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The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and the Round Valley Indian Tribe filed this action on October 30 for violations of the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. The tribes are represented by the law firm Cohlco, Ptle

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The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has filed a lawsuit, owner of Grist Creek Aggregates, Inc. of Covelo, $21,864 in penalties, all of which were paid in full.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps.

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The Mendocino County Museum will host the unveiling and dedication ceremony of the Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam War Veterans Memorial at 2 pm on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11. The ceremony is in keeping with the support of Museum Director Tom Wake, who spearheaded the project to create the memorial, and in honor of the fallen county servicemen who lost their lives during that war and will be the first time these 22 residents have been honored as a group.

“When America goes off to war, our families go off to war,” observes Dennis Miner, born in Willits, the 5-year-old Miner viewed actor Audie Murphy in the World War II movie “To Hell and Back” at the Noyo Theatre. Accordingly to Miner, “That set my career.

At age 19, he entered the military and spent 20 years in the service, achieving the rank of sergeant. After leaving active service he attended college with the help of the Vietnam Era GI Bill and retired as a Major. Having never fought there, many of whose families he knew.

With the 50th anniversary of American involvement in the war approaching, Miner wrote a letter to the now deceased mother of Kenneth Alan Butler, Jr., a Willits resident killed in the war in 1968 at the age of 25. In the letter, Miner expressed his grief for the life that Butler did not live, as well as the pride his mother should take for her son’s sacrifice for what he thought was right.

Writing this letter prompted Miner to embark on a quest to learn the names and stories of the other Mendocino County servicemen who died. As he reflects: “In rural Mendocino County, I knew almost every serviceman who had died. As he reflects: “In rural Mendocino County, I knew almost every serviceman who had died. They were among my closest friends. They were the people I grew up with. They were part of my family. They were part of my community. They were part of my world.”

In 1955, the U.S. landed Marines at Da Nang, Vietnam, initiating a 10-year conflict that employed 500,000 U.S. personnel, involved the Air Force, Navy, Marines and Army, and claimed 58,000 American lives. Estimates for Vietnamese dead range from 1.5 to 3 million. In 1975, as U.S. forces withdrew, the Saigon government in South Vietnam fell to communist forces.

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Above A crew from Bill Wilcox & Gravel Works, out of Chico, California, installing the new Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam War Veterans Memorial at the Mendocino County Museum last week.

At left: Lifting the memorial into place. Photos by Holly Mardigal

Below: A mock-up of the design for the memorial, honoring 22 fallen Mendocino County servicemen, which is to be unveiled at a 2 pm ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11.

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Willits Winter Farmers Market: from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday at 291 School Street. First day on the Grange on November 5. For more information, call 459-2421. Join the Friends of the Willits Library on Saturday, November 14, 9 to 10 am, to donate or loan to the museum your old books and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, or music, the new edition of Willits Weekly.

The Emanuel Chorale: ongoing rehearsals Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, the last Chorale season, at the Little Lake Grange great hall, 291 School Street. In search of new voices. For more information, call 459-2080.

Inner Resources Institute: three just-started free programs at the new Inner Resource Institute, 1903 Hoard Road at the Glass Church, will have local grains and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, or music, the new edition of Willits Weekly.

The Mendocino Community Museum: continuing her savory wraps, cookies, sweet breads, and more. For more information, call 459-2080.

Willits Farmers Market: on Saturday, November 14, 9 to 10 am, all ages. Willits Weekly is wrote by Daniel Essman. To view the latest issue, visit www.willitsweekly.com.
Halloween

Willits celebrates in hometown style Halloween in Willits was full of family-friendly fun. Many young ones started their evening with a spooky treat from Mad Bean’s Poetry Night at the library. Children librarian Benjamin MacBean did a fabulous job playing a variety of characters and telling frightful props such as mixed vegetables and a failing report card. It was an instant success.

Following the show Mad Bean led princesses, superheroes, animals and other creatures through the library for a trick-or-treat parade. Costumed volunteers gave out treats, and children were allowed to pick two books to take home.

Children headed to an array of ghastly activities after the library’s celebrations concluded. Downtown businesses had treats ready for all the costumed trick or treaters that came to their doors. Neighboring stores were alive with the undead and other nighttime inhabitants. Local photographers from Printin’ Plus did portraits at a booth set up on Commerce Street. Perhaps one of the most exciting attractions downtown was the 2nd Annual Haunted House at the fire station.

The haunted house was a big hit. Creepy characters jumped out at every corner, scaring many of the parents as much as their children. Local police said that the first haunted house was kind of an impromptu decoration that came up one day, and neighborhoods Lincoln Avenue and other areas were full of ghouls and goblins. Parents were invited to take their kids out for an evening of fun.

Since Jeramey was unable to trick-or-treat, the family was going to give out candy at the fire station. The fire department crew decided to make Jeramey’s homecoming a little more exciting and they threw the whole family a little Halloween party. It was the first such celebration.

“Coming together to make Halloween special for the community, we wanted as much as the common values of the Little Lake Fire Department. It was something that we’ve been working on, it was a surprise for the holidays and the children,” said Jeramey.

The war created bitter divisions and tumultuous protests in U.S. Veterans were often scapegoated or persecuted, even after their return, even as their stories remained untold and many remained missing in action. (First Lieutenant Lee Aaron Wells, who was killed in action, did not have his remains identified until 2005.)

