### **Plane** crash east of Willits injures 2

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A small plane crashed and burned near a private airstrip northeast of Willits Monday morning, seriously injuring the pilot and his passenger.

The crash, which Federal Aviation Administration's incident report says occurred at 8:40 am, caused a fire, but, as per the CalFire helicopter which was first on the scene, the fire was "extinguished," before any ground units arrived.

This was confirmed by the California Highway Patrol incident report, which also gave latitude and longitude for the crash, roughly 14 miles northeast of town, near the 16000 block of Hearst Willits Road.

The fire was also described as "contained to the aircraft" on the scanner discussion during the incident after ground resources arrived.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that a 33-yearold male from Willits and a 26-year-old female, no town listed, were both injured by the crash.

"A witness at the scene," the June 1 MCSO press release on the incident said, "reported the adult male pilot and female passenger significant injuries and were transported by a family member of the pilot to a local hospital for medical treatment.

"The pilot and female passenger were eventually transported to an out-

Read the rest of Crash

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### Laytonville Fire, MCSO respond to calls about 'man on roof' By Sgt. J. Wells for MCSO

On May 26, 2022 at about 7:50 pm, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received numerous calls about a male subject on the roof of a business in the 200 block of Branscomb Road in Laytonville.

The callers advised the male subject was in possession of a knife, had blood on his body, and was asking for help.

**MCSO** deputies responded to the location and requested Laytonville Fire and Ambulance to stage nearby, in case the male subject needed medical attention.

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Senior Class President Victoria Hernandez



Senior Class Vice President Tiana Dalton





**BOS** asks

state to

pause

PG&E tree-

cutting

With county resident

Vegetation

Program

complaints about PG&E's

piling up over the last

year, on May 17 the board

of supervisors approved

sending a letter to the state

asking that they temporarily

"PG&E is overstepping

its authority by cutting trees that are not a threat to the

[power] lines," the letter

states, which was sent to

California Governor Gavin

Newsom and the Office

of Energy Infrastructure

Safety. "It is time to stop

PG&E's [EVM] Program in

Mendocino County, until we

PG&E claims the program

"focuses on vegetation that

may pose a risk to overhead

power lines" in high-fire-

threat areas, but many

in the county, including a

group in the Pine Mountain

area, have argued that the

company's approach to

tree removal is haphazard,

lacks transparency, leaves

**Election** 

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have answers."

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"Enhanced

Management"

halt the program.



Above: Members of the Willits High School Class of 2022 smile together in their graduation robes in front of the school.



Senior Class Historian Lily Barrett

# Getting Ready to

WHS students get set for upcoming commencement ceremony



Senior Class Historian Eric Rodriguez

There's just one week left for the excited seniors who are anxious to walk across the stage at Maize Field at Willits High School, receive their diploma, and start their futures as high school graduates.

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The 2022 ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 9 starting at 5 pm; the early start time is to help

allow additional sunlight for the graduation parade which will be held just after the completion of the ceremony. The parade route map is shown below, and will follow the same path as previous years. Graduates will be smiling from the back of trucks and waving to their family and friends as the community gathers along the route.

Sober Grad will also be held on Thursday, June 9 and be back at the traditional location of the Willits Community Center this year. The doors will open at 9 pm, and seniors must get to the event before 11 pm when the doors close to be eligible for the cash and prizes.

While it is free to seniors to attend, anyone wishing to bring a guest must have them signed up by Thursday, June 2 with the sign-up forms at each school. Guests will need to pay \$10 at the door to attend.

The party lasts until 4 am, and attendees who make it the entire time without leaving will be eligible to win some of the \$20,000 in cash and prizes available, including two \$1,000 grand prize cash awards. Other prizes include Chromebooks, Apple Airpods, mini fridges, big screen televisions, and much more.

Every graduate who stays the whole time is guaranteed

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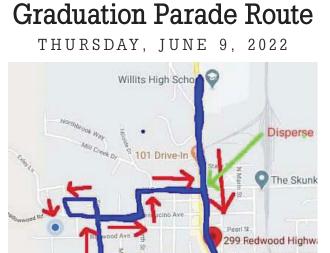
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School Board Representative Andrew Moratti



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Four other countywide officers are running without challengers on the ballot: incumbent Assessor-Katrina Clerk-Recorder Bartolomie, acting Auditor-Controller / Treasurer-Collector Chamise Cubbison, incumbent

Read the rest of Election

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### Day Tuesday, June 7

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Election Day for the June 2022 statewide primary is coming up on Tuesday, June 7 - it's time to locate that mail-in ballot you got in

In addition to state and federal offices, voters countywide will be choosing a candidate for Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools (incumbent Michelle Hutchins vs. challenger Nicole Glentzer).

Local voters in Willits, Laytonville and Covelo will be voting for Third District Supervisor (incumbent John Haschak vs. challenger Clay Romero). Voters in the Fifth District will be voting for supervisor, too (incumbent Ted Williams vs. challenger John Redding).

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Support for Haschak

To the Editor:

We live in a fractured world where, despite all of the technologies available to us to be able to communicate with each other, even from the other side of the world, the technologies are only so good (or so bad) as how we choose to use them

Right here in Mendocino County, in our Third District, our current supervisor, John Haschak, understands the need for, and value of, communicating with people

We have a supervisor who takes to heart his job to represent us, to reach out to us, to listen to our voices, and respond. Supervisor Haschak has town hall meetings, shows up at events throughout this district, stays connected to the issues facing our small communities, and listens to the many ideas about how best to address these issues

Supervisor Haschak understands the need to network directly with the people of our district. His background as an educator extends to himself. He realizes the importance of getting direct experience as a means to having a greater and deeper understanding of issues before him.

In our fractured world we need collaborative people like Supervisor Haschak, who makes himself available to connect to, and work with, his constituents, bringing people together and building community in the

These are some of the fine qualities and attributes that Supervisor Haschak brings to his position as our current supervisor.

Please! Remember to vote and especially support Supervisor Haschak by casting your vote for him!

Sherrie Ebyam, Willits

### Relay for Life not currently planning 2022 event

Hello all! This is Amanda, I was the marketing volunteer with Relay for Life of Mendocino County. At this time, I'd like to inform you we currently do not have an event happening this year. We also did not have an event last year (2021).

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely shifted our event. We do not have volunteers or a designated staff partner. Funding became very limited. Lots of changes had to be made in 2020, so cancer patients could be properly supported.

If you'd like to make a donation to the American Cancer Society, I encourage you to do so at cancer.org. You can also search for an event at secure.acsevents.org to get involved. There are many ways you can safely volunteer! Many hands make light the work, we hope you can get involved today.

We will work on updates as soon as they are received. Thank you - Posted on the "Relay for Life

of Mendocino County" Facebook page, May 28

### No burning in Brooktrails

The Brooktrails Township Fire Department has announced that as of midnight May 31, 2022, ALL burning permits have expired for Brooktrails, Spring Creek and Sylvandale subdivisions.

"This means NO open fires (camp fires, warming fires, pile burning) until the end of fire season is declared," the post emphasized "As tempting as a warming fire may be, consider the risk to our community."

For further information or questions, please contact the Brooktrails Fire Department during business hours at 459-4441.

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Jackie Cobbs, features editor

- Posted on the "Brooktrails Township Fire Department" page on Facebook.

### June 7 endorsements from Mendocino Women's **Political Coalition**

Submitted by Mendocino Women's Political

After two candidate forums and a membership vote, Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is pleased to announce the endorsed candidates for the June 7 election. Endorsed candidates completed and returned MWPC's questionnaire (on mendocinowomen. org website) and support the organization's core values: reproductive rights, child and dependent care, comparable worth, ending discrimination and sexual harassment, and environmental justice.

MWPC Endorsements are:

#### Michelle Hutchins, incumbent, County **Superintendent of Schools**

Michelle has made great progress in her first term in office to address Mendocino County schools' historically low student achievement scores. She brought the county into compliance with state regulations and built working relationships with state officials to ensure our rural county educational needs are met at the state level.

#### John Haschak, incumbent, County **Supervisor 3rd District**

John was recommended for endorsement by 100% of MWPC members attending the Willits candidate forum and was confirmed by the membership vote. He has worked cooperatively with fellow supervisors on fire preparedness, economic development, and housing. John listens and acts on areas of concern to his constituents. He has a record of strong environmental protection and stands up for what he believes in

#### **Ted Williams, incumbent, County Supervisor 5th District**

Ted is knowledgeable about the wide array of issues facing our county. He knows how the county works and what is necessary to keep it functioning. He seeks workable solutions.

#### Malia Cohan, California State Controller

Malia Cohen's experience on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, on the Board of Equalization, and managing a \$22 billion pension fund provides her with the knowledge, track record, and values to bring a brighter future to our state. Malia has broad support from leaders like State Controller Betty Yee and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and more than two dozen labor organizations.

#### Fiona Ma, Incumbent, California State Treasurer

Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. As Treasurer. Fiona will continue to invest California's money in a socially responsible manner and ensure our state is on sound financial footing. Fiona Ma will continue to prioritize funding for healthcare, housing, jobs, the environment and our schools, while making it easier for Californians to afford college and retirement. Fiona Ma has the financial knowledge and experience to ensure California remains an economic leader and powerhouse, investing in the people and small businesses.

### CalFire withdraws three JDSF logging plans

Submitted by the Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters, for the Coalition to Save Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Fort Bragg, CA-On May 28, CalFire released its weekly report documenting the status of all timber harvest plans in California. The Save Jackson Coalition https://savejackson.org/ was pleased to learn that three controversial THPs located in Jackson Demonstration State Forest had been withdrawn. The plans constitute a total of 1,479 acres (over 2 square miles) of forest now taken off the chopping block.

As part of the larger campaign to change the management plan of JDSF, the Mitchell Creek THP, Little North Fork Big River THP, and Boundary Creek THP had all drawn considerable public opposition. Each had its own problems that were pointed out to CalFire by the public.

For example, the Little North Fork Big River THP was located adjacent to the popular Mendocino Woodlands State Park. According to the Little North Fork Big River THP, "During timber operations, campers in the Mendocino Woodlands Outdoor Center will experience the acoustic effects of logging including falling trees, chainsaws, and yarder whistles." Another example was the serious impacts to rare and sensitive plant species located in the Mitchell Creek THP.

