

Final election results announced

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Final official numbers for the June 7 primary election in Mendocino County were announced Tuesday, with results as expected from initial updates. The final June 28 tally showed that 22,248 county voters cast a ballot in the June election – that’s 42.29% of the county’s 52,602 registered voters.

In the most competitive local race this election, for Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools,

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Fireworks are illegal in Mendocino County

Submitted by CAL FIRE, Mendocino Unit

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit is reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal in Mendocino County.

Fourth of July is synonymous for sun, fun, barbecuing, and fireworks. Two out of five fires on the Fourth of July are caused by fireworks, more than any other cause of fires. Fireworks are inherently dangerous, and children are at the greatest risk of injury.

CAL FIRE Unit Chief Luke Kendall asks Mendocino residents to do their part to have a safe holiday, and

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Willits man arrested on firearms charges

By Sgt. R. Brady, for WPD

On Thursday, June 23 about 7:15 am, Willits Police Department officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Holly Street, for a male subject reportedly brandishing a firearm. A description of the male suspect was broadcast, and he was last seen in the general area.

Upon contact with the male subject, WPD officers detained him in handcuffs. The male subject was later identified as Cody Caldwell, a nearby resident.

It was later discovered that Caldwell had been in an argument with a known male subject and brandished a loaded

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Above, left: Eva Pinon competes on her horse, Ethel, in Sunday’s horse show. Above: Sweetheart contestant Danielle Barry smiles after her Poise and Personality judging last Saturday, center, and rides a pattern in the Horsemanship judging during the show, right. Below: Laura McBride takes her annual ride through the Savings Bank ATM, this year, “on horseback” came with a twist! See page 8 for how she made her journey this year.



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Maureen Jennison
and Mathew Caine



Willits Frontier Days is in full swing

July 4 is just around the corner, but true to tradition, Willits Frontier Days has been celebrating all things Willits and Fourth of July since the Hometown Celebration on Friday, June 17. Since then, the community was able to enjoy the Truck and Tractor Pulls, a Western dance, watch the Sweetheart contestant compete in Poise and Personality and Horsemanship judging events, and also watch young equestrians compete in the arena, running barrels and poles, and showing their riding skills in Western and English disciplines. Read more about these events and the upcoming festivities throughout this week’s edition.

– Maureen Jennison



Above, left: Paige Whitcomb rides Zoey in Sunday’s show. Above, right: Matt Leinfelder’s “White Lightning” lived up to its name, puffing fire, to a first-place finish of 262.97 feet. Below, from left: Jeff Whitby’s “Rustbucket” also lived up to its name – however, it came in second in its 5,500-pound Street Truck class. Danielle Barry smiles with Sweetheart judge Nick Durupt. Jeremy Correia and his daughter, Bristol, are dwarfed by the huge tires of his 7,200-pound tractor, “Git R Done,” which made it to 259.19 feet.



Above, left: Danielle Barry gives her Sweetheart speech to the judges. Above, right: Allison Fling rides Ikes Blue Spear in the show.

BOS passes \$357 million budget

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At their June 21 board meeting, Mendocino County supervisors approved the nearly \$357 million budget for 2022/23, after pulling it from the consent calendar to discuss a few issues, including the roughly 400 currently unfilled county positions on the books.

Many of those positions are funded in the budget, and 92 have been vacant for more than 18 months according to Patrick Hickey, field representative for the

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Parking restrictions for July 4th Parade

Submitted by Willits Police Department

On Monday, July 4th, the City of Willits will be hosting the annual Frontier Days Parade. The Willits Police Department seeks the assistance of those residents who live on the parade route, detour route, and parade staging areas in keeping the streets clear on July 4th.

During the last week of June, volunteers from the Frontier Days Committee will be going door to door in these areas handing out “No Parking” notices as a friendly reminder to residents about the special parking requirements on July 4th.

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Deputies arrest Willits woman on drugs charges

By Sgt. Mike Dygert, for MCSO

On Tuesday, June 21, at approximately 12:41 am, Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office deputies conducted a traffic stop in Willits, on a vehicle being driven by Amanda Sizemore, 42, from Willits.

Deputies contacted Sizemore who was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, at the Intersection of Hazel Street and Manzanita Avenue. Deputies observed a clear plastic bag containing over an ounce of marijuana.

Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and found several grams

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Friday, June 17:

HOMETOWN CELEBRATION
Main Street - Downtown Willits | 5 to 9 pm

Friday, June 24:

TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS
Jack Sharp Arena | 6 pm
Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10

STREET DANCE
featuring The Flat Busted Band
Following rodeo | Free

Saturday, June 25:

SWEETHEART JUDGING
Appearance & Poise
Noon | Rodeo Grounds

WFD JRS. BARRELS & POLES
Kick off series event
1 pm | Jack Sharp Arena

Sunday, June 26:

HORSESHOW
Jack Sharp Arena | 8 am

SWEETHEART JUDGING
Horsemanship:
During Horse Show | Jack Sharp Arena

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Rodeo Grounds | Noon

Wednesday, June 29:

CARNIVAL OPENS

Saturday, July 2:

JUNIOR RODEO
Jack Sharp Arena | 1 pm
Adult: \$10, Child (2 and under): free

Sunday, July 3:

LIONS COWBOY BREAKFAST
Rec Grove Park | 7 am
Adult: \$12, Child: \$8

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7 pm | Jack Sharp Arena
Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10

WESTERN DANCE
featuring Lance Michael Cornwell Band
Following rodeo | Free

Monday, July 4:

HORSESHOE CONTEST
Rec Grove Park | 10 am

PARADE "Western Heritage"
Main Street - Downtown Willits | 11 am

COUNTRY MUSIC RODEOLA
Rec Grove Park | Noon

BEEF BARBECUE
Rec Grove Park | Noon
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it's tough to stop. So they began with step-on sleds, where people would stand beside them and when the sled would go by, they would jump on them, which would increase the rate of skip or drag.

