Any opportunity to allow for more housing for our residents is great!" The adoption of new, DMV-

registered, mobile tiny home regulations is expected

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Join us at the meeting to help develop a home rehabilitation program to benefit home owners in Willits! Your input matters. At the meeting, you'll have the opportunity to:

Learn about the new home rehabilitation loan program

Help shape the program to best meet the needs of our community

• Share your thoughts and ideas

Questions regarding the meeting and program development may be directed to the City Community Development Department at 707-459-7112 or via email to Dusty Duley dduley@cityofwillits.org.



HISTORY MAKERS! AT THE MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM



WEDNESDAYS 2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Above, left: The poster for the May class at the museum. Above, right: This colorful figure shows how to illustrates the integral parts of the humble dandelion. At right: Q-tip flower painting is an easy but effective technique to represent flower petals and leaves. Below, left: May History Makers! classes will feature tissue paper bouquets, pictured here, and collaged greeting cards. Below, right: A colorful painter's palette used in the History Maker's! class series









Spring Flowers

Botany-themed painting and collage classes at the Mendocino County Museum

The Mendocino County Museum presented a Wildflower Watercolor Painting History Makers! class every Wednesday in April, with Wednesday classes in May featuring botanical-themed collage. This botany-inspired painting and collage program coincides with the current Museum exhibit "In the Fields," which

presents the history of botanical knowledge and research

in our county. The classes feature simple but effective

Margi Gomez Guhde illitsweekly@gmail.com

techniques for beginners as well as more experienced artists, from ages 8 years and up, with all materials provided.

Museum Tech Briana Brooks, who has worked at the Museum for over four years, says, "Leading field trips for students for the 'In the Field' exhibit has been such a high point for me. It's an opportunity to engage students from kindergarten through 10th grade. The History Makers! crafts program began as a way to explore historical topics in a family friendly setting." Brooks explains.

"We decided to call it History Makers! because each program engages participants through the process of learning about history through making art. It has been so much fun to share the history of our county through this unique lens.

In May, the History Makers! program will include a special Mother's Day edition on Wednesday, May 8, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Craft lovers can learn something new and get ready for Mom's special day with this timely class, creating colorful tissue paper flower bouquets and one-of-a-kind collaged greeting cards.

Museum Tech Brooks says that her favorite part of History Makers! is the interaction with the community. "We design our History Makers! programs to be accessible for all ages. It's so much fun to see both kids and adults creating something and discovering new ideas together." She goes on, "Like the botanists and artists featured in the 'In the Fields' exhibit, our April and May History Makers! activities draw inspiration from nature."

Support for History Makers! is generously provided by the 2023 Draw 'Til You Drop Fundraiser, an annual event which raises funds to support arts education, exhibits, and cultural events around Mendocino County. Upcoming History Makers! classes will be presented every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays with your Mendocino County Library Card.

For more information, please visit the Mendocino County Museum at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits, check out the website at www.mendocinocounty.gov/ museum, contact the museum at museum@mendocinocounty.gov or call 707-234-6365 during business hours.

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Meet the Sweetheart Contestants:

Elena Arkelian Elena Arkelian, 17, will run

for the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart during the 98th annual event this June and July. Arkelian will celebrate her

18th birthday on May 15, and is a senior and soon-to-begraduate with the Class of 2024 at Willits High School. After graduation, Arkelian looks to attend college, and pursue a career in agriculture.

An active member of the Willits FFA chapter, Arkelian plans to take a heifer and market lamb to the Redwood Empire Fair in August, and enjoys riding horseback. helping her dad work cattle at their ranch, and working with her animals. She has several dogs, cats, sheep, cattle and horses at home.

When not with the animals, Arkelian enjoys spending time playing basketball and softball and being a member of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors club. With the encouragement of family and friends, including parents Dan and Samantha

and siblings Lisa, Dana and Joe, and mentor and supporter Nicol Persico Kunka, Arkelian is excited to run for the title of Sweetheart this year. "Running for Sweetheart

is something I have always planned to do," said Arkelian. "This was just the right year to finally get to do it."

Contact by calling or texting her for tickets and information at 707-354-2877.

Catie Spackman Submitted by FOWL

Catie Spackman will also be looking to ride and smile her way to the crown as and cleaning up, making this a successful event. she, too, will compete for the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart this year. Spackman, 18, is a senior