The Mitchell Creek and Little North Fork Big River THPs were both recommended for approval in the spring of 2021, with the Boundary Creek THP recommended for approval in March 2021. In response to community opposition, hundreds of public comments, and the advocacy of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, CalFire has now withdrawn these THPs. Whether they intend to resubmit alternative plans remains to be seen.

"I think CalFire wrote these THPs assuming the public wasn't paying attention to their destructive logging practices in Jackson Demonstration State Forest," said Matt Simmons, an attorney with the Environmental Protection Information Center in Arcata.

The Save Jackson Coalition has been demanding a moratorium on all logging in Jackson, including the approval of new THPs, until a new management plan can be written and implemented that better meets the needs of the Native American tribes, the community, and the environment, and also addresses the current climate reality.

In recent weeks, CalFire has announced that they will be rewriting the JDSF management plan, and now they have withdrawn these three controversial THPs. The Save Jackson Coalition considers this a good faith action on CalFire's part toward that end, and continues to demand a moratorium.

The Coalition to Save Jackson Demonstration State Forest members include the Mendocino Trail Stewards, The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo, the Environmental Information and Protection Center (EPIC), Redwood Nation Earth First! and the Mama Tree Network, as well as many concerned citizens.

### Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$7.

Thursday, June 2: Chef Salad, Garlic Bread Friday, June 3: Country Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie

Monday, June 6: Carnitas Burrito wet w/Green Sauce Tuesday, June 7: Western Bacon Chicken Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Green Salad

Wednesday, June 8: Turkey Salad Sandwich, Chips,

Thursday, June 9: Baked Penne Pasta w/Meat, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Friday, June 10: Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice

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

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Above, from left: Jim Wisdom brought this 1940 Packard 120 Sedan. Oliver Perkins won the Best of Show Award with his 1941 Chevy Coupe that may have belonged to singers Brooks and Dunn. Dave "Crazy Dave" Blower poses with his 1955 Chevy. Below, left: The winners of the day's trophies line up in front of the bandstand. Below, right: Frank loves to accompany his owner on the bike rides.





### **Chrome Sweet Chrome**

Willits Car and Motorcycle Show brings hundreds to Rec Grove to enjoy tasty food and classic vehicles

The 40th Annual Willits Car and Motorcycle Show couldn't have had a more perfect day for a few hundred of its residents and some out-of-towners to enjoy Recreation Grove Park with its display of over 50 classic cars and motorcycles.

Mathew Caine

The event also included a breakfast from the Lions Club, lunch by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, booths of vendors selling art pieces and imparting information on various causes, and a bounce house for the kids.

The clear sky reflected off of the chrome and deep paint jobs of brilliant colors and metal-flake, creating a gleaming display of some of the mostly American automobiles that have been rescued over the years from the ravages of time and environment. Local gym owner and DJ Mike Tobin took on the master of ceremonies and music duties, playing the oldies and keeping the proceedings going with his broad brand of humor.

In addition to all the motive wonders in the park, the Mendocino County Museum opened its doors to a well-attended display of artifacts and antiquities. Roots of Motive Power was giving free train rides and Sober Grad was offering its final fundraiser of the year, selling a deep-fried Philippine treat called "lumpia." Those wishing to speak with Third District supervisorial candidate Clav Romero could find him in his self-fabricated booth by the

There was a collection of Chevy Corvettes, a model first produced in 1953, becoming an American classic through their sleek fiberglass styling and powerful engines. The 11 Corvettes encompassed all but one of the eight historical generations of the car. One of the owners, Ronald Nagy, brought his beautiful blue 2004 model.

"It's the commemorative edition to celebrate the winning of the Le Mans," explained Nagy. "Corvette finished first, second, and third in the 24-hour Le Mans in 2003. They only made 2,200 of these in this blue color with a shale interior. These LS engines run forever, one of the best V-8s made, a stock V-8 with a lot of horsepower."

The classic car owners, in many cases, seem to track their lives on when they acquired and restored their beloved machines. A case in point was Jim Wisdom, who brought a stunning 1940 Packard 120 sedan.

"I've had it since 1989," said Wisdom. "It took me two years and three months to finish. Ukiah Upholstery did the interior. Precision Body in Willits did the exterior paint. I rebuilt the motor myself," said Wisdom standing in front of this classic "gangster car" with the wide, white gangster tires.

Dave "Crazy Dave" Blower tells a tale of intrigue in retaining his beloved 1955 Chevy. "I bought this car the year I graduated

from high school in 1965. I ended up getting a divorce later in life and she

DOMINION 2D/3D

Car Show

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Above: Chris Lamprich of Nor Crawl and much of his clan made a family day of the Willits Car and Motorcycle Show.

At right: Brian Harshbarger won the motorcycle Best of Show with his 1948 Harley Davidson Panhead.

Below, left: Alan Grossman and Debbie Frank pose with Grossman's 1958 BMW Isetta with a 300cc engine. Below, right: A young one checks out a mini hot rod.









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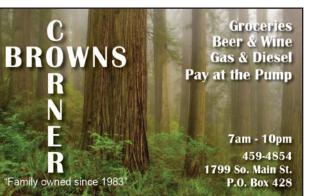
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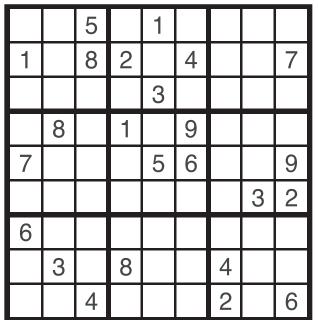


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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row. column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order which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

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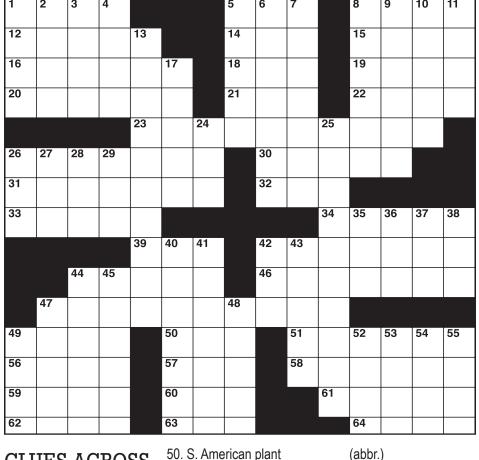
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STEEL

TRACK

WOODEN



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Orator's podium 5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- 8. Partner to 'oohs' 12. African antelope
- 14. Indigenous Thai person 15. Monetary unit of Angola 16. Becomes less intense
- 18. Insurance mascot 19. Tech hub Alto 20. Actress Tomei
- 21. Airborne (abbr.) 22. Type of smart watch
- 23. Natives 26. Incompetent person
- 30. Rare Hawaiian geese 31. Unspoken relationships 32. Passports and
- licenses are two 33. Claw 34. Status quo
- 39. Mimic 42. Fur-lined cloak
- 44. Ancient foreigner 46. In an angry way 47. Ill-intentioned

49. Monetary unit of Serbia

CLUES DOWN 1. Used by gymnasts 2. 'Luther' actor Idris

6. Tots

3. Broad volcanic crater 4. Not for 5. Blur

51. One or the other

56. An alias for Thor

58. In a painful way

59. French commune

60. Promotional materials

63. Confederate general

64. Former NJ governor

57. Gratuity

61. Greek city

62. Assistant

- 7. Acted leisurely 8. About the Alps
- 9. Gets out of bed 10. Town in 'The Iliad' 11. Welsh given name
- 13. Remove salt 17. Calvary sword 24. Mental disorder concerning body odor

#### (abbr.)

- 25. Keeps a house cozy
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory 27. Southwestern Russian
- 28. Pro sports league 29. Congress investigative
- body (abbr.)
- 35. Stop standing 36. Utilize
- 37. Sign language
- 38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- 40. Being of central importance
- 41. Ruin environment 42. Dessert dish
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Fertilized
- 45. Jerry's friend Benes 47. Indian river
- 48. Pass into a specified state or condition
- 49. Nocturnal rodent
- 52. A way to travel 53. Iron-containing
- compound
- The Lions were ready for them. The club members had 54. Ancient Greek City been working on creating the tasty repast for a few very early morning hours, as they are known to do. Wherever a 55. NFL signal caller Matt

Mathew Caine

breakfast, a barbecue, a bar, or a catering setup is needed, the Lions are willing and able to provide sustenance and "It's something that the Lions have done for many, many fun.

> "This club has been busy. Last weekend we did a catering job for a big (about 100 people) wedding over in Lake County," said Lucier. "It was a lot of work but we did really well and made some money for the club. We had to get up at the crack of dawn on Saturday, drag it all up to Lake County, set it all up, do the wedding. We worked from eight in the morning until nine at night. We spent Sunday at my place, cleaning everything up.

"It was great to be back out there," added Lucier, "doing the things that the Lions do, catering and raising money. We served an excellent tri tip and we had vegetarian lasagna for those who don't eat meat. We had some special beans and Jim Hinkle's mom's secret recipe for mac 'n' cheese.'

> Read the rest of Breakfast

Service With a Smile

Willits Lions Club is busy these days – serving up a hot breakfast,

catering weddings, and awarding scholarships

"Today is all about the pancake breakfast for the car

years but with the way things have

been, we haven't done it for the last

couple years. We decided to do this

inside the Scout Hut this year. We're

show." said Skip Lucier, president of the Willits Lions Club.

really excited about doing this again. We have all kinds of

food: pancakes, eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham,

For those setting up for the Willits Chamber of Commerce

Car and Motorcycle Show, the breakfast was an extremely

welcome way to prepare for their day, prior to interacting

with the public on the grass of Recreation Grove Park.

They began filtering in around 7 am on Sunday.

coffee, juice, hot chocolate for the kids.'



From far left: Jim Hinkle prepares the

secret pancake-batter mixture. The Willits Lions Club brought the annua

Memorial Day Car and Motorcycle Show breakfast into the Scout Hut this year. Lions Club member Jim Holmes slices the ham to go on the arill. Below. left: The Willits Lions

Club pose for a photo in the Scout Hut: from left, Tony Madrigal, Virginia Jorge, Barbara Holmes, Pooba Freeman, Aurora Duley, Robin Luciei

Skip Lucier, Jim Hinkle, Ken Bell, Jim

Holmes and Dusty Duley.

