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Board gets mid-year budget update

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter , villitsweekly@gmail.com

The Mendocino County Supervisors Board of heard a mid-year report on the county's 2023/24 fiscal year budget at their Tuesday meeting week. Supervisors last unanimously voted then to accept the report recommendations, and adding several new items, including looking again at the way the budget plan uses realignment funding.

County CEO Darcie Antle started out her budget report by saying "the board of supervisor's goal of a living wage for all employees continues to be a primary goal, along with Public Safety and economic development.

"Many fiscal challenges have impacted the 2023/24 budget," Antle continued. "The year began using over \$7 million in one-time funds to balance the budget. At this midyear report the state of California and the county continue to experience flat revenue while experiencing rising costs in labor, benefits, utilities, fuel and material costs.

"Working with the county leadership and with feedback from the board of supervisors," Antle said, "a budget deficit plan was created. This plan contained primary three areas: Revenue management, expense management, and leadership accountability."



Above, from left: John Roy Zat (aka John Croizat) played fiddle and guitar, and assisted in ravioli creation, during the first annual Whiskey Seminar Weekend at Emandal. An assortment of antipasti complemented the first whiskey offered by Mendocino Spirits. Sunday morning brunch was a hand-made delight with biscuits, corned beef hash, fruit and more. Below: Crispin Cain, president and director of Production at Mendocino Spirits, cheers the gathered crowd on St. Patrick's Day Eve with the traditional Irish phrase for toasts: "Sláinte," as wife and business partner Tamar, raises her glass also, at right.





Wonderful Whiskey Weekend Mendocino Spirits holds private

years

Whiskey Seminar weekend event at Emandal for St Patrick's Day

About 20 folks made the trek out west of Willits towards Hearst over St. Patrick's Day weekend, to visit the picturesque farm, Emandal – A Farm on a River, for an amazing educational event all about whiskey.

> Crispin Cain and Tamar Kave of Mendocino Spirits hosted the educational whiskey seminar

Little Lake Fire to hold April 27 poker benefit

publication

Annie Evarts Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Little Lake Fire Training Chief Jeff Donaldson announced the upcoming "Texas Hold 'Em" Poker Tournament to be put on by the Little Lake Firefighters Association at last Tuesday's meeting of the board of directors.

The benefit event will be held April 27 at Sparetime Distribution at 300 East Commercial Street. If you're a regular player, or just want to come out, support the fire department, and try your luck, the buy in is \$100. Little Lake's volunteers will also be preparing a full tritip dinner that is included in the price of the buy-in.

The Firefighters Association often uses fundraising money to purchase new equipment; equipment they might not have been able to afford otherwise. Michelle Schnitzius, administrative assistant for Little Lake Fire, said last year's fundraiser was used to buy three gas detection meters; small but pricey devices that, among other things, help keep firefighters from inadvertent toxic exposure. The association was also able to purchase an infrared camera. These cameras detect heat and can help create a heat map letting firefighters know where to

At present, this budget

Read the rest of Budget Over on Page 11

MCSO deputy saves a life with Narcan medical aid

By Sgt. T. Del Fiorentino for MCSO

On March 11, 2024 at approximately 2:14 pm, Mendocino County а Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched to an unknown problem at a business located in the 8500 block of East Road in Redwood Valley. Upon the deputy's arrival he learned a subject had been in the restroom for an extended amount of time and was not responding to employees of the business. The deputy gained entry into the restroom and observed an adult male unresponsive. The deputy also noticed the adult male appeared to have very slow and labored breathing.

Fearing the adult male was suffering the beginning stages of a potential lethal drug overdose, the deputy

Read the rest of Narcan Over on Page 11



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at the farm, and brought four different bottles to taste alongside a four-course menu prepared by Emandal's Tamara Adams and her daughter Kashaya.

Along with the food and drink, the nuances in flavor, production, and aging processes were discussed with each pour, helping educate the group about distilling and the process of making whiskey, bourbon, and more.

The weekend's Saturday-night food-and-drink paired dinner was the weekend's main event, and started with Mendocino Sprits' 7-year-old Spirit Whiskey and the appetizer: a charcuterie board with nuts, olives, fruit, cheeses, and farm-made membrillo from the farm's neighboring quince trees.

Next was the Read the rest of 3-year-old bourbon which was paired with

Whiskey

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Above, from top: Tamar Kaye, vice president and marketing director for the distillery, finished the evening's drinks with Manhattans, which featured the Mendocino Spirits Bourbon, vermouth, bitters, and a cherry. Bottles of whiskey gleam in the afternoon sun. The group of attendees for Emandal's Whiskey Seminar Weekend gathered for a photo. At bottom, from left: The four bottles from Mendocino Spirits which were paired with the four-course meal included: 7-year-old Spirit Whiskey; 3-year-old Bourbon; a barrel sample of the 10-year Rye Whiskey; and Crispin's 60th Birthday Rye Malt Whiskey, aged in a fine Kentucky barrel.







focus their energy.