books in our community. All the proceeds directly benefit the Willits Branch Library. at Willits High School and For more book buying opportunities, watch for celebrated her birthday on the Friends Autumn Book Sale and pop- up sales. January 24. Her immediate Also, when visiting the library, check out FOWL's includes Willits family book sales shelf parents Steve and Natalie If you are interested in more information about Spackman, brother Brian, and FOWL, please leave a message on the Willits grandparents Jackie and Mark Library Facebook Page or by phone at 707-459-Above: Students from Kelley Case Brackett's Ag class at Willits High School helped Friends of the Library Spackman. 5908. with set-up and sorting for their Spring Book Sale last weekend, as community service. Currently, Spackman is the WHS Senior Class Secretary, Senior Center menu Ocean salmon fisheries season a member of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors, serves at the 1st expected to be closed again for the week Vice President for the Willits Posted by CDFW Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor FFA chapter, and will be taking dining room, and continues to serve drive-through On April 10, 2024, the Pacific Fishery a hog to the Redwood Empire and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday Fair in August. Management Council acted unanimously through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside to recommend closure of California's Catie is currently working the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunches are commercial and recreational ocean salmon at Stay and Play Dog Care, \$8: \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members. fisheries through the end of the year, George Bradshaw, president of PCFFA where she helps care for Thursday, April 25: Breaded Pork Chop, Rice Pilaf, mirroring recommendations made last year the animals, helps manage to close the fisheries in 2023. Veggies, Roll scheduling, and more. Salmon stocks continue to be impacted in recover. It has to be an all-hands-on-deck Friday, April 26: Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry, Veggies, After graduation, Spackman California from ongoing issues associated plans to attend Mendocino with drought and climate disruption. The Valley and Klamath salmon runs.' Monday, April 29: Pork Tacos, Rice & Beans College for two years, getting salmon currently present and returning to her general education squared Tuesday, April 30: Chili Relleno Casserole, Rice & California's coast and rivers were impacted away, and then plans to major by a multi-year drought, severe wildfires, in Liberal Arts and Business Wednesday, May 1: Salisbury Steak, Mashed and associated impacts to spawning and with the goal of becoming an Potatoes, Gravy rearing habitat, harmful algal blooms, elementary or kindergarten and ocean forage shifts. The low ocean-Chinook ocean salmon fisheries. Governor Thursday, May 2: Lemon Tarragon Salmon, Rice teacher in the future. She is abundance forecasts, coupled with low Pilaf, Veggies, Roll Newsom made a similar also currently volunteering in 2023 returns, led the PFMC to recommend Salmon are significantly important to Friday, May 3: Meat Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Veggies the kindergarten/ TK class of full closure of California's commercial and California's cultural and natural resources. Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise Mrs. Katie Cooley, where she recreational ocean salmon fisheries. These important species provide significant class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. gets on-the-job experience for PFMC After reviewing the commercial, recreational, economic, what that career path could Pancake Breakfast: every second Sunday, May 12 recommendation, it is expected that the intrinsic, and cultural benefits to California look like. next month, 8 to 11 am. National Marine Fisheries Service will Native American tribes, fishing communities take regulatory action to enact the closure, Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels Spackman has been around and the state. California is taking several effective in mid-May. In addition, the the Willits Frontier Days program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign steps to rebuild salmon stocks across California Fish and Game Commission ground for many years, and is up call Joliana at 459-6826, who can help fill out the California. will consider whether to adopt a closure excited to run for Sweetheart application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed In late January 2024, Governor Gavin of inland salmon fisheries at its May 15 this year, and represent her to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout teleconference meeting. hometown. Willits "After the closure last year, this decision Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to "I want to thank Danielle is not an easy one to make," said CDFW Barry for helping me with my schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, Director Charlton H. Bonham. "While we run," said Spackman. "Of banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift have been enjoying back-to-back rainy and course also I want to thank Shop: 459-2176 salmon stocks in California wet winters this year and last, the salmon my family, and also Bruce The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help More information about the PFMC that will benefit from these conditions aren't Cartwright for letting me ride with the many activities here at the center, including expected to return to California until around Cinder volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are 2026 or 2027. The current salmon for this one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer Spackman can be reached year's season were impacted by the difficult environmental factors present three to five available on the CDFW website at https:// via text or call at 707-354many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826. wildlife.ca.gov/ 3577. years ago.' Willits Weekly | April 25, 2024 Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Pg. 15

WILLITS * FRONTIER DAYS More info and entry forms: www.WillitsFrontierDays.com 2024 Schedule of Events Infants aged 2 and under are admitted for free to WFD events. Prices, dates and events subject to change Friday, June 21: Wednesday, July 3: HOMETOWN CELEBRATION **CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO** Main Street - Downtown Willits | 5 to 9 pm 7 pm | Jack Tharp Arena Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (12 & under): \$10 Saturday. June 22: WESTERN DANCE SWEETHEART JUDGING featuring Chad Bushnell

Appearance & Poise

HORSESHOW

Horsemanship:

10 am | Rodeo Grounds

Jack Tharp Arena | 8 am

SWEETHEART JUDGING

Friday. June 28:

TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS

Adult: \$20. Child (12 & under): \$10

Weekend of June 29/30:

CARNIVAL OPENS

STREET DANCE

Friends of the Willits

Library Spring Book Sale

featuring Flat Busted

Following truck pulls | Free

SWEETHEART CROWNED

Jack Tharp Arena | 6 pm

During Horse Show | Jack Tharp Arena

Sunday, June 23:

The rest of Shred

From page 2 Willits: Thursday, May

9 in the parking lot behind Savings Bank on Humboldt Street. Fort Bragg: Friday, May 17 at Sport Chrysler Jeep

Dodge, 200 Chestnut Street. Ukiah: Friday, May 24

at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds parking lot, 1055 North State Street.