Above: Virginia Jorge, Lions Club member, displays her patriotism. Below: Ken Bell, the grill master of the club, enjoys



### WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

**CHAIN** 

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INVERSION

May 22 to May 28 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 100 incidents in this 7 day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

**ACCELERATION** 

**AIRTIME** 

**ASCEND** 

BARREL

**BENTS** 

**BOOMERANG** 

**BRAKE RUN** 

CARS

### May 22

9:30 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:41 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Shell Lane and Baechtel Road.

3:38 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

10:10 pm: HOAGLIN, Garrie Ray (69) of Covelo was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to a felony charge of 290.018 (B) PC (Failure to Register as a Sex Offender).

### May 23

3:16 am: OVERCAST, Jennifer Marie (43) of Roseville was

contacted in the 100 block of Kawi Place. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear

5:40 pm: Officers fraud initiated а investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

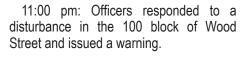
#### May 24 No incidents to report.

May 25

8:25 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

Trenton Herrera of Willits.

6:30 pm: YOUNG, Ryan Josephoneal (30) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.



### May 26

6:51 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

8:04 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of 8:06 am: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Spruce Street. 8:41 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection

of South Main Street and Holly Street. 11:48 am: PENCE, Joshua James (35) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Spruce Street following a report of

pursuant to 148 PC (Resisting an Officer). 11:51 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 400 block of

an unwanted subject. He was arrested

East Valley Street. 8:15 pm: **HERRERA**, **Trenton** David (20) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Hearst Willits Road and Bray Road. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 23103 (A) VC (Reckless Driving) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

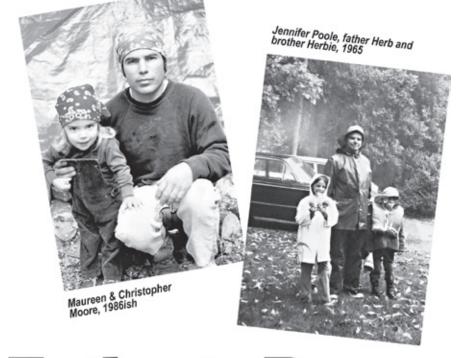
### May 27

9:42 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial

9:46 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft nvestigation in the 500 block of Coast

7:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madrone Street and issued a warning.

9:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of



### Father's Day 'Foto Call'

The day to celebrate our dads is just around the corner, falling this year on Sunday, June 19. Willits Weekly would like to encourage the community to not only try and track down that no-fail golf tie, or ... erm, concho bolero tie in these here parts, but also to submit a photo of you and your dad for our upcoming June 16 edition.

Because really, what would be a better Father's Day gift that having your smiling faces published in the hometown newspaper for all to see and be something to be clipped and hung on the fridge for weeks to come?

Photos can be sent to willitsweekly@gmail.com or if you only have a print copy, head in to Ace Copy and Shipping in the Safeway shopping center and they can help scan your image and send it to us.

We need all submissions – with a caption for the photo, too, please!! – in by end of day Monday, June 13. We will print as many as we can in our June 16 edition and look forward to helping

create a happy Father's Day for all.

of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

### May 28

Pine Street.

1:11 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Locust Street and issued a warning.

12:15 pm: Officers responded to a report

5:36 pm: AVALOS, David (27) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Holly Street and Manzanita Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 14601.2 VC (Driving with a Suspended License for DUI), on felony charges of violation of probation, and on misdemeanor charges of failure to



At top: Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra takes a break from displaying

Above: Aurora Duley and Robin Lucier prepare the breakfast

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messes on properties, and is often unhelpful to fire Among several requests in the letter, the board

asked that PG&E be required to give more clarity on the criteria they use to remove trees, give more information to property owners of their rights beforehand, consider alternative methods to tree removal for fire safety, and to have "a plan for replanting the equivalent number and types of trees" cut down through the program.

The letter notes that for PG&E, "there has been no discussion of the many alternatives to removing trees," and "there has been no public notification to Mendocino County residents when PG&E will come to 'clear the lines' e.g., remove large trees within 100 feet of the lines."

In addition, the board notes that the contractors hired by PG&E who show up to remove the vegetation "give conflicting information and try to coerce landowners into cutting," and that "the cutting crews get paid by the tree, so the incentive is to cut as many trees as possible.

The letter also talks about some negative impacts the EVM program may be having on local fire safety.

"Two of the standard vegetation management techniques used by PG&E directly contradict the advice of CalFire regarding vegetation management for fire reduction. Specifically, CalFire recommends AGAINST tree removal as it encourages grass and brush growth and soil warming, which results in higher fire danger, and recommends AGAINST topping trees around power lines, which results in excess growth on the tree top and/or a weakened tree and higher fire danger. And yet these are the very practices that PG&E uses most often in their EVM practices."

Several spoke out during public comments at the May 17 board meeting in support of the letter and about their frustrations with PG&E.

One of these was Willits area resident Walter Smith, who has a long work history in timber falling and forest management. He called PG&E "just a complete disaster of an organization that can't seem to organize itself and make significant improvements to their infrastructure, and create a situation where landowners have some input, or counties even."

"We've been, I would say, assaulted by PG&E's crews," Smith said bluntly. "They started just coming landowner to landowner, had no broad plan. None of the landowners knew what to do, they felt intimidated by this rash of people that came and started marking trees. If you thought a tree shouldn't be removed, you had to state that you didn't want it removed. PG&E called you back, and said, 'You have to be a team player and feel [for] your neighbors.' As though all the people that they killed, they've been feeling good about neighborhoods."

"I support this letter, but we're just a microcosm of what's going on," he continued. "They're harvesting trees, they're cutting trees that are not a threat to the [power] lines. That's the biggest problem in my sense.... And I've had to refuse [to let them cut] at understory. It's not a fire hazard, it's not near the to upgrade its outdated utility infrastructure."

"I'm glad that you're doing this," Smith went on. "It's such a waste of resources, it's hurting people's property values, it's reducing carbon sequestration, you could just go on and on. And there's no thought aluminum cable (conductor), the use of spacer behind it. There's no plan behind it."

Smith said that he's been communicating with a large group of locals about the EVM program who are in agreement with him about its problems, including PG&E's narrow focus on the trees.

"They haven't come and said they're going to do anything else but just cut down trees," he said. "I think as you already know they're making a worse fire hazard because of the way they're opening up the canopy. I've had [California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection] come and look at my trees and look at what they're doing. I've had other foresters come. I've been communicating with 60-80 people timber fallers and foresters. They all know that what's going on is wrong. It's just wrong."

Paul Hansbury, also a property owner in the county, called in to support the letter, and like Smith had a similarly frustrating experience with the EVM

"I had a personal experience where they came and tagged trees, there were 63 trees they wanted to cut down on my property," said Hansbury. "I'm fortunate enough to be friends with a nationally renowned certified arborist who came up from the Bay Area and did a risk assessment on all the trees that were tagged. Some of them, yes, were safety hazards, but by and large most of them were not. And so I refused a couple of the larger trees that were not at risk according to this expert, and [PG&E] refused to do any work at all. They told me that if they couldn't get the line miles that they needed, that they wouldn't do any work at all," he said.

"What they were trying to do is get statistics and line miles that they had cleared for their bankruptcy case," he continued. "So it wasn't even about safety because there were things that were indeed a hazard, and needed to be done, but they refused to do that.

"So I totally support the letter, and I hope that they capitulate and that they do give you some kind of clarity," he added. "I doubt they will, they'll probably give double talk, but I hope that it does something."

Speaking for PG&E, their North Bay and North Coast media rep Deanna Contreras recently said in

a statement: "We understand there have been some misunderstandings and confusion among some of our customers in Mendocino County about our listening to our customers and have attempted to improve communication by ensuring that we make at least three points of contact with property owners (in the form of a letter, an automated call, and a knock at the door) before performing this important public safety work. We also leave materials at the door if we aren't able to reach anyone.

On pge.com, the company posted a press release on May 4 where they said in 2021 "hard-working crews exceeded the annual safety goal ... by addressing vegetation along 1,983 miles of power lines. This year, crews are expected to prune or cut down more than 350,000 trees for safety and to reduce wildfire risk."

They also noted they planned "to underground approximately 175 miles of power lines this year," and are expecting "to put 3.600 miles of power lines underground between 2022 and 2026" as part of their "10,000 mile Undergrounding Program."

At the board meeting, Third District Supervisor John Haschak had a few more suggestions for additional requests to put in the letter to the state, which was approved unanimously by the supervisors with the additions.

These included asking PG&E to work with the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council and other local entities involved in healthy forest management, to have the company outline plans to underground power lines in the county, and to "present a plan for erosion control associated with vegetation

"Because what we're seeing is clearcuts near streams, waterways, everything like that, and no plan for how to mitigate that," said Supervisor Haschak.

The controversy surrounding PG&E's EVM program has been building over the last few years, after it was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission in 2018.

PG&E has seemingly taken the position that since the program was approved by the CPUC that they do not need permits or environmental review for the EVM work, a position which has been challenged

As seen in numerous news stories and public meetings, many around the county have expressed their alarm over the EVM work, including landowners in the Pine Mountain area and Orr Springs, ranchers near Hopland, and activists trying to protect redwood trees in Faulkner Park near Boonville.

After many concerned about the EVM activities called in to a supervisors meeting last December, now board Chair Ted Williams summed up how he saw the situation, saying: "PG&E almost burnt us down, and now they're moonscaping. This is a timber harvest plan without a plan.

Sierra Club 's California Utility Wildfire Prevention Taskforce also wrote a scathing report about the EVM program in 2020, saying "PG&E has lobbied for and influenced legislation and public opinion toward least a dozen trees, some of them over my water tree removal rather than upgrade its infrastructure. system, old growth trees where there's already no The problem is not the trees – it is the need for PG&E

> One section of the Sierra Club report was included in the letter from the supervisors: "Solutions to reduce or eliminate utility-associated wildfires include installation of steel reinforced core fully insulated cables, and undergrounding. When undergrounding is contraindicated, improved conductors combined with computer-operated circuit safety relays would solve California's utility wildfire problem."