"The district is currently going for a grant that will provide 20 new sets of turnouts and SCBAs

Read the rest of LLFD Over on Page 11

Shamrock Ranch burn set for March 21

Submitted by CAL FIRE MEU

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn, set for Thursday, March 21, on the Shamrock Ranch, south of Laytonville. This prescribed burn will treat approximately 20-acres of grasslands, chaparral, and understory vegetation within oak woodlands and mixed conifer habitats, creating a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned habitat.

The Shamrock Ranch is in the northern portion of Mendocino County, east of Highway 101 and south of the town of Laytonville.

Burning will begin on Thursday, March 21, at approximately 10 am and conclude at approximately 3 pm.

Read the rest of Shamrock Over on Page 4

What do **YOU think?**

Opinions, thoughts and thank you

letters from our readers

Chamber coordinator to stay on To the Editor:

The Willits Chamber Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Susan Mahoney's personal circumstances have changed and now allow her to remain working at the Chamber.

We apologize for the confusion this may have caused, and we look forward to having a successful year of accomplishments as we work together to make Willits a better place to live, work and play.

Thank you.

Lisa Kvasnicka, Willits Chamber of Commerce

A benefit to save Our Daily Bread To the Editor:

Willits Daily Bread has been serving the hungry four days a week for over 25 years, no questions asked. Their major fundraiser has been "Sip Some Soup," but that hasn't happened in three years due to COVID, and it just hasn't felt safe yet to jam that many people into our Civic Center. So they are running out of money to feed the hungry in Willits

The Cosmic Family Band will be giving an uplifting family-friendly concert on April 21 (Sunday, 3 to 5 pm, by donation). You may have heard some of the band play at our Farmers Market. Last week at the pub they were joined by Kyle Madrigal, Tootreese Jeske, and Dan Miller - that was the ultimate in dance-ability! I expect many of our local musical phenoms to join in what should be a memorable concert to save Willits Daily Bread. If the weather is good we can open the patio doors.

The performance will be in the straw-bale sanctuary of St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial streets, from 3 to 5 pm. Willits Daily Bread hopes for your generous donation at the concert. There is an almost magical resonance with the straw bale walls that is only going to add to what should be a memorable and remarkable concert.

It's tough enough to be homeless, without having to also go hungry.

Bill Bruneau, Willits

Do you have something to say? Write a letter to the editor! **Residents of Willits, Brooktrails**

OES launches Genasys Protect on MendoReady.org

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

March 15 - Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services has launched a new evacuation mapping software on MendoReady.org as of March 18. Genasys Protect is an evacuation management tool that helps first responders plan, communicate, and execute evacuations more effectively.

The Genasys Protect map allows the public to view all emergency advisories, warnings, and orders in the county. It also allows the public to view incident-specific evacuation points, evacuation centers, shelters, road closures, sandbag stations, and other resources.

The naming convention for the zones will now include the prefix MEN. The rest of the name designation and the preestablished zone boundaries have not changed. Zones inside the City of Willits have the prefix WIL. Visit MendoReady.org to find the zones for your home, work, children's school, family members' zones, etc.

For all questions, please contact OES@mendocinocounty. gov or call 707-234-6398.

Here are three of the frequently asked questions about Genasys Protect and other evacuation information. To see the whole FAQs list, visit www.mendoready.org, scroll down, and click the FAQ button to download an English or Spanish version.

What is MendoReady.org?

MendoReady.org is Mendocino County's one-stop source for disaster preparedness and emergency information. Whether you're just starting to understand your hazards and getting prepared, or you're an experienced emergency volunteer with a plan and a two- week disaster kit.

What is Genasys Protect?

Genasys Protect is a web-based platform for community members. Residents can look up their address using the search bar to find evacuation information for their area.

When I enter my address into the Genasys Protect site, why don't I see the best route to evacuate? How will I know where I should go?

Evacuation routes are always incident-specific because the best route to take is always relative to the location and type of threat. When an emergency evacuation occurs, make sure to check your county's alerts and open Genasys Protect to review the status of your zone. When it's time to evacuate, pay close attention to your surroundings, and look out for law enforcement directing traffic. To prepare further, you should become familiar with your zone, both on the platform and out in the real world. We recommend taking a screenshot of your zone and its surrounding area, printing it out, and drawing out multiple potential exits that you can reference in the case of a disaster.

Tsunami warning test set for March 27

Posted by National Weather Service, Eureka

Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties will be participating in a Tsunami Warning Communications Test on Wednesday, March 27, between 11 am and 12 noon, to ensure the Tsunami Warning System works properly during a real tsunami emergency.

Testing will include interruptions of TV (not all cable and satellite TV stations will be able to participate), and Radio Stations, reverse calling notifications, and activation of NOAA Weather Radios and Outdoor Sirens.

If you are watching television between 11 am and 12 noon on Wednesday morning, expect to see a crawler at the bottom of the screen indicating that a tsunami warning has been issued and hear a voice indicating that it is only a test. If you don't hear the TV audio, please remember that this is only a test.

If you are listening to the radio, you will hear alerting tones followed by a voice announcing that the test is occurring.