"After horses, tractors came into play," explained Massetti. "Then, as they started modifying tractors with more and more power, it became more dangerous when they were stepping onto the sled. Then they built the mechanized weight-transfer sleds that start off fairly light, that pull like a trailer. As the tires turn, they pull what we call 'the weight box' forward, which transfers the weight onto a big metal skid-pan, increasing the friction. Eventually, the friction overcomes the traction and horsepower the vehicle is making and then they stop.

"We'll have several tractors with two engines," said Massetti. "There's going to be a handful of Allison airplane engines. There are a couple with turbines which came out of either helicopters or airplanes, and the traditional V-8. These are not street machines, so the owners work on them the rest of the year. These are racing engines and built to last, but they're pushed to the edge each time. It doesn't take much for a small part-failure to become a major ordeal for a competitor."

The love that the competitors have for their trucks is evident in the names of these vehicles that they fondly call: "Green Reaper," "Green Adrenaline," "Savage Chick," "Milk Money," "White Lightning," "Semper Fi," "The Whip," "Lost Cause," "Orange Crush," "All Smoked Out," "Show No Mercy," and "Time Bandit," to name a few.

To see the results of the night's competition or for more information on MLM Motorsports, which puts on 10 to 12 events a year and rents out the weight sled to 30 more, visit: www.mlm-motorsports.com.



Above: The super-smoky Hot Farm Tractor Class entry, Dylan Baballe's "Orange Crush," made it to the 295.59-foot mark.

Photo by Mathew Caine

The rest of **Results** | *From page 3*

English Pleasure 12 & Under: First place went to Payton Shull on Ruger.

English Pleasure 13-17: First place went to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; second place went to Danielle Barry on Rebel; and third place went to Emelia Owsiany on Diesel.

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English Equitation Local 17 & Under: First place went to Payton Shull on Ruger; second to Emelia Owsiany on Madrone; third to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; and fourth to Danielle Barry on Rebel.

Lead Line Trail: First place went to Alex Pinon on Ethel and second to Dani Owen on Cookie.

Trail Class Open: First place went to Kaydance Lopez on Sweet Lie Jacobub; second to Danielle Barry on Rebel; third to Nicol Kunka on Classic Dash of Gold; fourth to Lars Brunner on Nevada Red; and fifth to Cora Brunner on He's a Real Cowboy.

Ranch Trail: First place went to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; second to Riata King on Hollywood Coco Rase; third to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; fourth to Nicol Kunka on Classic Dash of Gold; and fifth to Danielle Barry on Rebel.

Walk/ Jog Western Open: First place went to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; second place to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; third to Samantha Arms on Forever a Conquistador; fourth to Eva Pinon on Ethel; and fifth to Alayna Folsom on Tango.

Western Pleasure 12 & Under: First place went to Kaydance Lopez on Sweet Lie Jacobub; second to Cora Brunner on He's a Real Cowboy; and third to Payton Shull on Ruger.

Western Pleasure 13 – 17: First place went to Lars Brunner on Nevada Red; second to Danielle Barry on Rebel; third to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; and fourth to Emelia Owsiany on Diesel.

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Ranch Reining: First place went to Riata King on Hollywood Coco Rase; second to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; third to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; fourth to Nicol Kunka on Classic Dash of Gold; and fifth to Danielle Barry on Rebel.

Ranch Riding: First place went to Riata King on Hollywood Coco Rase; second to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; third to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; fourth to Danielle Barry on Rebel; and fifth to Nicol Kunka and Classic Dash of Gold.

Thank you to Mattie Owen for providing the results.



Above, from left: Danielle Barry rides Whiskey across poles in the horsemanship contest. Barry models her Western wear on the lawn at the rodeo grounds. Whiskey is quick, racing Barry around the arena for the sample Queen run.

At left: Judges pose with Barry, including Amanda Hiatt, left, Nick Durupt, and Noemi Bertolino, right.

Below, from left: Barry gives her speech centered on the theme of "Western Heritage" during the Poise and Personality contest. Barry smiles big when she's finally done with the speech. Barry talks with the judges, demonstrating her equestrian knowledge, during the horse show for the horsemanship portion of the contest.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



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Congrats Lee and Evelyn Persico

Congratulations to Lee and Evelyn Persico, who celebrated their 65th anniversary on June 21, 2022.

They have lived in, loved, worked and supported this community for all of those 65 years. We, their family, are so very fortunate for their undying love and support.

They have five children, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandsons.

Congratulations Dad and Mom, all our Love.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Banking by Cart



Above, left: Laura McBride and Booty stop at the ATM to do their banking. Above, right: Pony-owner Kristine Tyrrell smiles with her mom, Laura in the cart. Below: McBride and Tyrrell make their way to the ATM.

For the 19th year (there wasn't a ride in 2021), Laura McBride took her annual pass through the Savings Bank of Mendocino County ATM to help kick off the Willits Frontier Days celebration.

This year, however, she was not so much on "horseback" as she traditionally is; McBride broke her femur and was worried about how to make the ride work this year.