Hours and number of customers accommodated may be limited to truck capacity.

Identity theft is a serious crime that can wreak havoc with your finances, credit history, reputation, and can take time, money, and patience to resolve. Shredding confidentia financial documents and paperwork is one way to deter criminals from stealing personal information

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Savings Bank encourages customers to protect their identity by switching from paper Adult: \$20 & Child (12 & under)/Senior: \$12 account statements to eStatements. eStatements. customers Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (12 & under): \$10 reduce risk the confidential accoun information getting into the wrong hands through tampering of mail or paper

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identity is stolen.

LIONS COWBOY BREAKFAST Rec Grove Park | 7 am Adult: \$13, Child (12 & under): \$9 JUNIOR RODEO Jack Tharp Arena | 8 am Adult: \$10, Child (12 & under): \$5

Following rodeo | Free

Thursday, July 4:

PARADE "Cowboys and Cadillacs"

Main Street - Downtown Willits | 11 am

CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO

COUNTRY MUSIC RODEOLA

HORSESHOE CONTEST

Rec Grove Park | 10 am

Rec Grove Park | Noon

Rec Grove Park | Noon

Jack Tharp Arena | 4 pm

Friday, July 5:

BEEF BARBECUE

Saturday, July 6: NEW THIS YEAR!









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"While incredibly painful to fishing families and fishing communities, the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations supports the closure," said "We all need to be doing everything we can to give California's salmon a chance to effort to ensure survival for our Central Following the April 10 actions, CDFW will work to expedite a request for federal fishery resource disaster determination for the State of California 2024 Sacramento River Fall Chinook and Klamath River Fall

Newsom announced a California Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future: Restoring Aquatic Ecosystems in the Age of Climate Change. The strategy has six priorities and 71 actions that will benefit is available at www.pcouncil.org. More information about federal fishery disaster relief and ocean salmon fishing seasons is



Clockwise from above, left: Junior Officer Eva was able to experience a day of a Willits Police officer during fun 'Cop for a Day' event. including checking out the interior of the cruiser. Eva and her family pose with members of the Willits Police Department. Eva gets a tour of one of the department's vehicles. Traffic stops are common for the WPD, and Eva gets practice, with the help of Officer Gale, to approach the offending vehicle, and with filling out some paperwork in the department's parking lot. Eva waves from the passenger's seat as she cruises down Main Street in a Willits Police Department vehicle. Officer Gale and Eva chat in matching uniforms by a police cruiser.

Junior Officer Eva is 'Cop For A Day' at WPD

Posted by Willits Police Department

On April 17, 2024, the Willits Police Department welcomed Junior Officer Eva to be a Cop For A Day. Eva is 15 years old and has aspired to become a police officer and loves interacting with our officers. Over the past several months, Eva has become a great joy to all officers who love seeing and talking with her around town. Eva suffers from a rare disorder which limits her mobility. Nevertheless, this does not slow Eva down nor stop her from reaching her goals.

Recently, the Willits Police Department was made aware of her desire to join our police force. It is a great honor that such a kind, loving, and inspirational young woman would look to the Willits Police Department to spread her joy. Eva's application as a Junior Police Officer was accepted, and she began her patrol duties. Eva arrived in full uniform and was ready to hit the streets. Eva rode passenger with Officer Gale, and made her way through town guarding against crime. Given Willits' beautiful community, Eva spent much of her time spreading her joy by waving at everyone. Eva spent most of the day letting people off with a stern warning, however this did not stop her from writing her first traffic enforcement citation.

Eva assisted Officer Gale with conducting a traffic stop in front of the Willits Justice Center. After contacting the driver and occupants, Eva believed the best course of action was to issue a traffic ticket. Eva conducted her very first traffic stop and citation all at the same time.

To keep up with what's happening at the WPD, follow the "Willits Police Department" page on Facebook.













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Dr. McLarty, PhD, is a skilled, board-certified general surgeon, caring for ages 2 and older with such common conditions as cholecystitis, diverticulitis, bowel obstructions and hernias. Dr. McLarty also specializes in colorectal surgery.

Dr. Cueto, is a skilled, board-certified general surgeon, and speaks both English and Spanish to best care for patients ages 18 and older. Some common conditions she treats are biliary disease, hernias, benign and malignant diseases of the colon and small bowel, soft tissue conditions and diseases of the breast.

Together, this experienced general surgeon team is available and ready to serve our community.