If you have a NOAA weather radio with the Public Alert feature, the radio will automatically turn on and you will hear the same message as broadcast on radios. In some areas, you may also hear the sounding of a tsunami siren, an airplane testing its public address system (possibly as late as 1 pm), or receive other communication tests in some local jurisdictions.

The Wireless Emergency Alert system will NOT be activated for this test.

Please help us by providing any feedback for this test by emailing ryan.aylward@noaa.gov

When you hear or see the warning test on March 27:

You do NOT need to take any action

• Do NOT call 911 or local authorities Do NOT evacuate your home or business.

THIS IS ONLY A TEST!

The test is conducted by the National Weather Service, the California Office of Emergency Services, the Offices of Emergency Services for Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties, and Tribal governments. For more information, contact: National Weather Service (707) 443-6484.

CAL FIRE announces \$10 million in grants to protect working forests

Submitted by CAL FIRE Sacramento

March 18 – the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is announcing up to \$10 million protect environmentally important privately owned properties is required. forestland. This funding supports California's goals

complete a full application will be made by May 7, 2024 with the full application period open until June 7, 2024 in funding for Forest Legacy Grants to conserve and A field visit by CAL FIRE staff to the potential project

Additional application information including grant

www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-legacy

guidelines, eligibility requirements, and deadlines can

be found on the Forest Legacy Program website here:

Block Party

Fun activities, deals on food, raffles and more offered by vendors and businesses on south side of town

In the southwest corner of the Evergreen Village Shopping Center, on a beautiful, warm Friday evening, The Mane House, Super Taco, and Flourish

and Flow Yoga, threw a block party for adults and kids, Mathew Caine the purpose of which was to introduce the businesses and other local vendors to the public, show what they do, and create a fun event. In addition to the aforementioned

businesses, a new coffee trailer, the Willits Chamber of Commerce, and invited craft vendors were available to the public.

Susan Mahoney and Lisa Kvasnicka, coordinator and president, respectively, of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, offered information and festive St. Patrick's Day goodies for the kids. "This was a joint effort by some of the local businesses to have a block party," said Mahoney. "There should be a lot of kids here from all of the nearby families. There will be specials on food at Super Taco and a coffee truck. It's low-key but it's nice to see something going on in the area

"The Willits Chamber is going through some transitions on how to best fulfill our purpose, which is to make Willits a better place," continued Mahoney. "What assets we have and how can we use them.

The Mane House salon owner Amber Otis and manager Winter Wilson were the instigators of the event, even inviting vendors to set up inside their space. "Things are going great here," said Otis. "Since we opened last July, the business is doing well here. We love that there is plenty of parking here and we love our neighbors, Super Taco and the yoga studio. They are both participating in this event which is really fun.

"We're trying to get a little better known on this side of town," Otis said. "A lot of events happen on the north side. We want to show people that we are here, too. That is what this is about, trying to get all small businesses involved and trying to encourage people to shop local.

"We're doing a raffle," said Otis. "We're raffling off a \$400 basket of hair products, a brow lamination, Winter and Crystal are doing a kids basket. We invited some local businesses because we wanted to create a bigger event. Winter, my salon manager, is the one who really put this on. She is really big into the community and giving back. That's our goal at The Mane House. We love doing things for the community any chance we get. It's the perfect day to have an outdoor event."

In addition to the vendors, Flourish and Flow created a Kids Corner, where the young ones (and some adults) could play games, try their skills on several hula hoops, try some acrobatic yoga with instructor Crystal Facer, throw bean bags, and generally keep busy while their parents explored the crafts and food opportunities.

One of the new vendors was a very popular pink trailer, in which a business called Mitote Café dispensed coffee and other related goods. "Translates in English to 'The Gossip Café,'" explained Adrian, the owner. "When you have coffee, you gossip, of course. I thought there are a lot of Latinos in the area. Why not give them a different experience with coffee that we are not traditionally used to? I did a Starbucks kind of thing but with Latino twist to it, with Latino flavors.'

Super Taco offered some nice discounts on birria, chile verde, and birria enchiladas. Several of the vendors are familiar to those who enjoy craft fairs in the area. Kelly Viss, with Barefoot Forest Homestead, showed her tinctures, salves, elixirs, bath soaps, feather earrings, and a new product, fermented citrus, which is "really great for flavoring dishes," said Viss. "I like to drizzle some on stir fry or put this with butter on some shrimp."

The Creative Corner, created by Brandi Maxwell, was showing "lots of beaded things, pens, letter openers, bottle openers, earrings, makeup brushes, wine stops, and more." Katie Brenneman of Katie Bee's Creations has started a business based on her new freeze-drying machine. "We do freeze-dried organic fruits and candies and treats. We have guite a few options in the Katie



Above, left: Katie Brenneman of Katie Bee's Creations has recently started a business with fun freeze-dried fruits and candies. Above, right: Erin Corley, owner of Flourish and Flow Yoga, and instructors Tasha Craig and Morgan Shook answer questions inside. Below, left: Brittani Epperson of Breakthrough Fitness sells fitnessthemed gear and informs people about her personalized online workout program. Below, right: Susan Mahoney and Lisa Kvasnicka dispense information and goodies for the kids at the Willits Chamber of Commerce table







Above: Capri Daniel takes advantage o the Kids Corner, with the assistance of

At left, top: There is no shortage of hula hoops at the Kids Corner. At left, bottom: The Mitote Coffee van is a hit at the event

Below, left: Lucia and Antonio Calderon and Margarita Gonzales of Super Taco offer discounts on birria and other meals. Below, right: Amanda Scopen came to do chair massage and work the Kids Corner.