Thanks to the quick thinking of her daughter, Kristine Tyrrell, whose pony, Booty, was happy to step in and fill in for Twinkie for the 2022 ride, McBride was able to make the journey by pony cart instead.

At left: Savings Bank Commercial Loan Officer Tim King, left, poses in the cart with Laura McBride, next to Laura's daughter Kristine Tyrrell, Willits Branch Manager Miri Figueroa, and Banking Center Supervisor Chelsea Evans, right.



Willits Frontier Days | Heritage Award

Margie Hawthorne

The Willits Frontier Days Board of Directors proudly announces the recipient of the 2022 Heritage Award, Margie Handley who was married and now is known as Margie Hawthorne.

Margie is a longtime supporter of Willits Frontier Days, as she has sponsored this award in memory of her father Robert E. "Bob" Harrah for over 3 decades!

It has been a priority of her family to support an award that honors individuals, clubs and organizations that are primarily responsible for the continued success of this event in our small community.

The 2022 Theme Western Heritage brings focus to how important our heritage is to this organization. Margie has been an invaluable supporter of Willits Frontier Days and our entire community over the years. Her love of our town and energy is primarily responsible for the existence of the newly built Howard Hospital.

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– Submitted by Kathy Goss for Willits Frontier Days



Lee Persico smiles alongside 2022 Willits Frontier Days Heritage Award Winner Margie Hawthorne.

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Willits Frontier Days | Grand Marshal

The Cooley Family

The 2022 Willits Frontier Days Parade theme Western Heritage could not be better suited for their Grand Marshal: the Cooley Family! If you see Art and Annette Cooley around town these days, you'll no doubt notice the sparkle in their eyes.

Art and Annette are living their dream. Both from ranching families, Annette's family, Bob and Earlene Whitaker and Art's family, Stan and Betty Cooley (from Montague and McCloud). The two met while in college at Cal Poly. Smitten, they married on the Whitaker Ranch and have since made it there forever home. Their children have carried on the tradition by choosing their mates also from ranching families.

Son Stan, married Katie (from San Luis Obispo County) and has moved to Willits to work alongside Art and Annette on the family ranch. Their children, Clayton and Grady, are active in football, basketball, baseball, and high school rodeo.

Daughter Casey, married Chris Gudel (from the Elk Grove area) and they own the Gudel Cattle Company, producing bulls and project heifers for junior showmen, including their children, Gentry and Kade.

This 4th of July, you'll see them all grinning ear-to-ear leading the parade down Main Street.

– Submitted by Kathy Goss for Willits Frontier Days



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Above: Jaynene Johnson and her new young one help with the food at BACE. Below, left: Visitors paint rocks in front of the Willits Center for the Arts. Below, right: Louis Celaya paints a rock for his collection in front of the Willits Center for the Arts. At bottom: DJ Candace Luna entertains in front of Re-Evolution.



Creative Evening

Eight organizations participate in Willits Summer Art Walk, the first of five to be held on the last Saturday of the month through October

What do the Willits Center for the Arts; the Mendocino County Museum; BACE; Scoops Ice Cream, Deli and Catering; Kemmy's Pies; Shanachie Pub; Art in the Plaza; and Re-Evolution all have in common? These seemingly disparate entities all were participants in the first monthly Summer Art Walks.

They were inviting the residents of Willits into their locations to enjoy the myriad of arts available in this town. The idea is to entice people out of their homes in order to explore the wonders of creativity to be found throughout the businesses, museum and galleries. It's a social campaign to allow people to mingle and socialize as they discover the visual delights that can be found.

"This summer, the Willits arts community will showcase the best of Willits!" states the promotional material, found on the Willits Center for the Arts site: www.willitscenterforthearts.org. "Our downtown is brimming with talented artists and creative activity. Plan to spend the evening exploring art, history, music and dance."

The Summer Art Walks will be held on the last Saturday of each month through October, from 5 to 8 pm. Although, the BACE art space continued the fun well into the night with an Ecstatic Dance.

BACE (Beyond A Common Experience), at 101 North Main Street, is the new art and music space that has taken over the Leopold Collective location, just north of Northspur Brewery. It is the vision of David Blesse and Graham Considine.

"Our vision is bringing in elements of a festival setting into a one-night space and using mixed-media presentations," said Blesse and Considine. "There's no real venue, other than Shanachie Pub in Willits. The nightlife is all but nil. The focus is on music and art, mixed-media art, interactive art, and generative art."

"Generative art is algorithmic and procedural," they explained. "It's art that is continuously changing, making art that drives itself through creative coding. Some of it can be interactive. Some of it can be just geometric shapes, undulating endlessly."

Later in the evening, tea was served ceremoniously as the music pulsed with ever-changing projected art.