In an article in the Redheaded Blackbelt online news outlet from December2021, the chair of that Sierra Club task force Nancy May said that even from a profit standpoint PG&E's EVM plan doesn't make

"If you add up the costs of Enhanced Vegetation Management, which is around \$2 billion a year, it costs a whole lot more to cut down the trees and pay the contractors and deal with the slash and all that, online just about this issue, a lot of them like me, than it does to rebuild the infrastructure," she said. "It's really expensive, and it doesn't work. How can it work? You can't cut down every tree that may or may not, sometime in the future, have a problem."

> She estimated that the costs of EVM would be passed on to PG&E ratepayers at an average of \$10 per month.

> In an article last month in Willits Weekly, local Lauren Robertson also argued that the focus should be on upgrading PG&E's equipment, not tree removal.

> "We know that in recent years most of the big fires attributed to PG&E are started by faulty equipment, not by trees falling on the lines, so why are they focused on blaming the trees?" she asked. "In Pine Mountain, because of our fire safe council, we've been trying to deal with shaded fuel breaks, ladder fuel, accessibility, escape routes. That's what we've been focusing on for the last 20 years. So, when I see a big swath cut down, I know this is going to have grass and brush growing up with ladder fuels which will create problems down the line.

> In a public letter to constituents in April, Haschak said that "if you have issues with the PG&E program or contractors, contact the PG&E Wildfire Safety hotline at 1-877-295-4949 and Wildfiresafety@pge.com" or you can contact him at haschaki@mendocinocounty. org, and 707-972-4214.

The Pine Mountain group also suggested concerned landowners make comments to PG&E's Regional Vegetation Program Manager Ethan Bell at Ethan.Bell2@pge.com and 707-499-1457.

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Enhanced Vegetation Management work. We are District Attorney C. David Eyster, and appointed Sheriff-Coroner

All active registered voters in Mendocino County should have received a mail-in ballot and a no-postage necessary return envelope they were sent May 9. If you haven't returned your ballot already, there are various ways to do so: In California, ballots are accepted via the U.S. mail up to seven days after Election Day if received by the Elections Office with a June 7 or earlier postmark.

Ballots can be dropped off at official boxes around the county through Election Day, including the drive-up ballot box available 24/7 outside Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street, or at the county Elections Office at the Administration Building at 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah – also available 24/7.

Mail-in ballots can also be dropped off at any polling place on Election Day; polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. In Willits, the polling place is at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street; in Brooktrails, the polling place is the Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street; in Laytonville, the polling place is the Laytonville Lions Fire Hall, 44920 Willis Avenue; and in Covelo, the polling place is the Round Valley Justice Court – for mail ballot drop-off only.

If you prefer to vote at your polling place on Election Day, "you must take the enclosed ballot with you to surrender, or you will vote a provisional ballot," the information card in mail-in ballot envelope with the "I Voted" sticker explains.

"Your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and you did not already vote in that election," the California Secretary of State's

Although the last day to register to vote to receive a ballot for the June 7, 2022 election was May 23, in California there is also "Same Day Voter Registration, known as Conditional Voter Registration." The SOS website says this "is a safety net for Californians who miss the deadline to register to vote or update their voter registration information

The site continues: "Eligible citizens who need to register or reregister to vote within 14 days of an election can complete this process to register and vote at their county elections office, polling place, or vote center. Their ballots will be processed and counted once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process.

To check if your mail-in ballot has been received, visit www. mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorderelections/elections/vote-by-mail-absentee-status

Election results start being posted online after the polls close at 8 pm, and are updated throughout the night. Follow the results at www. mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorderelections/current-election-results. The first numbers posted are mailin ballots received before Election Day; usually in Mendocino County, many ballots remain to be counted after the final Election Night report.

For additional information, please contact the Elections Office by calling 707-234-6819.

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of-county hospital for further medical treatment," the press release continued.

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No further official information on the status of the injured was available by presstime Wednesday

The MCSO press release also stated that deputies on scene "observed the plane was almost completely destroyed by fire." Ground resources reported to dispatch that the tail number of the aircraft was burned and not readable.

The FAA's incident database reports that the aircraft was a Maule M fixed-wing single-engine aircraft. The pilot and one passenger "experienced engine issues and crashed while landing on a private strip and caught on fire, Willits, CA." The aircraft is registered out of Grant's Pass, Oregon.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the cause of the crash as per the MCSO press release.

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When deputies arrived they found James Keith Simmons, 31, of Laytonville, being treated by fire personnel in the back of an ambulance. Simmons advised he had been assaulted prior to getting on the roof but did not want anyone

Deputies confirmed Simmons had a felony no-bail warrant for his arrest. Simmons was arrested after being treated by medical personnel.

Simmons was subsequently booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held on a no bail status.



James Simmons of Laytonville.







### **Vision Statement**

It has been a real honor working as your elected County Supervisor. Each day I wake up with enthusiasm to work on important issues for the people of the 3rd District and Mendocino County. Thank you for this opportunity. Looking ahead, there is a lot of work left to do

We have to ensure that Mendocino County has water security. Drought resiliency throughout the county is a high priority. The quantity and quality of our water systems needs to be studied, enhanced, and secured.

I will continue working on improving the safety of our communities whether it be by additional emergency access routes or additional funding for our fire safe communities, fire and law enforcement agencies.

Economic development is a critical issue. We must have a commitment to building all types of housing, implement broadband, and continue providing career and technical education programs.

I am committed to making the cannabis program work for our mom and pop farmers. We fought off the great expansion and corporate takeover of the cannabis industry in Mendocino County. Now, the legal pathway has to allow people to get their state annual licenses. The County must be a facilitator of this process.

Broadband is crucial for our economy, healthcare, and education. With State funding, we have the opportunity to transform our internet capabilities.

Career pathway development is key to developing the workforce of the future. I collaborated with Mendocino College to start the EMT/Paramedic program this past fall. I will continue working with Mendocino College. Mendocino County Office of Education, and Senator McGuire to expand educational and career training offerings

In this time of global pandemic, it is evident that we are in this together. I will ensure that all communities are represented and receive equitable services by the County. Outreach and transparency to all of the 3rd District is essential. I pledge to continue being open, accessible, and responsive to the people of Mendocino County.

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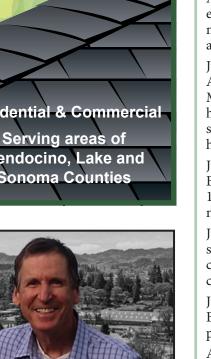
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### Judith Swope Clark July 26, 1945 - May 27, 2022

Judith Swope Clark, 49-year resident of Piedmont, CA, died May 27, 2022, at age 76 of Lewy Body dementia complications at her

Judie was born July 26, 1945, in the Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits, CA. Her father, Glenn Swope, was raised in Hayward, CA and her mother, Anita Hoffman, was raised in Oakland, CA. Judie's parents divorced in the early 1950s, a very difficult event for Judie, and they both continued to live most of the rest of their lives in Willits. Glenn, a CHP officer, died in 1995

Judie has one sibling, a younger sister, Jayne Brown, who now lives in Los Angeles near her son and Judie's adored nephew Troy Brown and his wife, Mary. Except for a brief detour with her mother and sister to Oakland during her parents' breakup, Judie grew up in Willits alongside Tom Clark in the same class until precocious Judie skipped 8th grade and stepped ahead to

Judie and Tom began dating in 1962 when they were 15. They married in Berkeley in 1968 and since then have lived their entire lives together. In 1973, shortly after Tom began practicing law, Judie and Tom purchased and moved to their house in Piedmont.

Judie was noteworthy for her fast mind, sharp wit, reading abilities, artistic sensibilities, organization skills, gentleness, love for animals and children, compassion for the disadvantaged, and completing daily New York Times crossword puzzles in ink.

Judie graduated from Willits High School in 1962 and in 1966 received a B.S. in Anthropology from the University of California Berkeley. For a brief period Judie taught school in Oakland.

After helping put Tom through law school by working at UC Berkeley in various administrative assistant capacities, Judie graduated from Golden Gate Law School in 1977 and began practicing law at the Oakland law firm where she clerked while attending law school. Judie's legal career ended after her and Tom's daughter Olivia, their only child, was born in 1978, as Olivia had serious medical problems that required Judie's full attention.

Judie devoted much of her adult life to caring for her daughter Olivia and helping her overcome serious medical problems, including seizures resulting from removal of a brain tumor in 1984.

Judie was a very active quilter, designing and making quilts, often in her house, with two separate groups of other Piedmont mothers. She was also active for many years in Junior Alliance that supported Lincoln Child Center in Oakland and Piedmont's Dress Best for Less that supported the Piedmont Education Foundation.

Additionally, Judie was also very involved with her mother's family winery in the Napa Valley. Judie's maternal grandmother Rose was one of 12 children of late1800s Swiss emigrants Anton and Caterina Nichelini who homesteaded and founded the still-operating Nichelini winery in Chiles Valley in the eastern hills of Napa Valley.

Judie was instrumental in the formation of the Nichelini Family Corporation that gathered together in a unified corporate body the fractional interests of Anton's and Caterina's far-flung progeny. For many years Judie served as Secretary of the Nichelini Family Corporation. She was always very partial to her great-uncle Fred Nichelini who was the founding President of the

In 2012 Judie was diagnosed with Lewy Body dementia and gradually lost her ability to speak, stand or walk. Eventually, Tom hired caregivers to help Judie in their home. In 2018 Tom added to their house a new downstairs bedroom, bathroom and kitchen extension, and installed a chairlift from the sidewalk up the 52 steps to their house, all especially designed to fully accommodate Judie. Tom's goal always was to keep Judie at home with him and a team of caregivers, no matter how her condition might worsen, and to ensure that Judie's life would be as good as he could make it. Judie picked out their Piedmont house in 1972, loved it dearly, and took the lead responsibility for a major renovation to the house in 1988.