At bottom, left: The Mane House salon owner Amber Otis and manager Winter Wilson, who were instrumental in putting the Block Party together, pose for a photo. At bottom, right: Annie Evarts teaches yoga and has a business called Second Nature, a consignment clothing company





Crystal Facer, doing acrobatic yoga.

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of conserving working forests to help protect natural

Under this competitive grant program, CAL FIRE purchases or accepts donations of conservation easements or fee titles of productive forest lands from willing sellers, to encourage longterm conservation throughout the state

The solicitation for these grants is two-part: first, a preapplication must be submitted. which will be ranked and scored: second. successful pre-applicants will be invited to complete a full application that will be considered for funding. The preapplication period is open from March

18, 2024, to April 16, 2024. Invitations to

All grant work must be completed by June 30, 2028. Funding to conserve working forests NIA DEPARTA STRY & FIRE PROTECTI

is provided through the California Budget Act 2023. Administered by CAL FIRE's Forest Legacy Program, this critical funding works to ensure that forests are safeguarded for future generations while also aiding the state in meeting critical climate and carbon goals. Protection of California's forests through these grants ensures they continue to provide such benefits as wildlife habitat, recreation watershed opportunities, protection and open space, and supporting sustainable wood product economies.

Senior Center menu for the week

class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. 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 am. through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunches are \$8; \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members. Thursday, March 21: BLT, Macaroni Salad, Pickle application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed Friday, March 22: Hot Dog w/Chili, Macaroni Salad Monday, March 25: Shredded Chicken Burrito Wet w/ Willits. Green Sauce Tuesday, March 26: Monterey Roast Beef Sandwich, Pickle, Chips 2176 Wednesday, March 27: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Bread, Veggies Thursday, March 28: Beef Stroganoff, Veggies, Roll Friday, March 29: Turkey, Cranberry, Stuffing, Veggies,

Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday, 8 to 11 Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Joliana at 459-6826, who can help fill out the

to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout

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

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise about volunteering: 459-6826.

Inside the large main room of The Mane House, several vendors showed their crafts. Brittani Epperson of Breakthrough Fitness was educating attendees on her services: "It's an online personal-training business. I run it through an application and customize workouts for one-on-one clients to fit their health and fitness needs."

Jessica Koehler was creating "Permanent Jewelry," which she explained as "clasp-less jewelry that is custom fit and then welded on at the jump ring so you can't take it off. There's no clasp. You keep it on for life or until you cut it off. You can wear them for years."

Hopefully, there will be more such events on the Willits south side, an area that doesn't get as much recognition as it should, with many vital businesses and vendors who are eager to integrate into the city's consciousness.



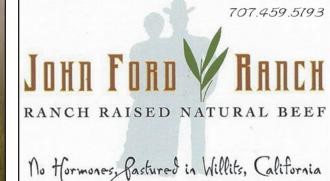
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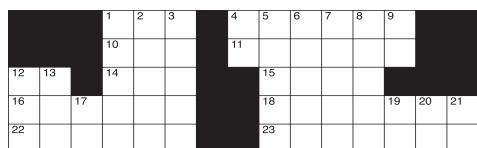
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February 19 to March 3 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

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SUDOKU	The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 93 incidents in this	8:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 700 block of South				
Sudoku puzzles are	14-day reporting period.	Main Street and issued a warning.				
formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9	Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests	10:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue and issued a citation.				
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more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!	3:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Hazel Street.	4:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Margie Drive.				
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-ebruary 22 8:51 am: Officers conducted a stop near he intersection of South Main Street and lazel Street and issued a warning. 11:33 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of lazel Street. 2:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1000 block of South Main Street. 6:38 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run rehicle collision investigation in the 100 plock of Madden Lane and issued a citation.

9:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

Eebruary 23 6:31 am: Officers initiated a burglary

nvestigation in the 200 block of South Main Street. 10:29 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

2:18 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued warning. 2:28 pm: Officers responded to a report

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

2:51 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Center Valley Road and Bray Road and issued a warning. 2:57 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning. February 24

12:41 pm: Officers initiated a missing

responded to a report ne 200 block of Margie 6:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation. 11:20 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Kawi Place and issued a citation February 29

8:50 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1000 block of Center Valley Road. 5:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

the intersection of South Main Street and Hazel Street and issued a warning.

6:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Commercial Street and South Main Street and issued a citation.

March 1

8:35 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Holly Street.

2:44 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

4:19 pm: CROW, Melissa Frances (36) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a report of an unwanted subject. Crow was arrested pursuant to 422 PC (Criminal Threats). 602.1 PC (Obstructing a Public Business Establishment), 415 (2) PC (Disturbing the Peace, Unreasonable Noise) and 415 (3) PC (Disturbing the Peace, Offensive Language in Public).