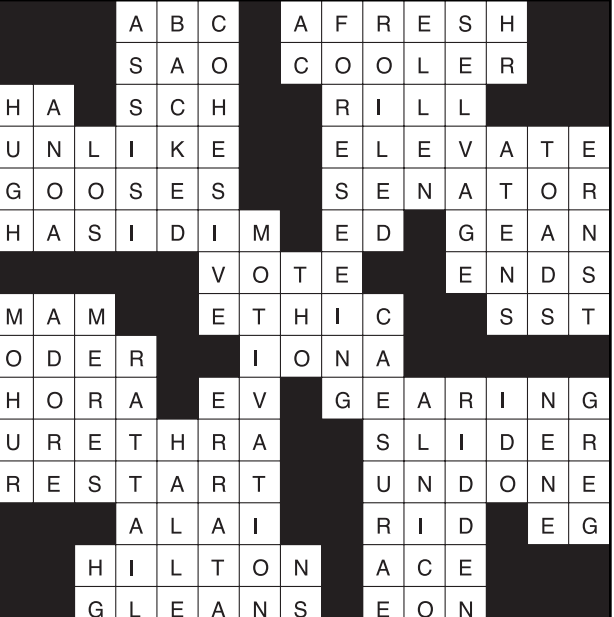
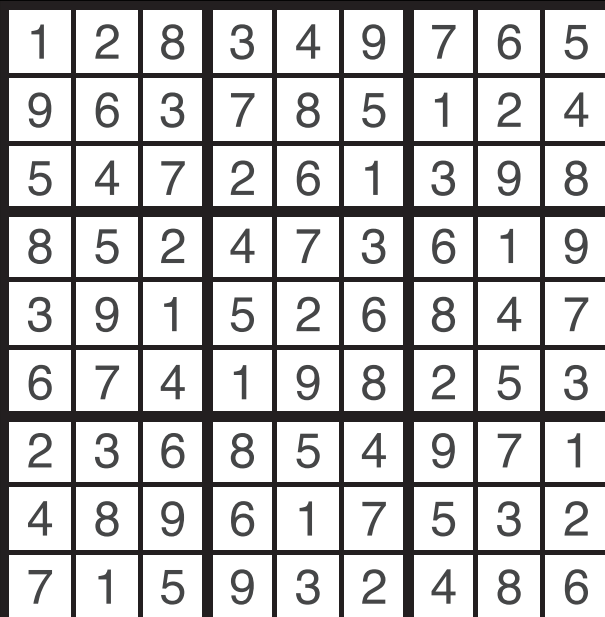
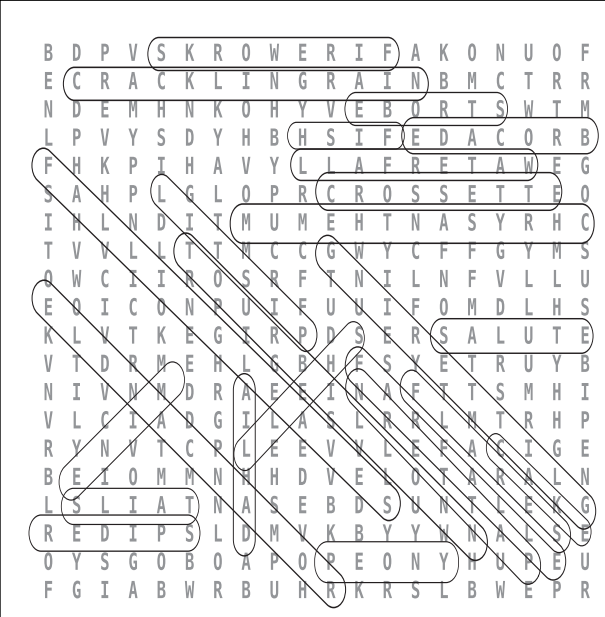
At the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street, the museum's 50th anniversary specials were placed in various locations throughout the building.

"We have our 50th anniversary exhibit," said Karen Mattson, the museum director. "Everywhere you see a gold bow is a newspaper clipping that shows the history of us acquiring that collection. As you go around, you're going to see a gold bow and an article. We brought up some special, significant selections through time. We have the 50th wedding anniversary quilt for Stella James with brands from all the different families that put in a square."

The museum was also still displaying the traveling exhibition, "Bear in Mind: the Story of the California Grizzly." For more information on what's happening at the Mendocino County Museum, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cultural-services-agency/museum.

Moving west to 299 East Commercial Street at the Skunk Train Depot, Kemmy's Pies offered Natalie Moss'

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At far left: In addition to his charcuterie boards inside, Nick Balz entertained the kids with his balloon creations. At left: There was a steady flow of attendees at the opening of the Pomo art exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts. Below: Dave and Crystal Bowles view art by Morgan Rex at Art in the Plaza.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2022-F0316
The following LLC is doing business as Shamrock Artisan Goat Cheese, 24225 Reynolds Highway, Willits CA 95490.
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FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 15, 2022.
/s/ Ana Cox, manager
Publication dates: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022

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CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PROJECT NO. 2022-03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:
The work shown on the project plans entitled:

**CITY OF WILLITS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PROJECT PLANS**

For:

Groundwater Resiliency Improvement Project, Phase I - Project No. 2022-03

This project includes the following work: For the purposes of upgrading an existing raw water transmission line, the project includes the installation of 3,600 feet of 10-inch DR-11 HDPE pipe using directional drilling and not open trenching; abandonment of the existing 6" raw water line in place; the installation of a new 8-inch gate valve; connecting the new 10-inch HDPE to existing 8-inch C-900 PVC pipe at the new gate valve at the south end of the project; connecting the new 10-inch HDPE to an existing 6-inch gate valve at the Elias Replacement Well at the north end of the project; stormwater pollution prevention measures; and the abandonment of the existing 6-inch SCH40 raw water line in place. The directional drilling methodology and mitigation measures identified in the plans and associated environmental documents are designed to reduce impacts to sensitive species of plants and animals in the project area.

IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &
The work described in specifications books entitled:
**CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET
CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET**
For:
Groundwater Resiliency Improvement Project, Phase I - Project No. 2022-03
IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California
will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 10 a.m., July 28th, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.

Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:

Proposal Packet For:
City of Willits
Public Works Department
Groundwater Resiliency Improvement Project, Phase I - Project No. 2022-03

Example award forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:

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THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$ 482,000.00
Key Dates:
• Pre-bid Meeting: July 18, 2022, 2:00 p.m. (meet at Public Works Yard)
• Final Questions from Bidders: July 20, 2022
• Final Addendum Issued: July 25, 2022
• Bid Opening: July 28, 2022, 10 a.m.
• Project Start Date: August 30, 2022
• Project length: 45 calendar days

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

Brandy Sanderson
Public Works Administrative Assistant
bsanderson@cityofwillits.org
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Plans will be distributed electronically free of charge.
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NOTICE INVITING BIDS
1. Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District ("District"), of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the BLOSSER LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT ("Project") upto, but not later than, 2 pm, on July 28, 2022 and will thereafter publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the Willits Unified School District Office, 1277 Blosser Lane, Willits, CA 95490.
2. Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Architect, Almeida Architecture, 555 S. Main Street, Suite 2, Sebastopol CA, County of Sonoma, California, and may be obtained by licensed contractors upon payment of a nonrefundable deposit of one hundred and seventy-five (\$175) per set.
3. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California as a surety, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will execute the Contract Documents and will provide the required payment and performance bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the contract.
4. The successful bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code pertaining to payment of the generally prevailing rate of wages and apprenticeships of other training programs. The Department of Industrial Relations has made available the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the contract, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes. Copies of these prevailing rates are available to any interested party upon request and are online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine any rate change.
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6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted.
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10. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industrial Relations at time of bid opening and at all relevant times. Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the commencement of any work.
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By: Terry McEntee
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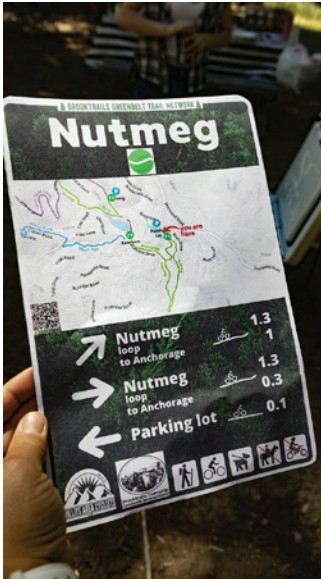
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Above, from left: Adam Sherf works on a bike, giving it an expert tune-up. A rider tries out his recumbent bike on the trails. WAC Vice President Chris Beebe is ready to help give bikes a tune up.

At far left: These trail signs, developed by WAC, will be placed strategically along the trails, imparting information as to where you are on the trail and the steepness.

At left: WAC member Sam Senerchia shows the trail map to Joe and Sue Benoit.

Mapping Trails

Willits Area Cyclists hold picnic to introduce their newly erected kiosk featuring a map of Brooktrails' foot and bike paths

The Par Course in Brooktrails Township has a new feature. A beautifully crafted redwood kiosk, just inside the gates to the run, walk and bike loop, lets people who are interested in recreational trails in the area see, in detail, the possible routes and accesses. The kiosk, a project of the Willits Area Cyclists, is chock-full of information about trailheads, rules, and safety measures.

In order to introduce the new edifice, as well as to enjoy the day, have some fun, and appreciate the great weather, WAC invited the public to a picnic. The event was complete with a bike clinic to tune-up participant's bikes for the summer, a couple of bike-oriented games, and face-painting.

"This is a fun event to try and get people out on bikes," explained Chris Beebe, vice president of WAC. "We might set up a little obstacle course and have a couple little circus games like bicycle-wheel bowling, throwing bicycle rims over cones, maybe a little limbo action. We want to show off the new kiosk with the new map so people can actually see the trails. In Brooktrails they're often secluded. There are many more trails than just the Par Course."

The map was a project of the Brooktrails Recreation Committee, including Adam Sherf, president of WAC, and Crystal Schiffbauer-Bowles, who, along with Lynn Webber, walked, ran and biked all the trails to create GPS and Google Map data. It has been in production since 2015.

"On the kiosk, there's a PayPal bar code so people can contribute to our non-profit group, Willits Area Cyclists," continued Beebe. "This helps our group do more with the trail systems. It helps us to purchase materials and do upgrades. The map shows all the greenbelts, shows where private property is.

"We're going to have a bulletin board on the backside of the kiosk," said Beebe, "that is hopefully going to get some artwork that we will post, and maybe we'll have a little signage as to when all of our events may be and when our trail work days will be. We tend to have a trail day once a month and we'll also post our board meetings."

The Willits Area Cyclists have been indefatigable in their efforts to keep the trails workable, to re-route those

that need it, and to install bridges and other necessary appliances.

"We are now the official stewards of all the trails in Brooktrails Township. It's now our responsibility to keep the trails clean and flowing. We don't want trees down on the trails or having to re-route the trails. If people would like to get involved, we're always looking for outside involvement," said Beebe.

Among their recent projects are a series of signs to be placed strategically on the trails with information showing a hiker / biker's current location, how to access other trails, and the amount of rise of the trail. Other projects include: Mike's Trail re-route and installation of a bridge.

"We've cleaned up the Beaver Trail which is off of Primrose," explained Beebe. "We still have three bridges to build up there. We did a complete trail revamping of the Dutch Henry Trail which is on the north end of Lake Emily, which will connect the east-side parking area over to Poppy, where you can then access the Thimbleberry Trail and get up into those cool, shady trails.