During their total of 61 years together, Judie was a faithful, honest and loving friend, as well as wife to Tom for 54 years. Tom has lost the best friend in his life. He will be eternally grateful that Judie civilized him, treated him so well despite his shortcomings, and devoted her life to caring for their daughter

During her final years struggling with dementia, Judie received excellent care from her several caregivers, Tina Smith, Ovetta and Shaniesa Gill, Nikki Howell, Nanettee Canseco, and Eden Wildemichael. Oakland Kaiser Permanente staff, especially nurse Dee Dee Bellong, provided wonderful in-home hospice care during the final weeks of Judie's life.

Tom was a self-taught noncommercial winemaker. Judie and Tom, Tom's sister Joan and husband, Dave Sinclair, and Tom's brother Hugh, in 1982 purchased property in Sonoma County near Calistoga on Petrified Forest Road where over the next 33 years, operating under the name Petrified Forest Vineyards, they maintained rental property, planted a vineyard from which they made 22 annual vintages of wine, and constructed a cabin retreat. Judie did not drink wine, but happily and gracefully tolerated the family vineyard and wine making.

Judie and Tom especially enjoyed providing a second home to Micah Stamps, who was very much like a grandson to them and the actual grandson of their Willits classmates Sherry and Aubrey Stamps. Sherry was Judie's stepsister through her father Glenn, and Aubrey was a very good friend of Tom's. When Sherry and Aubrey's oldest daughter, Melanie, separated during her pregnancy from her husband, she brought herself and her newly born son Micah home from the hospital in 2002 to live with Tom and Judie in their Piedmont house.

After a few years, Melanie obtained her own apartment and then bought a condo unit, but Micah continued to spend many hours and overnight visits with Tom and Judie until his mother, Melanie, suddenly died at age 40 and, especially sadly for Judie, 9-year-old Micah soon left the area and their lives to live with other relatives.

Judie was beloved by Tom's entire family. She was close almost her entire life to Dave Sinclair, her brother-in-law, and Warren Jorgensen, both Willits classmates of her and Tom. Judie was particularly grateful for her enduring life-long friendship with LeAnna Spence, her and Tom's classmate during their Willits years. In addition Judie cherished her close friendship with Tom's cousin James Curtiss and her sister-in-law Joan's close friend Peggy

Judie is survived by her, husband Tom; her daughter Olivia of Pleasant Hill; her niece (Tom's brother Hugh's daughter) Sandhya Clark Singh (Steven) of Teaneck, New Jersey; her sister Jayne, of Los Angeles; Jayne's children, Judie's nephew Troy Brown (Mary) of San Pablo and Judie's niece Shari Brown of Santa Rosa; and many other good and excellent friends and extended family.



Above: Congratulations to the 8th grade students from Sherwood School, including, from left: Serenity McCartney, Arlo Jensen, Miles Carpentieri and Anthony Duran.

### **Sherwood School students** promoting from 8th grade



### **Baechtel Grove Middle School** students promoting from 8th grade

Congratulations to: Courtney Aadland Breen; Danielle Agenbroad; Donny Alexander; Kylie Alvarez; Julio Archundia Morales; Lisa Arkelian; DeAngelo Avina Valles; Ashlee Bean; Nikolas Bloyd; Lucas Bozzo; Conner Byer; Luis Cabrera Lopez; Jason Campos; Ryan Carter; Gage Chavan; Edgar Chavez Hernandez; Monica Chavez Mendoza; Zyanlee Couthren; Rex Davidson; Davon Dockins; Deagan Dockins; and Jose Roberto Dolores Vasquez.

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Madison Manus; Arion Martin; Kayla Matney/Bolton; Gavin McFadden; Sydney Mell; Estrella Mendoza; Johnathan Mendoza; Natalia Mendoza; Alexandra Mendoza Paniagua; David Mendoza Santamaria; Allison Merino Estrada; Elizabeth Meyer; Yumalay Meza; Kiara Nelson; Marco Nieto Sanchez; Kelly Nunez Lopez; Kayla Nunez Prado; Jason O'Grodnick; Julian Patino; Starr Pierce; Rickey Ramirez; Alexandra Ramos; Abbygayle Rayburn; Bryan Roman Cardona; Rogelio Sanchez Orozco; Sistos Sanchez Revuelta; Katie Schaefer; Jayden Schlegel; Adrian Senteno; Ryan Sheldon; Mateya Shuster; Dannyka Smith; Jayden Sossaman; Garin Stephens; Cheyanne Stutsman; Jessiah Vincent; Asher Vinson; Dominick Walker; and Kirra Wilburn.

### La Vida Charter students promoting from 8th Grade

From left: Skyler DeFazio, Chace Fales, Finn Felicich, Kaitlynn Raines, Desiree Hanover, Shaun Diaz, Hector Gaspar-Lopez, and Melia





### Willits Charter **School students** promoting from 8th grade

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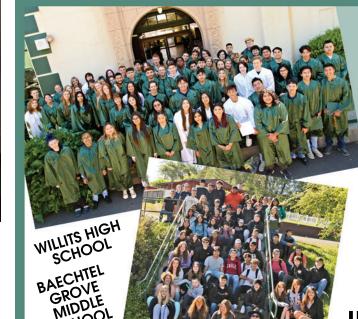
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### Mendocino College celebrates graduation with first in-person ceremony in three years

Submitted by Mendocino College

A day marked by ritual and ceremony, Mendocino College bid a fond farewell to graduating students at its 49th Commencement on Friday, May 20. It was the first in-person ceremony since 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore graduates from 2020, 2021, and 2022 were all invited to participate

In his opening remarks, Superintendent/President Tim Karas reminded the graduates, "Education is the great equalizer in this country. You can contribute to that goal. Use all your knowledge, skills, and experience to build communities, shine a light on inequities, and encourage others to join us. Embrace your journey. You can do students in attendance, guest speaker, Lake County's

During the ceremony, two students spoke to their fellow graduates. Graduate Rachel Nichole Klena, who received an Associate's Degree in Human Services Paraprofessional, spoke about her success despite the multiple challenges and obstacles throughout her educational journey. "Up until I walked onto this path of higher education, I lived a life of "somedays," "used to's" and "what-ifs,"" said Klena in her speech. "Yes, I had survived, and yes, my children (woohoo, I love and thank you guys, I thank my wonderful family, [my kids, grandkids, partner, and dear friends] for their support) and they also are finding their paths now, but before school, I never had a journey to adhere to, a mission of my own. I had... just only... survived."

Student-athlete Josue Ismael Jaquez Cigarroa, a Mexican immigrant in DACA, delivered his speech in both English and Spanish. Cigarroa received an accomplishments and begin their own journeys."

Associate's Degree in Business and hopes to begin working and helping those who require translation in the court system. In addition to thanking the Mendocino College staff, faculty and programs, Cigarroa said, "My greatest appreciation goes to the baseball program and the athletic department. Thanks to my coaches Brett Ringer, Matt Gordon, Connor Franz, Jeff Truett and Sonny Garza, I was able to play the sport I love for a few years after high school was over. To my baseball teammates that I have been with in these past years. You are not just teammates, you are family."

Before conferring degrees and certificates to the 219 Poet Laureate for 2020-2024, a Fellow with the Academy of American Poets, and Mendocino College alumni, Georgina Marie Guardado wished the graduates with a final farewell. Guardado also read one of her awardwinning poems, Poem for Learning.

"As a graduate of Mendocino College in 2009, it was an incredible experience to return to the college as the 2022 Commencement Guest Speaker," said Guardado. "It was an honor to walk with the Board of Trustees as we led the large graduating class onto the ceremony field. The experience allowed me to reflect on how far I have come in my own journey as an individual and as a learner. I was especially moved by student speeches during the ceremony, in which students shared their stories and how they overcame adversity to obtain an education. I was proud to be able to witness each student walk across the stage as they celebrated their



### Mendocino College graduates

and Covelo graduates of Mendocino College, including: Alyssa Mariah Thornton, Ambria Michelle Zeitner, Amy L. Christensen, Araceli Urbina Rosas, Ashlev Ann Williams, Ashley Marie Svendsen. Ashley Shea Baldwin, Austin Holt Heller, Barbara Jean Svendsen, Belen Mendoza, Brianna Rose Ardis, Carolina Gutierrez, Chloe A. Breen, Darian Whitney Gavazza, Donna Lynn Walter, Emily Yolanda Coria, Gabriel Madrigal, Guadalupe Santamaria, Heather Karrin Dabney, Jennifer May-Ann Lutge, Jessica Lynlea Buzzard, Jordan Christopher Luna, Joshua M. Landes, Kaitlyn A Rose, Katie Jauregui, Kaylee Mechelle Seaton, Keleigh Marie Hansen, Kendra J. Campbell-Crump. Krissi Lynn Talamantes, Lisa A. Hudson, Lisa Marie Ann Joseph, Marcus Allen McQuarter, Marissa Gutierrez, Matthew Arlich, McKenna Maree Buckingham, Melissa Loya Castaneda, Misty Nicole Azbill, Molly Elizabeth Gardenhire, Nataly Gutierrez, Rachel Nichole Klena, Rainier Antonio Hurley, Rossi (Jaymee) Jensen, Sky Indigo Aragon, Stacey Jane Amador, Taylor Marie Watts, Thomas Joseph Daughton, Upton Thomas Adams, and Veronica Duran.



Above: Friends continue the "graduating together" tradition from Willits High School to Mendocino College, including, from left: Marissa Gutierrez, Jessica Buzzard and McKenna Buckingham.



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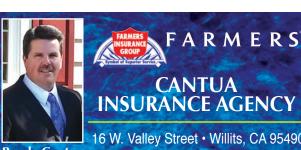
Above: Designer Philip Stewart is dwarfed by the 29-foot-tall massive but motive construction.

At right, top, from left: Some of the internal workings of the bottom cube with gears and counter balances can be seen in this photo. Philip Stewart, the artist, works on elements of the sculpture. At right: The shop where the sculpture has been created is only a block away from the firehouse.

Below: The project, a culmination of five years of design and construction, nears completion.

At right, bottom: Philip Stewart inspects the internal workings of the intricately engineered sculpture.