4:56 pm: Officers initiated a missing

Fellowship and Fundraising

American Legion serves St. Patrick's Day staples to raise money for scholarships and to honor Duane Brown

"Today, we're doing the Saint Patrick's Day fundraiser - the Duane Brown Memorial Saint Patrick's Day fundraiser. The proceeds go to the scholarships we give to the Willits High School seniors. We do two \$500 scholarships. We sponsor a trip, under the American Legion, for the boys and girls State Civics Program," said Kennedy Cooper, the newest and youngest member of Post 174.

Mathew Caine He is a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, has served in Korea, and Features Writer Maryland. Soon, Cooper will be officially retired and plans to spend willitsweekly@gmail.com much of his time "volunteering all through the county. I just picked

up Meals-On-Wheels volunteer time, driving for the Senior Center. I'm going to volunteer here at the American Legion and also the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ukiah, and other veteran-related things," he said.

Cooper is typical of the members of this band of brothers from all the services, who have come together to reminisce, volunteer, raise money, and generally spend their retirement helping the citizens of Willits.

These veterans created a healthy, hearty repast of comfort food based on traditional Irish Saint Patrick's Day fare. Of course, there was corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, and cake in large enough portions that no one had to leave hungry. As soon as the starting time came around, a crowd of citizens came through the door to begin their feast and to spend some time with friends over the shared food experience. The dining room in the basement of the post on Main Street, next to the Willits High School, filled with the sounds of people laughing, conversing, and enjoying the meal.

The event is dedicated to Duane Brown of Brown's Corner fame who loved to support the post with generous donations. "Duane Brown was a World War II submariner who was very good about making donations to this post on Saint Patrick's Day and at other times," explained longtime American Legion member and Navy veteran Roger Ham.

"At his funeral, it was decided a few years ago that we would call this the Duane Brown Memorial Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. His wife, Sharon, was a very good benefactor to this organization as well," said Ham. "We need to remember those who have gone before us and what better way to do it when you see his name on the flyer, in the newspaper or other place, that's what it's all about."

The American Legion Post 174 enjoys helping the younger citizens who are serious about their futures. "We have a young lady whose name is Sofia Perez. She is our delegate to the Girl's State Program at Sac State. That happens to be in June. It's a fantastic program. That young lady will learn more about civics in a week than most of us learned however many years when they were in school. I wish that I had had that opportunity when I was her age. That's one thing we are doing. We have scholarships coming up in May. We will have, at least, two \$500 scholarships. I wish we could do more, but you do what you can do."

The Legion also participates in the Flags Across America each year as well as the annual Poppy Day. "We have Poppies coming up, the universal flower of remembrance. I shouldn't have to tell anyone what that poppy represents. We'll be doing those for two weeks in May. We end the poppy donation drive on Armed Forces Day which is on the 20th of May. The American Legion is pretty specific about how those funds can be spent, so it is for the benefit of veterans and veteran's families. You'll see me in front of Safeway. I'll be parked out there.

"During World War I there was a poet named John McCrae. He wrote a poem about Flanders Field. 'In Flanders Field the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row that mark our place: and in the sky. The larks, still bravely singing, fly. Scarce heard amid the guns below.' In that battlefield poppies actually sprung up the next year.







Above, left: Kennedy Cooper and John Frankum serve elements of the dinner to Susan Mahoney. Tradition dictates that the American Legionnaires serve corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's dinner. At left: Diners had a choice of chocolate or vanilla cake to complete their meals. Below: The crew of volunteers takes a break from serving dinner to gather for a photo: Carol and Frank Deuel, George Froschl, Curtis Deshield, Carolyn Ponikvar, John Frankum, Roger Ham, and Kennedy and Ashley Cooper.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Below, left: A hearty plate of staples and comfort food is offered up by the American Legion Post 174. Below, right: The dinner is a great place for friends to catch up and have a delicious meal.



The Perfect Spring Outing! EASTER EXPRESS

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"That inspired, not only the poem, but gave inspiration to the veterans to recognize, not only that, but that's where we fought the battle, in France," Ham said. "And so those poppies, whether you are in the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it's to remember those who have fallen in battle. Memorial Day is not like Veterans Day, which is about all kinds of living people, like me," continued Ham.

Currently, the American Legion Post 174 is raffling off a beer wagon to raise money for their scholarships, and other altruistic endeavors. The prize is an all-terrain Red Ryder wagon with sideboards, filled with craft beer.

Third District County Supervisor John Haschak gave his opinion on what the post was doing for the people of Willits: "This is a real community service for getting people to come together for a dinner like this. It supports the veterans and what they do to support other veterans. It's all very tied together in creating community."

American Legion Post 174, in addition to serving up the corned beef and cabbage, also served up a heaping helping of community, fun, fellowship, and a dollop of selfless volunteerism.







SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape **Bible Church**

290 S. Lenore Ave Willits,CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship dult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church 803 Coast Street

P.O. Box 489, Willits Worship Service - 5:00 p.m Pastor Kris Strickland EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Church of Christ 'What must we do to be saved? Acts 2:37

1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

7-8:00 p.m.