"We have plans to put in a bridge on Thimbleberry at the first creek crossing," he said. "We are acquiring the bridge that got destroyed at Little Darby, which has been donated to WAC. We're going to go up there and dismantle it, bring it back, and assess the damaged pieces, and make a new bridge out of the materials. We're just trying to stay active and keep moving forward and make it a positive place to ride.

"The rising fuel prices are not encouraging to drive out of town, so we can enjoy a bike ride when we've got it right here in our local township," said Beebe. "We just want the public to know that there is a map and that there is more fun to be had in Brooktrails than one might think."

For more info on Willits Area Cyclists, visit their Facebook page.

Online trail maps can be accessed at: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1vPdHqsI67OnmP7uolXyJzXo9rdojiLLG&ll=39.436734721704184%2C-123.40076018798582&z=13>.

For iPhone / Apple Maps users, here is a doc explaining how to convert the Google map to your Apple Map: <https://apple.stackexchange.com/questions/178418>.



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Above: The map at the kiosk has been in production since 2015.

At left: Abigail Sherf takes a turn at bicycle-wheel bowling.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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The Willits Police Department seeks your assistance and cooperation in making the Frontier Days Parade an enjoyable family experience.

The following streets with be affected by the parade: East Commercial Street, South Main Street, East Valley Street, and South Lenore.

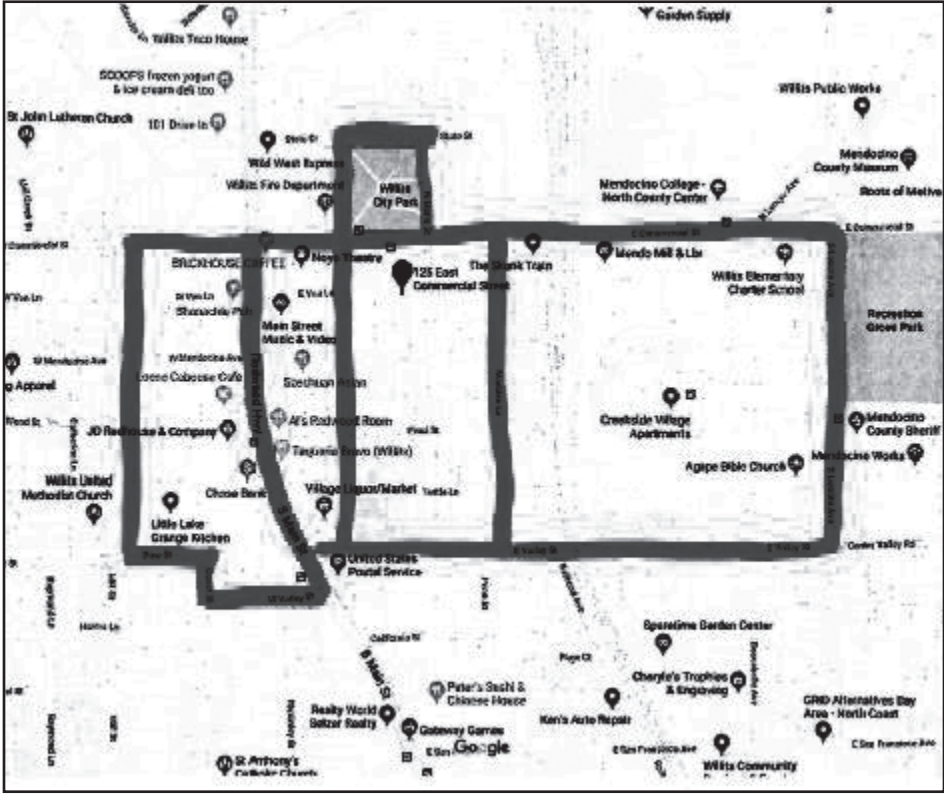
The following streets will be affected by the detour: West Commercial Street, School Street, Pine Street, Coast Street, and West Valley Street.

In a separate notice from Willits Police Department, residents are reminded that enforcement in areas where special No

Parking signs are posted, enforcement will begin at 6 am on July 4 and will remain in effect until the parade is completed.

"It is extremely important that you assist the Willits Police Department by not parking in the "No Parking" areas, as well as reminding those that may be visiting you," said Willits Police Chief Fabian Lizarraga in the notice. "Once the enforcement process begins, any vehicle parked in the "No Parking" areas will be subject to towing pursuant to Willits Municipal Code section 10.32.070.

"Your assistance and cooperation will be greatly appreciated on Sunday, July 4."



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Service Employees International Union, chapter 1021, which many county workers belong to.

While the board did pass the 2022/23 budget and the "Master Position Allocation Table" for county jobs at the meeting, they directed staff to bring back the unfilled positions issue on the agenda at a later date with a clearer picture of which were funded in the budget and how.

Board Chair Ted Williams asked in particular that the county look into the possibility of raising the wages of positions paid for by the state to "market rate" to make them more desirable for applicants, following a suggestion by Hickey during public comments.

Hickey said that 231 out of 402 unfilled county positions are in "non-general fund departments" – meaning they're likely state or federally funded – and that "failure to fill these positions has deprived Mendocino County of vital services that seriously impact our residents.

"It has also kept tens of millions of state and federal dollars from flowing into our community," Hickey added. "This is free money. Let's pay market rate wages so that we can attract the talent we need to serve our community."