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### 'Definition of Awe'

Local artist Philip Stewart nears completion of kinetic sculpture that will be installed atop 14-story building in Virginia

"What happens is that the thing actually looks like it's of impulses that are automatic," explained Stewart. "The falling and then it goes back up gently," said Gary Martin, the fascinated curator of the Willits Center for the Arts. He was speaking of the enigmatic

Mathew Caine

renowned artist Philip Stewart. The 29-foot construction and

engineering marvel consists of four stainless-steel cubes, which are filled with mechanisms to keep the kinetic sculpture constantly in motion and allow the top cubes to teeter as if they are going to self-destruct. Although, the assembly is, in actuality, designed to withstand up to 130mile per hour winds.

The eventual home of the sculpture will be on top of the Fairfax Arts Center, a 14-story building in Virginia outside

"The idea of the project, at the end of the day, is that it's supposed to collect your attention and then give you a pair

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> The project is five years, and several overruns, in the making. It is a collaborative conception of several scientific and physical disciplines.

> "This took five specific professional degrees," continued Stewart. "I'm the sculptor, the integrator. None of the guys with the degrees were really sure they understood it until they saw the video of it working. This took a year and a half before I could even come up with the idea of the

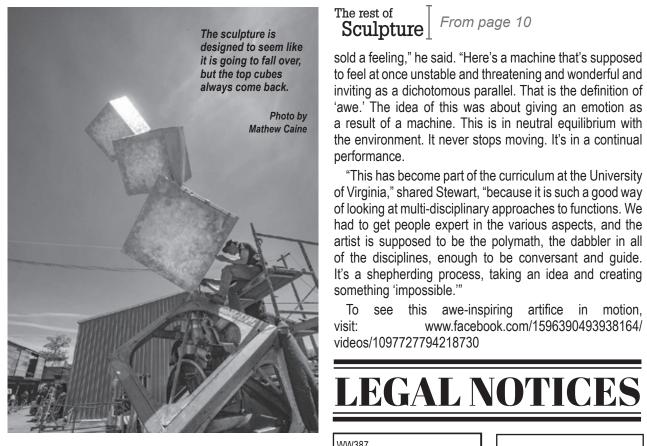
"You have a bunch of contractual restraints and you've

Sculpture

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Breakfast

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In addition to creating the welcome breakfast, the Lions have continuously been involved in other altruistic activities, such as giving away their annual scholarships to four deserving seniors graduating from Willits High School. In addition to their normal scholastic awards, the Lions have instituted a couple of new categories this year.

"We tried to be a little more diverse this year," told Lucier. "One of our new scholarships is for art which can encompass a lot of different things. We also have a vocational scholarship this year.

"So many people think their kids have to go to college and get a degree. I ran an electrical apprenticeship program after I sold my business," he said. "After being in the program, they were able to make good money working through the unions and support their families. I'm a great advocate for vocational training."

According to Lucier, the scholarships are given in memory of Lions Club members who have passed away. The vocational scholarship is in memory of Wayne Bashore and the art scholarship is in memory of Diana Hinkle, a

The Lions are back, up early, and ready to cook.

For information on becoming a member or to book the club for an event, call 707-246-0827 or email willitslions@

Below: Louis Celaya of the Willits Chamber of Commerce greets Lions Club President Skip Lucier outside the Scout Hut on Sunday. At bottom: Members of the Lions Club and the Stranskes partake of some breakfast before feeding others.





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### 'Top Gun: Maverick'

The Story: Sequel to the 1986 action/romance saga of ego-burnished hot shot Navy Air Force pilots. Legendary Captain Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) is ordered to train the current gaggle of hot



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shots for a near-impossible bombing

mission. A mission which includes,

antiaircraft missiles, hostile super

jets, an enemy nation on the verge of

a promise!) until the end. And, as for romance, Maverick has an unanticipated reunion with Penny Benjamin (Jennifer Connelly), a former flame barely mentioned in the original flick.

My Thoughts: Good movie! With an exclamation point! Jennifer Connelly says: "It's a fun celebratory kind of movie." Tom Cruise,

who starred and produced, understands narrow escapes and plot twists from his years jumping out of buildings and defusing bombs in "Mission Impossible" action epics.

In this flick, not only does he fly an F-18 fighter, he demanded his lead actors endure grueling special Navy pilot training. The result: no green screen special effects. They are really in the cockpits. Really in the jets. Really in the air. No method acting required.

Cruise does his own stunts, he loves making movies, he loves taking all the very real risks involved. Maybe that's why I like Tom Cruise movies. Because his love for the process shows in the product.

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### Lady-loving Groover

Groover is a ladies man. playful with female dogs but stiff around the guys. This young guy loves people with a dog-savvy leader, he is one happygo-lucky fellow! Groover has moderate energy; he's decent on-leash. Groover is looking for a home with a



yard and folks that like to go on walks!

To learn more about Groover or view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please complete a petadoption application before requesting an appointment. You can

reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

### **Precious Gracie**

Gracie is a sweet, shy girl who appreciates head scratches and pets. This 1-year-old takes some time getting to know you, but she is worth the wait.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah,

requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Gracie or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.

### Compact Bumblebee

Bumblebee is searching for her spot in this crazy world. This little compact girl is the perfect size to be

your best sidekick! Bumblebee has a special one-of-akind personality that will sure win you over. She loves to go with you and will pick up her leash to let you know she is ready. Soft, squishy toys are the key to her heart and she is always ready for a game of fetch.

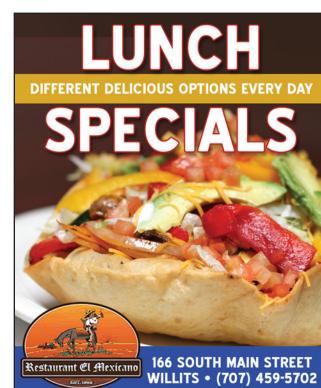


Bumblebee also loves to get cozy and hide under her blankets. This lady is ready to live the good life!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. We are open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesocietv.com. our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.







Car Show From page 3

tried to take the car, so gave the car to my son. He was 5 years old at the time.

"All these years went by and long story short, we were at a party one night and I asked, 'what are you going to do with that car? I want to start working on something.' He said 'Dad, come get it. It's your car. He's 54 now. That car sat for many years. I just tore into the project. I bought it originally off a car lot in Covina, California in 1965. My dad co-signed for me. I was paying \$26.50 a month. The things you remember," he said with a wry smile.

Snoop, who bears a striking resemblance to the well-known rapper with a similar name, brought his metal-flake green 1962 Impala. "It's candy-apple green metallic flake." he said. "I named it after my aunt who passed away from breast cancer. It's named Estella. I play the music she used to listen to. The oldies remind me of her, like she's still here.

"The hydraulics are back / front, side-to-side with telescopic hydraulics in the back," said Snoop. "It has old-school hydraulics with four batteries, 4-6 benigns, four tweeters, six filters, a 350 Edelbrock carburetor with a 350-turbo tranny, a '92 Tacoma rear end. It's a fun project, a lot of smiles," he said in a language only understood by car enthusiasts.

Some of the automobiles curiositymore inducing in nature, as was Alan Grossman's 1958 BMW Isetta, a tiny 300cc-engine-powered conveyance that opened in the front and seemed small enough to be able to park several in a normal garage. It brought to mind a fourwheel motorcycle with a transmission.

Two foreign entries were Dickie Weinkle's 1991 Mazda Miata, named canyon carver that handles like a bobcat. It's a fun car but not fast so I won't kill myself," he said with a smile. The other was a 1990 Honda Prelude ALB, owned by Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra.

Around 2:30 pm, Mike Tobin began to announce the various winners. There were prizes chosen by several of the sponsors in addition to the People's Choice, Fire Chief's Choice, Police Chief's Choice, Mayor's Choice, and the Best in Show, a stunning 1941 Chevy Coupe, owned by Oliver Perkins.

"I got it from Nashville, said Perkins. "I was told it belonged to Brooks and Dunn but I haven't been able to verify that. It's got a 454 Chevy engine, 400 turbo transmission, and a nine-inch rear end, Headman headers and roller rockers."

also given out for the Harshbarger won Best of Show with his 1948 Harley Davidson Panhead. of Gunnink's Harley Davidson won the People's Choice with his American classic, a 1938

Hopefully, this wellplanned and executed and well-attended event is a harbinger of more family friendly get-togethers that the town can look forward to throughout the goodweather months.



### Jesse Pitman 5K Run/Walk June 18 in Willits

Race is set for June 18 in Willits.

The race honoring Army SEAL Jesse Pittman of Willits, who died serving in Afghanistan on August 6, 2011, has been presented at Lake Mendocino in previous years.

Starting place for both the 5K Run and the 5K Walk is the Rec Grove, at the corner of East Commercial and South Lenore, at 9 am sharp. Please plan to arrive early to check in and warm Pizza and Big Earl's BBQ.

Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome – kids and strollers, too. There will be a separate 1K

The course is all on flat, paved roads, with two laps making the race a full 5K. Runners and walkers will do the laps in a clockwise direction.

The 11th annual Jesse D. Pittman Fund 5K turning right down East Commercial, then right on Bray Road, right again on East Valley / Center Valley, and then making a final right to get back to sustainability," said Caltrans Acting Director

> The course goes under the mile-long viaduct segment of the Willits bypass, officially named in honor of Pittman, the "Jesse D. Pittman SO1 Navy SEAL Memorial Bridge.

On site food vendors will include Slam Dunk

Entry fees go to support the Jesse D. Pittman Fund, which offers college scholarships for Mendocino County high school students. \$40 for adults: \$10 for the 1K Kids Fun Run.

For more Information, to donate, or to register visit www.jessepittman.run or www.

### CalFire awards nearly \$118 million in local wildfire prevention grants

Projects and activities in and near wildfireprotection of people, structures, and communities

Sacramento – As part of California's strategy to prepare properties and communities against the devastating impacts of wildfires, CalFire announced it will direct nearly \$118 million in funding for 144 local wildfire prevention projects

"Drought conditions have once again taken ahold of California and are already contributing to another year of early fire activity," said Joe Tyler, CalFire director and fire chief. "This funding is a Mitigation. critical part of our overall wildfire strategy.