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

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•A University for Soul •Spiritual Living Courses Spiritual Discussions ECK Light & Sound Services More information? Call 530-224-8703 www.eckankar.org

Grace Community Church

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

St. Anthony of Padu **Catholic Church**

(707) 459-3106

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

Holy Week/Easter services at Saint Francis Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English

What's Happening **Around Town**

Thursday, March 21

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Saturday, March 23

Laytonville Library Spaghetti

Dinner: Friends of the Laytonville

Library is celebrating 10 years

of hard work and the 1 Year

Anniversary of the Mendocino

County Library in Laytonville.

Saturday, March 23, from 5 to 7

pm, at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis

Avenue, Laytonville. Your choice

of: Italian Sausage Marinara

Vegetarian Marinara, or Creamy

Pesto Ravioli (veggie). Comes with

tossed green salad, garlic bread

Celebration Cake, and ice cream

in the Redwoods

\$15. Info: 707-984-8089.

kind treasures. No experience necessary. Space is

limited. Register at www.willitscenterforthearts.org

Space is limited.

Szechuan: at Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market Paul Haley and is indoors for the winter season Thursday afternoons at Dave Pierce of the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Thursdays, 2MuchFun! will from 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm be rocking the hits fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, of the '60s and '70s, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Tobin's at Szechuan Asian Tales, story time at the farmers market, from 3:30 to Restaurant, 47 East 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin reading selected Mendocino Avenue. Saturday, iuvenile picture books. All are welcome. March 23, from 6 to 8 pm.

Women's History Month Lecture at the Library: Jon Gonzales at Shanachie: Come and be inspired at the Willits Branch Library Ukulele-strumming artist from the Bay on Thursday, March 21 with Resident Historian and Area, "Jon Gonzales weaves ukulele Branch Librarian Denise Jessie as she presents an folk-hooks with lyrical psychedelic satire engaging and thought-provoking lecture on "Women and paradoxical, universal subjects in his songs.

2 MuchFun!

and Their Struggle for Equality," a highly relevant Saturday, March 23 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 topic for these times. Light refreshments provided; South Main Street. THE BUNNY IS BACK!

from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the meeting room at the Willits Branch Library. 390 East Commercial Street. Sunday, More info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908. March 24

Friday, Photos with the Easter Bunny and his Live, Furry March 22 Jewelry Workshop for TEENS

Free

Friends: Come on down on Jewelry Sunday, March 24 from 12 to 4 pm to J.D. Redhouse in Willits Workshop for Teens: with Simone and have your photo taken with Ndoye at Willits the Easter Bunny, and snuggle Center for the Arts. with his live, furry friends, too! ridays, March 22 Digital images are available for and 29 from 4 to 6:30 \$5 each and will be available pm. "You will learn to download from the online about designing and creating your own

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Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join your friends at the monthly Little Lake Grange Breakfast on Sunday, March 24, from 8 to 11 am. "Our tasty breakfast is

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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Monday, March 25

from 6 to 7:30 pm at

The Muse, 30 East San

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free; donations welcome. Info: 707-

Dave Pierce at Brickhouse: Join

Writer/Guitarist/Vocalist Dave

Pierce at Brickhouse Coffee in

11:30 am to 2 pm, for an afternoon

of originals and cover songs in

a variety of styles - Light Jazz,

Americana, '60s & '70s Pop-Rock.

Singer/Songwriter, Blues, Folk. 3

Thursday, March 28

Willits Farmers Market: The

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Famous Buttermilk Pancakes Skunk Train's Easter Express: The Skunk Train's or Gluten-free), Beeler's Quality Easter Express is departing from the Willits Depot on Friday, March 29 (10:30 am, 1:30 pm), Saturday, Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, March 30 (10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm), and Easter Sunday, March 31 (10:30 am, Organic Coffee or Tea." \$10, \$9 for seniors, \$5 children under 1:30 pm). This delightful 2-hour 10. Also: extra sides of Organic excursion through Tunnel #2 Fruit \$2, Amish Organic Maple promises a host of treats, Syrup \$1, Fresh-made fruit special Easter egg surprises, syrup \$1, Extra Beelers Bacon and cherished moments \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, for all ages. Tickets for this 291 School Street (2 blocks special family-friendly event are south of Commercial, 1 block \$64.95, with infants in lap riding west of Main Street. for free and dogs welcome for

> Benefit for 'The Pond Club,' April 1 April Pool's Day (4/1/2024) is coming up, and you don't want to miss out on this event to support The Pond Club, the elders' swimming and aerobic program in Willits. Live music by the Joe Craven Trio – Joe Craven, Hattie Craven and Jordan Feinstein, plus the Farmers Market Band. A Cosmic Pickle Production: "Fun for the whole family, costumes, flippers, snorkels, and just have a good time." Monday, April 1 at the Willits Grange, 291 School Street. Doors open 5 pm; show from 6 to 9:45 pm. \$20; kids 12 and under FREE. Sound by Ancestor Radio. Food by Turtle Island Tacos and the Fairall's Farm blue food truck. Beer and wine by Northspur Brewing and Frey Vineyards. Advance tickets at Flying Dog Pizza and J.D. Redhouse.

additional fee of \$10.95. To book your tickets, visit www.skunktrain.com/easter-express/. More info about Mendocino Railway and the Skunk Train visit www.skunktrain.com or call (707) 964-6371.