Supervisors have asked at previous meetings about the status of unfilled positions and if some could possibly be eliminated from the rolls, and this line of questioning continued last week.

"So we're passing the budget without really knowing what those numbers are about how many are funded but not filled?" asked Third District Supervisor John Haschak.

Interim County CEO Darcie Antle said she was expecting heads of the various departments to give reports on that information soon, but did give a general summary.

"At this time there's about 400 vacancies; approximately half of those are general fund positions and a significant portion of those are in public safety," she said. "So the ask is out, we expect it back from the department heads by Friday."

Hickey said that from what he saw, the county had 402 "budgeted but vacant" positions, 172 of which are paid for by the general fund, and he pointed out 17 county positions which had been vacant for more than four years.

"So we have two recommendations," he said. "Freeze 1/3 of the general fund positions that are not revenue-producing and redirect those funds to help stabilize the current workforce. This would free up \$5 to 6 million that would help address the downward pressure that inflation is putting on county wages and the general fund positions. The county needs to operate within its means."

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of methamphetamine, approximately two pounds of marijuana, paper blots of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), and drug paraphernalia associated with selling illicit drugs.

Deputies learned Sizemore was legally prohibited from possessing or using pepper spray, which she possessed at the time of the stop.

Deputies arrested Sizemore on charges of 11359(c) H&S (Possess Marijuana for Sale with Prior Conviction); 22810 (a) PC (Unlawful Possession of Tear Gas Weapon-Pepper Spray); 11378 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale); 11379 H&S (Transportation of Controlled Substance for Sale); and 11350 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance)

She was booked into the Mendocino County Jail, where she was to be held in lieu of \$25,000.00 bail.



Amanda Sizemore of Willits.

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help prevent wildfires and injuries caused by fireworks. The risk of starting a fire after years of drought and with the current dry conditions is extremely high.

CAL FIRE is also reminding the public of the state's zero tolerance regarding the use or sale of illegal fireworks. CAL FIRE is working closely with local law enforcement and firefighting agencies to seize illegal fireworks and prosecute those found in possession of them.

Any person can be held liable for the fire-fighting costs as well as property damage costs associated with the start of a wildfire. Often, these costs can be into the millions of dollars.



The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at professional fireworks shows. Check your local area for professional shows and do not risk your safety and the safety of others by using illegal and dangerous fireworks at home.

Have a fire safe Fourth of July! One less spark means one less wildfire.

For more information about how you and your family can prepare for wildfire, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

The board was in agreement that the matter should be investigated more, including Haschak.

"When we were giving \$25,000 ... I didn't think we were giving it to run political campaigns, and that's what it sounds like a lot of that money is being used for," said Haschak.

Supervisors Maureen Mulheren and Glenn McGourty did urge that the board continue to support the IWPC, so long as the money is spent the right way.

"The \$25,000 that this board has invested [per year] is incredibly important," said Mulheren. "Agriculture supplies \$16 million in sales tax money to our economy. The Potter Valley Project and what happens in Lake Mendocino affects the entire county, and I do support continuing to do the \$25,000 contribution."

"If you look at what IWPC is spending their money on," added McGourty, "it's mostly legal assistance from Scott Shapiro who is our legal counsel as we try to negotiate the purchase of the Potter Valley Project from PG&E, primarily for the water issues."

There was some confusion on how much county money had been allotted to the commission this year.

While Gjerde was concerned it could be as much as \$50,000, Department of Transportation Director Howard Dashiell said the amount remained at \$25,000.

However, Interim CEO Antle later said that, after taking a closer look at the budget, the current total slated for the IWPC in 2022/23 appeared to be only \$2,500.

The Mendocino County IWPC says on its website that it "serves as a unified voice to consult on water issues such as raising Coyote Dam, protecting local water rights, and the viability of the Potter Valley Project."

IWPC members include the County of Mendocino, the City of Ukiah, and the water districts of Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, and Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control.

Mental health contracts

Another action by the board last week was the approval of around \$15.7 million in contracts with six different providers for mental health services in the county in 2022/23.

Redwood Community Services received the largest contract of \$8.5 million.

According to county Behavioral Health Director Janine Miller, the money will go towards "specialty mental health services," which includes those covered with MediCal and "the indigent population," and the state will cover roughly 60% of the funding.

Others approved for contracts with the county were Anchor Health Management (\$1.35 million), MCAVHN Care and Prevention (\$420,000), Mendocino County Youth Project (\$958,000), Tapestry Family Services (\$3.9 million), and Mendocino

Coast Hospitality Center (\$592,000).

Miller gave a presentation to the board detailing all the different types of services offered by the different mental health providers, and the number of clients they had served in the last year.

She said that in 2021/22, RCS had provided 828 clients with crisis services, and more than 900 others with other types of mental health services such as a "youth resource center," an "interpersonal skills training center," a "behavioral health court," "transitional age-supportive housing," and "adult residential."

The projections for the number of clients RCS would treat this fiscal year were similar.

Director Miller said that administrative services for the contracts would be provided by Anchor Health Management – formerly known as Redwood Quality Management Company – but that the county would be having more control regarding the oversight of the behavioral health contracts this year.

"We are bringing those contracts in-house," she said, "which means we will still have an ASO [administrative services officer], the ASO will still perform the function they've been performing, but the county will hold the subcontractors contracts now.

"[This] will give the county the ability to ... make sure that we have everything we need for audit purposes," Miller continued, "and the ability to have one general ledger for when the state does our cost report audits. It'll all be in one general ledger so we'll be able to really track that and show how our funds went and where the dollars were spent."