CalFire's Wildfire Prevention Grants enable local organizations like fire safe councils, to implement activities that address the hazards of wildfire and reduce wildfire risk to communities. Funded activities include hazardous fuel reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education. These projects all meet the goals and objectives of California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, as well as the Strategic Fire Plan for California.

In Los Angeles County, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is one of many Kahrmein. "She's my poor organizations receiving funding towards wildfire prevention efforts. Their project will work towards developing a Regional Wildfire Protection Plan that will help to protect over 31 cities and communities, 22 of which are identified as "Communities at

> In Lake County, a grant has been awarded to the Robinson Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians for a hazardous fuels reduction project in the wildlandurban interface that will incorporate professional training as well as a community outreach and education campaign to increase awareness of defensible space and fuels management.

In El Dorado County, a grant has been awarded threatened communities focus on increasing the to the El Dorado Fire Safe Council for a project that will assist residents with hazardous tree removal to slow the spread of the bark beetle infestation. The project will also assist with removing stressed and injured trees damaged by the Caldor Fire.

"These 144 local wildfire prevention projects, along with the 105 projects we just funded in County September 2021, will significantly increase California communities' preparedness towards wildfires," said Chief Daniel Berlant, CalFire deputy director of Community Wildfire Preparedness and

The Wildfire Prevention Grants Program is funded as part of the state's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Strategy, in part with cap-and-trade auction proceeds administered by the California Climate Investments Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. California Climate Investments is a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions. strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment - particularly in disadvantaged communities. For more information about CalFire's other CCI programs, please visit the CalFire Grants page at https://www.fire.ca.gov/ drainage repairs as well as the removal of

These grants are part of Governor Gavin Newsom's unprecedented \$1.5 billion investment in wildfire resilience. The governor's Wildfire funding annually split between the state Resilience initiative has launched 588 projects to and local agencies. Road projects progress date, in addition to projects to be funded by these through construction phases more quickly grants. Learn more about the program here: https:// resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Forest-Stewardship/ Wildfire-Resilience-Program

The full list of the 2022 Wildfire Prevention Grant recipients will be posted at www.fire.ca.gov/grants/ wildfire-prevention-grants/.

transportation infrastructure throughout the Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and

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Accountability Act of 2017, accounts for \$272 million - more than a third of the funding.

North Coast projects

included in new

Caltrans funding

Fresno — The California Transportation

Commission allocated \$700 million at their

May 19 meeting to repair and improve

"This critical investment will help Caltrans continue repairing, maintaining and upgrading our state's aging transportation infrastructure for improved safety and Steven Keck. "It reflects both the CTC's and Caltrans' commitment to providing travelers and communities - as well as California's dynamic and growing economy - with a world-class, multimodal transportation system."

Projects approved at the May 19 meeting include approximately \$5.2 million toward emergency allocations for embankment. guardrail, drainage and road repairs on U.S. 101 near Willits in Mendocino County.

Other North Coast projects approved

Approximately\$5.9Mtowardimprovements at South Fork Eel River Bridge No. 10-0218 on U.S. 101 in Mendocino County

Approximately \$1.1M toward road signage improvements on Route 1 at Abalobadiah Creek near Fort Bragg in Mendocino County

Approximately \$1.9M toward construction of a retaining wall and roadway and drainage improvements on Route 253 near Boonville in Mendocino County.

Approximately \$384,000 toward mitigation work at Bachelor Creek Bridge No. 13-4001 on Route 20 near Upper Lake in Lake

Approximately \$3.9M toward emergency allocations for embankment, guardrail, and drainage repairs on Route 175 near Hopland in Lake County.

Approximately \$8.7M toward median and drainage improvements along U.S. 101 from the Route 36 junction to Fortuna in Humboldt

Approximately \$3.9M of emergency allocations toward guardrail, sign, fence, and drainage repairs as well as the removal of hazardous trees near Willow Creek on Route 299 and Route 96 and Route 196 near Pecwan in Humboldt County

Approximately \$6.5M of emergency allocations toward guardrail, sign, fence, and hazardous trees along Route 299 from Blue Lake to the Trinity County line.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1.

For more information about transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit RebuildingCA.

### CalFire announces \$33 million in business, workforce grants

Sacramento – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection announced May 27 it has awarded \$33 million to business development and workforce development projects that support healthy, resilient forests and the people and ecosystems that depend on them.

CalFire's Wood Products and Bioenergy Team awarded 30 grants (visit www.fire.ca.gov/ media/0tohqk20/wpb\_2022q1 grantaward\_list\_20220526.pdf for the full list) to applicants that include non-profit organizations. businesses, universities and community colleges, and local governments. These partners are implementing projects to create a robust and diversified wood products industry to facilitate the economic and sustainable management of California's forests, as outlined in California's Wildfire

and Forest Resilience Action Plan. In Mendocino County, \$230,000

was awarded to Mendocino Redwood Company, to fund a "Biomass-to-Energy" feasibility study for its sister company, Mendocino Forest Products. The study "will analyze up to eight biomassitolenergy technologies with potential for implementation at MFP's Ukiah sawmill. The project's objective is to grade the technologies with respect to their suitability to the site and region, their overall economic potential, and their risk profile, allowing MFP to make an informed decision for a

development projects will train over 5,000 individuals in prescribed fire, fuels treatment, firefighting, and forestry. Grants will educate and prepare students for careers

Statewide,

10 workforce

prescribed fire training, and prepare and support formerly incarcerated people for employment in fire suppression, fuels treatment, and

in forest management, increase

A total of 14 businesses were awarded grants that will create 120 jobs and utilize 750,000 tons of forest biomass that would otherwise remain in the woods or be burned in open piles. Two of the projects will support reforestation by expanding the state's native tree seed bank and growing seedlings. Additional funds went to six research and development efforts that seek novel uses for forest biomass sourced from wildfire mitigation projects.

"Forest biomass that generated from restoration projects remains a burn risk unless it can be repurposed. These grants recruit and train people for those jobs and

develop technologies and markets for wood products," said Chief Joe Tyler, CalFire director. Most of the funded projects

benefit disadvantaged or lowcommunities. economic opportunities provided by these investments are in addition to the expected benefits from carbon storage in wood products and the substitution of fossil fuels and steel concrete, and other non-renewable building materials.

CalFire's workforce and business

grants were made available through State of California General Funds. The solicitation remains open to new grant applications. Please visit CalFire's Wood Products and Bioenergy webpage for details, at www.fire.ca.gov/ programs/resource-management/ climate-change-and-energy/woodproducts-and-bioenergy-program/



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Above, from left: Charlie L. Barra Memorial Scholarship recipient Bryce Ferrante with Martha Barra. Francisco Castaneda, left, and Ricardo Gonzales hold their award certificates. Karen Gowan, center, presents the Chapter WQ-PEO Sisterhood Scholarships to Rebecca Morse, left, and Dustelle Brooks. Joe Atherton, director of fiscal services at Mendocino College, presents Karino Nieto with one of four scholarships funded by the management team at Mendocino College.

### Mendocino College Foundation awards more than \$200K to students

#### Submitted by the Mendocino College Foundation

The Mendocino College Foundation honored scholarship award recipients for the 2022-23 academic year at a mixer at the Ukiah campus on Wednesday, May 11,

For the first time since spring 2019, the foundation was able to host an in-person event with scholarship students and their families; donors; college faculty and staff; and members of both the College Board of Trustees and the Mendocino College Foundation Board of Directors.

foundation distributed 160 scholarships totaling more than \$204,500 to 114 students enrolled at Mendocino College for fall 2022.

Some students, Benard Heggenhougen, have been taking dual enrollment classes at their high school every turn by Mendocino College," she and have already jumpstarted their college

Foote (\$1,500) scholarships and plans personally called me the day I found out I Excellence (\$1,500); and the Fiona & to study computer science at Mendocino got into the program; the instructors are so

Others, like Jessica Huckabay, are returning students, taking a new path offered through the Career Technical Education Department. In Huckabay's case, the new physical therapy assistance program is offering a promising career in an in-demand field – as anyone who has tried to get an appointment for physical therapy

As a massage therapist, Huckabay became unemployed due to the pandemic and took the opportunity to reassess her career choices. Noting the excellent job prospects for PTAs, she took a leap and enrolled in the program.

"I didn't know if I was going to be able to do this, but I have felt so supported at says. "I have a degree from UC Davis, and

skilled, and really preparing us not just to pass the exam, but to provide a high level of quality care," she continues.

"And to get the scholarship from the foundation has been just another level of support that I am so thankful for." Huckabay was awarded the MCF Joan & Harry Bistrin Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000).

Francisco Castaneda is a current Mendocino College student returning for the 2022-23 academic year, who plans to transfer to a four-year university in 2023 to pursue civil engineering. He received three awards: Kiwanis of Ukiah / Bob Brown Scholarship (\$1,000); George Weger Scholarship (\$1,000); and MCF Academic Excellence (\$1,500).

Fourteen nursing students were awarded scholarships, including Rebecca Morse, who received four distinct awards: MCF education. Heggenhougen received the Mendocino College has surpassed even the Coast Scholarship (\$1,000); Chapter WQ them!

Jeff Banks (\$2,500) and MCF Evelyn R. level of support I had there. The counselors PEO Sisterhood (\$1,000); MCF Academic Richard Perkins Scholarship (\$1,000)

> A mom of two, she commutes from Mendocino to Ukiah to attend nursing classes and clinical. She just finished her first year, and is looking forward to the fall 2022 semester with extra support thanks to Mendocino College Foundation

Thank you to all of the donors that support students through scholarships at Mendocino College, including staff, faculty and administrative groups, which collectively this year donated \$9,000 toward 11 scholarships.

If you would like to learn more about how you can contribute to scholarships that support Mendocino College students, contact the Mendocino College Foundation Office at 707-467-1018 or visit https:// foundation.mendocino.edu. Help us help







### Willits Frontier Days announces Class of 2022 scholarship

winners

Willits Frontier Days is proud to announce the recipients of their 2022 Scholarship awards: Kyra Gibbons, Zeontry Henson and Danielle Barry who will each receive \$1,000 from the non-profit group





### Now hiring!

If you are ready to begin a career with purpose, Adventist Health in Mendocino County is the place to start. With careers in Fort Bragg, Willits and Ukiah, we offer a great opportunity for you to work close to home as a member of our team. Current openings include:

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- An opportunity to serve our community

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### Shanachie Pub lineup for this week

Submitted by Shanachie Pub

### Mitchell Holman - Thursday, June 2, 7 pm

Mitchell Holman, formerly of the San Francisco iconic band, It's A Beautiful Day (famous for the song "Whitebird") will be presenting this event every first and third Thursday of the month. Playing bass and singing, and often bringing in guest musicians...a fun night of local music!