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> Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: A local Mendocino County jam

band, "sharing original music that is a reflection of being a part of thi communit We're the Cosmic Family Band and so are you. Saturday, March 30 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Sunday, March

Willits, Wednesday, March 27, Easter Sunrise Service

at the Sherwood Cross: Easter Sunrise Service returns to Sherwood Road overlooking Willits this year! Community Sunrise Service at the Cross on Sherwood Road Easter morning, March 31, at 6:45 am. Everyone is invited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with singing, prayer, and a Bible message. Bring a camp chair if you'd like to sit, and dress warmly. Following the service, a hot breakfast will be served in Bruce and Linda's Barn. In the event of rain, service will be held in Bruce and Linda's Barn.

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Ongoing Events

WCA March Show: Willits Center for the Arts Brown Bag Lunch Program: Sack lunches served brings Richard Weiss of the Mendocino coast's at the City Park (or across the street in case of rain) 3-D paintings and Susie Racecar of Laytonville's every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. Come early to be amazing art in the month of March. 71 East assured a lunch! Provided by various churches and Commercial Street. More info: 707-459-1726, Info: community organizations. www.willitscenterforthearts.org

Free Food Pop-Ups: Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program's Food Pop-Up in Willits is now offering two events per month, first and third Thursdays, at 1250 Blosser Lane, from noon to 1 pm, weather permitting. Free food for all! In March these food pop-ups will happen March 7 and 21 this month. Info: outreach@fbfoodbank.org; 707-964-9404

'In the Field' Exhibit: Mendocino County fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking Museum's latest exhibit, "In the Field: Exploring lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11 am. Botany in Mendocino County," celebrates the study Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income of unique plants that grow in our region, reflecting seniors 60 or older), and diapers. on the pursuits of Mendocino County botanists from

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub. 50 South Main Street

Saturday Scramble: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any instrument you can play and sign up to perform a 15-minute set with other local musicians. "Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!"

Bluegrass String Jam: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which members from out

of the area may drop in!"

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



Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908.

Story Time: Tuesday through Friday each week, 10:30 to 11 am. "Start your morning listening to a story. Join us in the children's area of the library."

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to noon. We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe". Topics will range and will be announced ahead of time.

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, now 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

Willits Walk and Talk: Join the Willits Branch Library staff for a 20- to 30-minute walk around the neighborhood. Come enjoy a little bit of exercise as well as some pleasant conversation. All ages are welcome. Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am; meet at the front entrance to the library, 390 East Commercia

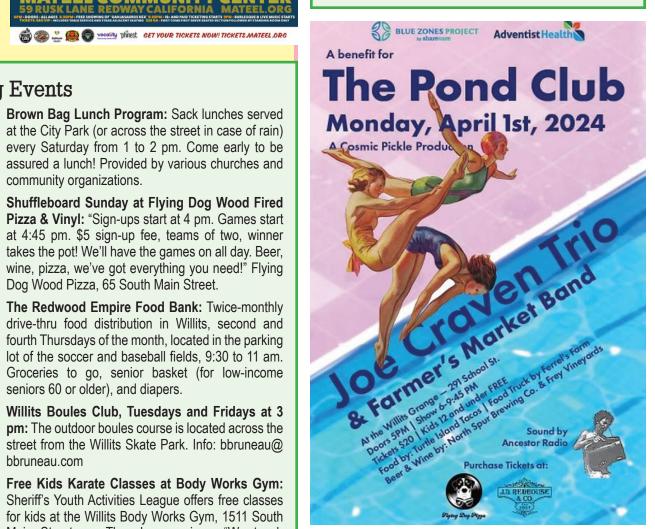
Open Lab / Study Hall: Don't have a decent place to study? Come to the Willits Branch Library's meeting room every Wednesday from 3 to 5 pm for the new Open Lab Study Hall. The library has plenty of helpful resources including public Wi-Fi, computers with internet and word processing capabilities, and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

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

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

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

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome!



afternoons at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School gallery site: https://photographress.zenfolio.com/ Street. Thursdays, from 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, easterbunnyphotos. There's no appointments, just local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Tobin's Tales, story time at the farmers market, from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome. a wonderful combination of comfort foods: All you

10:30 a.m. - Spanish Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Or by appointmet at Submitted by Betsy Bruneau, 707-459-2252 St. Francis Episcopal Church https://stanthonywillits.org/ saintanthonywillits@gmail.cor

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

Call for information. 272-0177. ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau St. John **Lutheran Church**

Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 Good Friday, March 29: Prayers at noon; (707) 459-2988 the church will be open for private prayer, 24 Mill Creek Drive including the Stations of the Cross, and ALL ARE WELCOME meditation until 3 pm.

Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church**

707-459-5714 Friendly, open worship Saturdays Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m Zoom Transmission Availabl Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 399 W. Mendocino Ave.