Several of those who work at the various providers given contracts spoke during public comments about the challenges over the last few years and goals as they move forward.

Dr. Joseph Beeney is Clinical Director of Psychology at RCS, and talked about why he returned to the county where he grew up after getting a PhD and teaching in Pennsylvania for five years.

"One of the reasons I decided to come back to this area is that I wanted to have a positive impact on the health of this community," he said. "I grew up here, and I saw a lot of suffering due to mental illness. My brother died due to mental illness. And I wanted to have a role in easing that pain."

"I've been back here for almost two years now, and my focus at RCS has really been on making sure we're providing the best-quality treatments we can offer," he continued. "I keep in mind the people I grew up with, all of those kids who were growing up hard, with parents who'd grown up hard. And I want to know that I've done something to break that cycle.

"My goal is to engage all of our providers, in a journey to help them to develop into world-class case managers, rehab specialists, and clinicians."

Wide-eyed Harriett

Harriett is a curious, young girl who likes to explore her surroundings. She gets along well with other cats and we think she would do well in a home with children.



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

Bubbly Roxie

Meet Roxie! She's an absolute sweetheart, who is quick to learn, very playful, and loves people and other dogs. Her favorite pastimes include following her human(s) around the house, going on walks, and snuggling. Her former foster mom worded it perfectly: "Roxie is a fun, snuggly goofball. We promise you will never meet a dog more excited about bubbles!"

Roxie is great on a leash, and is crate-trained and kennel-trained. When playing, she can be a little "mouthy" but she's easily directed to more appropriate activities. And now with her increased activity and playtime with other dogs at our sanctuary, she is a very social happy camper and is eager to get love. Roxie is also looking for a foster home while she awaits her forever one.

To learn more about Roxie 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 pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

Playful Rosemary

Meet our beautiful girl, Rosemary. Rosemary came to us a few months ago with three of her puppies who have all found their forever homes. Rosemary did a wonderful job raising her kiddos but now it's time for her to be someone's baby. Rosemary has gone to a few foster homes who have adored her. Her foster families state she is a lovely house guest who loves to play, especially tug-of-war or with her Kong. She is a quick learner, who knows basic commands and loves to give you loves and kisses!



She also loves to have a good cuddle session with you! Rosemary is ready to find her forever family; could she be a part of yours?

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



OBITUARY | Georgia McMillan Keesey

Georgia McMillan Keesey passed away peacefully on June 15, 2022 at 103 years old. Her three sons, Loyal, Alex, and Rod were by her bedside at the end. She leaves nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Born in Crumpler, North Carolina on February 15, 1919, her family soon moved to a small farm in Maryland where Georgia attended a one-room schoolhouse with Georgia being the only 8th grader. She helped tutor the younger students and was paid 25 cents a week to start the fire in the classroom stove each morning. She went on to Jarrettsville High School in Jarrettsville, Maryland. Immediately after high school, Georgia worked as a telephone switchboard operator.

In 1940 Georgia became a registered nurse finding work in New York City and then Klamath Falls, Oregon. She married in 1945 to Loyal Carlon Jr. while he was serving in the U.S. Marines. They started a family in Maryland and then moved to Overland Park, Kansas. In 1957 the family moved to Pasadena, California. As her three sons got to school age, she returned to nursing.

She lived her last 40 years in Willits in Mendocino County nearer her children and grandchildren. Georgia had a wide reputation wherever she was living as an excellent cook and baker. As a result, her children always cleared their dinner plates so not to be denied dessert! As her generational family grew, she hosted many Sunday afternoon dinners. Her almond butter crunch was a family favorite during the holidays for decades. Georgia will also be remembered for modeling her Christian beliefs.

While she loved to tell a good joke, she usually ended up laughing herself before she got to the punchline. Her laugh was infectious. Her game of choice was bridge, with Scrabble as a close second. It was fruitless to try and beat her at Scrabble, and she continued to act surprised every time she won.

Our family will miss her but also know how lucky it was to have her with us for so long. She left us with enough memories to last another 103 years.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

‘Elvis’



Dan Essman
Columnist

The Story:

Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), born in Tupelo, Mississippi, singing his heart out in Memphis, Tennessee, performing to crowds of women driven into screaming ecstasy by his hip shakes and pelvic thrusts. He meets a carny hustler/conman who called himself Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks), who convinces Elvis to sign with him as a manager. Problems arise, and that's an understatement.

Meanwhile, it's the Fifties, and rock-n-roll is conquering America and Elvis is the brand-new king. We post-millennium folks forget just how scary Presley's sexy shake-shake hips, and sultry eyes, and pouty lips were to the

uptight squares of the Era. Moms and Dads had never seen anything like Elvis Presley. He was a white boy singing like a black boy, like "race music." It was a helluva time, and a joyful and painful saga. It's his true story.

My Thoughts: The acting in this movie, especially Austin Butler's Elvis and Tom Hanks' Colonel Parker, is so believable and so intense that the Film Academy should just package up their Oscars right now. I studied acting and lived with a professional Method acting coach for 20-plus years, and I'm in awe.

So, I'm raving about the production, the performances, the art directing, the editing. Director Baz Luhrmann has given us a high-class, big-budget Hollywood spectacular that we the long-suffering audience deserve. "Elvis" is worth the ticket.

Parents: There are some adult themes of corruption and betrayal for money. This is not for children. Teens and up.

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



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