#### Steven Bates and Jake Forrest – Friday, June 3, 8 pm

After a very long time away, Steven Bates is back! Bates' music is high-energy, jamming, roots-rock with conscious lyrics and virtuoso guitar-playing that makes audiences get up and dance. Bates is a triple threat:

a superb vocalist, a gifted songwriter, and extraordinary guitar-hero whose live performances leave audiences exhilarated, rejuvenated clamoring for more. But descriptions pale in comparison to the real deal, so mark

this night on your calendar!

Mendocino County on the beautiful northern coast. Knowing that the lyrics are currency, he has written numerous songs always with an eye on getting people out on the dance floor. He serves up original, searing, guitar-driven roots-rock music. When he plays acoustic he delivers a fast-paced strumming technique that has a rock-and-roll vibe unto itself. He aims to leave every audience with something memorable, which is a good reason to

Joining Bates on June 3 will be another Mendocino Coastal favorite, Jake Forrest!

#### Eric McFadden with Kate Vargas, Paulo Baldi and Aaron Ford – Saturday, June 4, 8 pm

It will be another truly memorable night with P-Funk Allstar Eric McFadden, featuring special guests Kate Vargas, Paulo Baldi and Aaron Ford!

Eric McFadden is a guitar virtuoso / songwriter / vocalist. He has toured the world both as a solo artist, as well as with funk-legend George Clinton (Parliament / Funkadelic), and rock-legend Eric Burdon (The Animals). McFadden is a member of the new supergroup T.E.N, alongside Thomas Pridgen (Mars Volta) and Norwood Fisher (Fishbone). McFadden spent years touring extensively with the Eric McFadden Trio (EMT) and is also a member of the all-star band Stockholm Syndrome.

### Visit www.ericmcfadden.com.

Joining the group tonight will be Paulo Baldi. Baldi has been the drummer for Les Claypool, Cake, and Sean Lennon among others. His skills on drums are out of this world!



### Willits Swimming Pool Information Summer 2022 June 15, 2022 - August 13, 2022

For more information: (707) 459-5778

### Schedule

8am -9:30am Otters Practice 9am-12:30am Swim Lesson

Aqua Aerobics

Monday- Thursday

2pm-1pm

4pm-6pm

5pm-8pm

Lap Swim Aqua Aerobics 1pm-4pm Public Swim

SUNDAYS - CLOSED Pool Closed Saturday

Saturday

10am-12pm Lap Swim

1pm-4pm Public Swim

June 18, 2022

### Admission Price

\$5.00 Public Swim \$5.00 Lap Swim \$80.00 Lap Swim Pass (20 entries) \$7.00 Aqua Aerobics \$6.00 Senior Discount \$125.00 Aqua Aerobics Pass (20 entries) \$50.00 Swim Lesson

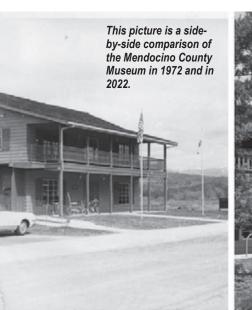
to receive a prize with a value of at least \$50 and also \$50 in cash. Many grads take home much, much more, especially those who have volunteered and helped at Sober Grad fundraisers and events over the

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This year's theme is "Red Carpet," and photographers will be snapping away as the grads enter the event. There's also a gaming room being set up in lieu of the casino room, and attendees will also be able to enjoy participating in a cornhole tournament (which also has cash prizes!), playing carnival games, getting henna tattoos, and embellishing their teeth with sparkly gems.

A live band and a DJ will be providing music during the event, and drinks and food will also be available to enjoy throughout the night.







### Mendocino County Museum 50th anniversary celebration

### Submitted by the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency

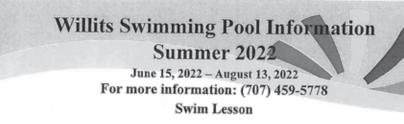
The Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency cordially invites you to attend the 50th anniversary celebration for the Mendocino County Museum!

This event will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 1 to 3:30 pm at 400 East

The community is invited to explore a pop-up "memory lane" exhibit featuring images and artifacts that span five decades of collections and museum programs. A celebratory cake cutting ceremony will kick off the festivities at 1 pm. Staff and volunteers will offer behind-the-scenes tours from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

This event is free to the public, open to all ages, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum and Mendocino County Museum.

Learn more about the Mendocino County Museum and view our full program calendar at www.mendocinocounty.org/museum. For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Museum at 459-2736 or museum@mendocinocounty.org.



Registration for swim lesson, Session I, will take place at the Willits Pool, on the following dates:

Friday, June 3rd from 3pm-5pm Monday, June 13 from 8am-10am & 3pm-5pm

Tuesday, June 14 from 8:00am-10:00am & 3:00pm-5:00pm The fee for each session is \$50.00 and there is a sibling discount of \$5.00(up to 4 swimmer)

### Swim Lesson Sessions

The City of Willits offers a variety of American Red Cross swim lessons for individuals of all skill levels. Weekly sessions are Monday - Thursday. Registration is required one week prior to the designated session. Openings are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No make-ups & refunds for missed days

June 20 - June 23 July 25- July 28 July 11 - July 14 Session 7 August 8- August 11 Session 4 July 18-July 21

### MORNING LESSON TIMES:

9:30am - 10am 10am - 10:30am 10:30am - 11am 11am - 11:30am

9am - 9:30am

11:30am - 12pm 12pm - 12:30pm

4pm - 4:30pm 4:30pm - 5pm 5pm - 5:30pm

EVENING LESSON TIMES:

5:30pm - 6pm

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# Quilty Pleasures Quilt **Show in Laytonville**

Submitted by Jody McGeen for Longvalley Quilters

What a glorious weekend for the guilt show! Rain on Saturday kept us from hanging quilts but the wind on Sunday/Monday only enhanced their beauty as the sun moved around them. We had a record number of attendees and saw many old friends and made new ones. Thank you to everyone who came to the Memorial Day weekend show, at the Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville, and helped us raise money for next year's scholarships.

After counting all of the votes, ribbons were awarded to the following guilters:

"My Favorite" - Sandy Folmar; "Quilt to Sleep Under" - Sherry Keys; "Most Playful" - Wish Warren; "Best Quilter" - Bernadette Willoughby; "Best Wall Hanging" - Debbie Bowles; "Best Home Décor" -Elaine Carpenter; "Best Bag" - Jody McGeen; and

"Best Use of Color" - Pat Grisham

The following are winners of our Raffle Baskets: Sandie Williamson, Yvonne Niesen, Deb Kvaka, Cheryl Seidner, Linda Ingles, Christin Coscia. And the winner of our Raffle Quilt this year is: Paula Mulligan.

Congratulations to all of the winners and to everyone who voted and contributed to making this show so successful!

Lastly we could not have had this show without our helpers who climbed the ladders to hang the guilts each morning and then returned to take them all down each day - friends, family, and Laytonville High students. We love you all for giving of your time to

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

### Hog Farm Hideaway at Black Oak Ranch, June 10-12

#### Submitted by Shooting Star Events

The Hog Farm Hideaway, presented by Shooting Star Events, will make its long-awaited debut at the iconic Black Oak Ranch in Laytonville, June 10-12. The much-anticipated festival features three nights of performances by one of America's most well-loved independent bands, The String Cheese Incident, plus a huge lineup that includes The Infamous Stringdusters, Galactic, Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, Keller Williams, Fruition, Pimps of Joytime, Ghost Light w/Nicki Bluhm, and many more.

This three-day, family-friendly music festival features three nights of performances by The String Cheese Incident, playing host to an impressive lineup of artists across three stages. Patrons will also enjoy interactive art installations, an eclectic assortment of food vendors, a bar featuring craft beers, wines and adult libations, a cannabis club featuring locally produced products, a kid's zone with entertainment and activities, a silent disco, an activist area where non-profit organizations will showcase their work, a healing sanctuary offering various modalities to restore wellbeing, and more!

Set in beautiful oak woodlands, meadows and a year-round creek, Black Oak Ranch is a perfect location to gather with friends and family. Black

Oak Ranch is home to The Hog Farm, one of the oldest, continuously running communes in the United States. The Hog Farm has a long history of producing and participating in iconic music festivals and events, most notably the original Woodstock Music Festival in 1969. In more recent years, The Hog Farm co-produced Electric on the Eel and The Pignic and hosted Earthdance, The Kate Wolf Music Festival and Enchanted Forest Gathering.

Festival Line-up: The String Cheese Incident, The Infamous Stringdusters, Galactic, Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, Keller Williams, Fruition, Ghost Light, Cosmic Twang w/Nicki Bluhm, Kyle Hollingsworth Band, Pimps of Joytime, Ron Artis II & The Truth, Holly Bowling, Royal Jelly Jive, Hot Buttered Rum, Achilles Wheel, Dead Winter Carpenters, Moonalice, Diggin Dirt, The Sweet Lillies, Grateful Bluegrass Boys, Whiskey Family Band, Dusty Green Bones Band, Electric Tumbleweed, Caitlin Jemma, Corinne West, The Real Sarahs, Tumbleweed Soul, Eric Long, Circus Luminescence, Big Fun Circus and

Tickets on sale now at eventbrite.com; three-day festival tickets \$329 to \$369 + fees. Car camping passes are available as well as luxury camping packages. Visit hogfarmhideaway.com for more information.



Above: Winner of the "My Favorite" award at the Quilty Pleasures quilt show in Laytonville, Sandy Folmar, with her award-winning quilt.





# FRIDAY NIGHT FUN 7 - 10PM

Earn entries starting at 5pm

2 hourly winners choose \$150 FREE PLAY OR **\$100 CASH** 



For complete rules and details please visit the Players Club. Gambling a problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER.