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“Silk and Iron” November show at Art Center showcases inspiration from everyday items

“Silk and Iron” is the theme, but apple, nuts, seeds, cotton, farm journals, plant, steel, electrical insulators, paper, sea weed, marmalade, chicken, and so much more were all used to create the art by four talented friends on display at the Willits Center for the Arts in November.

Malatyn Adams, Sarah Adams, Brian Bookis and Lisa Bowles will be on hand to welcome art lovers to the artists’ studio on Saturday, November 7, from 6 to 9 pm at 71 East Commercial Street.

The common thread throughout these artists’ work is their love for nature. Each one of the artists sees beauty in everyday items that come across in their work.

Sarah Adams, who lives and works at Emerald Farm, became fascinated with eggs and went on to use her basket-weaving skills to display them. She learned to weave baskets at ages 10 years old in the art class of Emalade. She uses only natural materials, many of which are grown on the farm, in the creation of her baskets.

She has woven wooden baskets, quilts, fabric, chicken and duck eggs throughout the year, and has created baskets full of preserved fruit and flowers using some of her most precious tools: a 12-year-old shockproof camera can hold up to his active life as a farmer/photographer. His photography incorporates those skills in his art to reflect his love of nature and the farm. The art show not only includes the artist will also display her quilts created over the years, but also the “backyard garden” of the farm herself. She has been selling her quilts since she was 19 years old, beginning with her first quilt in 1970.

Lisa Bowles used young apples from a variety of apple trees on the farm for her spring-themed collage, “Chickens Live.”

Above left: Brian Bookis created a basket from the “oldest apple” tree on his property, which he has taken care of for the last 23 years. He said he would love to see more dogs and cats, as well as more birds and flowers around the farm. His hope is that the art show will inspire others to look at the natural beauty that surrounds them.

Above right: Lisa Bowles used a variety of materials, including metal, paper, and wood, to create her collage, “Chickens Live.”

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Fuzzy Friends Hoping for a Home

Lisa is a 1-year-old female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 12 pounds. Lisa came to us via a referral on the shy side, which is understandable, especially for such a small dog. The shelter is a loud, busy place full of...
Above, left: Costume winners and their prizes pose for the camera. Above, right: Office McCloud and Kit Cobb.
Below, Walker, Wyatt and Bistardo speak with the judge.
Below, left: Judges assess costumes to determine the winners.
Below, left: Costume participants Matt, Jim and Bobby hold the winning pumpkin.
Above: Matt ties his, his brother and pumpkin bowling during the Pet Parade event.

Willits Power’s Pet Parade

Dressed-up pets and people alike came to celebrate during Willits Power and Hardware’s Pet Parade event on October 31. The event ran from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Willits Power location in downtown Willits to have fun. Games like pumpkin bowling, pole-a-pumpkin, a turn in the Yokum’s Body Shop bounce games and seeing the dressed-up pairs. Willits Power’s Miss Willits稠洲小姐 noted she was happy to see a good turnout, and that patrons enjoyed playing the games and seeing the dressed-up pets.

Three vendors were also on site offering goodies: pet store Tiko Tails had treats and pet products for all kinds of critters, Jacki Pedaleur and her Pico San Gordo Booth featured wooden pet memorials, ornaments, puzzles and more, and new Mexican restaurant Taqueria Maria had food options, including some tamales that Great Willits稠洲小姐 noted were “to die for!”

Willits Power’s Pet Parade

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McCarthy, with offices in Bellingham, Los Angeles, Seattle and New York, was co-founded by James Russ, president of the Round Valley Tribal Council, and the Sherwood tribe did put out a statement on October 24, saying that was a “weak” statement.

In an October 24 press release, John Grogan, president of the Willits City Council, said: “Dollar General must not be allowed to endanger cultural resources and sacred sites simply to build a highway bypass. Imagining Caltrans treating a church with such disrespect is a real injustice, in my opinion. Here I would like to say that I am not a government of a government of laws, and not men. And if you look at that theory, and you hold to that theory, Dollar General – as disaffected as we are to this to this, with all my heart in it, totally with the people in this room. I want to keep (Caltrans) accountable, and the state of California is an Act get our head around the idea that they followed the law. The law is the law. The General Plan written in 2009 was imperious. There is a lot more to say, including the language about smart growth and aesthetics. As our own counsel said, it’s very, very important.

‘But still, in Mendocino County, the government is the people, and the government is law.

‘Here’s the other thing. This thing has really been bothering me. If we destroy it, it will be a loss to all of us. We will lose a lot of that money comes from the town of Mendocino, which is one of the main attractions in this county.

‘It’s been 20 years since we updated the Mendocino Town Plan. It has cost a lot of money, especially when you consider that this is a status quo plan. I mean, we’re not trying to turn this into Disneyland,” Hamas said.

The board approved the extension of the meeting without setting a date for the next meeting. Willits Power’s Pet Parade event was scheduled for November 4, 2015.

Super projects on CDBG wish list

Late in the afternoon, after the vote on the business meeting, the board discussed what projects would be placed on the wish list for the next fiscal period. Willits Power’s Pet Parade event was added to the wish list.

The contract amendment was approved 4-1, with McCarthy voting no.

Many in-store specials and sales!

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