All are welcome! Willits United **Methodist Church** Labyrinth and Peace Garder A place to find comfort where all are welcome

Pastor Rosemary Landry Sunday Worship at 10:30 am 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855 wumc@willitsonline.com

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church is completely wheelchair accessible. We have masks available for those who

wish to wear them. The Sunday service is Maundy Thursday, March 28, 6 pm: We

remember the last supper and Jesus's mandate to his disciples to love one another as he has loved them.

Holy Saturday, March 30, 10 am: A short

The Easter Vigil, March 30, 6 pm: This

service is usually held at midnight, but here

in Willits where people often live out of town,

we do it much earlier. It lasts about an hour

and a half and includes kindling new fire and

lighting a special candle, several readings,

prayers, and songs, Holy Communion, and

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10 am: Our

regular service and joyful celebration of the

Resurrection of Jesus, followed by an egg

57 East Commercial Street - Willits

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Next Week:

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service of prayers.



HOLY WEEK Our services this year at Saint Francis Holy Week at St. John's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Commercial and Main Streets in Willits, are St. John's Lutheran Church of Willits invites you to join us for our Holy Week

\$1500

listed below. Everyone is welcome and the Celebrations, as we commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We welcome the whole family available on zoom; for instructions call 707- to come worship with us. Passion/Palm Sunday: March 24 at 10 am: Good Friday: March 29 at 5 pm; and Easter Sunday with Breakfast: March 31 at 9 am and our

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Fri.: 5:45 & 8:30pm

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

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

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4:45 & 7:30 pm

Easter Celebration Service to follow. 24 Mill Creek Drive.

Photos with the Easter Bunny

Photos with the Easter Bunny and his Live, Furry Friends: Come on down on Sunday, March 24 from 12 to 4 pm to J.D. Redhouse in Willits and have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny, and snuggle with his live, furry friends, too! Digital images are available for \$5 each and will be available to download from the online gallery site: https://photographress.zenfolio.com/ easterbunnyphotos. There's no appointments, just stop by and get in line! More info: 707-972-7047 or email maureengetsmail@gmail.com

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Masks Optional

(PG) 1 hr 34 mins

Fri.: 5:30 & 7:45pm

Sat.: 3:15, 5:30 & 7:45pm

Sun.: 2:15, 4:30 & 6:45pm

Mon.-Thurs.:

4:30 & 6:45pm

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

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every week on Mondays, 6 pm, at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

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Neoclassicism

Willits Center for the Arts presents its next Art Talk, on Neoclassicism and the groundbreaking contributions of three influential artists: Ingres, Canova, and Jacques-Louis David. Art historian and lecturer Gary Martin will lead the discussion, "accompanied by projected art images, providing attendees with an enlightening exploration into how these artists revolutionized the perception of the world through their profound artistic endeavors." Friday, April 12 at 6:30 pm, free admission. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: willitscenterforthearts.org Literacy Volunteers

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Congrats

Kathleen Boomer-Grupp

Congratulations to Kathleen A. Boomer-Grupp of Willits who has been recognized for her distinguished tenure in health care and clinical laboratory science, with induction into the Marguis "Who's Who" Biographical Registry

Boomer-Grupp has led a distinguished career in the health care field for over 50 years. As a clinical laboratory scientist assistant, and a licensed phlebotomist, she has been affiliated with Adventist Health Howard Memorial since 1971. In addition to her main priorities as a CLS assistant, Boomer-Grupp is a

purchasing coordinator and QC inventory coordinator.

Having worked in the same laboratory her entire career, Boomer-Grupp notably spent the first 30 years of her training and career working under mentor Dr. Joseph A. Stetz, Jr. Initially hired to work at the hospital at 16, her roles and responsibilities have included phlebotomist, histologist, media preparation expert, specimen processor, pathologist assistant for bone marrow sampling, and autopsy assistant. She has also garnered extensive expertise in specimen processing, quality control, and product maintenance, among other areas of the field.

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time with people. She doesn't seem to like the company of

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

Among her most notable accomplishments in her field, Boomer-Grupp was instrumental in implementing a CLS assistant program at her hospital and its sister location. The decision came after the laboratories were experiencing staffing issues.

Well-qualified in her field, Boomer-Grupp holds credentials as a licensed phlebotomist. In light of her accomplishments, she received a Bank of America Award in Mathematics and Science and Bausch and Lomb Science Award from Willits High School. Boomer-Grupp also won a Howard Hero Award and a Presidential Medal from Adventist Health Howard Memorial.

To learn more about Marquis "Who's Who" editions, first published in 1899, visit www.marguiswhoswho.com.



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Fictitious Business Name Statement		Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
2024-F0086 The following person or persons are doing business as Backroad Security, 7659 Hwy 29, Kelseyville, CA 95451. Mailing address: PO Box 1516, Lakeport CA 95453. Registered owners: Richard Lynn Russell, 7659 Hwy 29, Kelseyville, CA 95451; John Keith Schiessl, 26750 N Hwy 101, Willits CA 95490; and Patrick Bruce Lawrason, 167 Wall Street, Fort Bragg CA 95437. This business is conducted		PICUIDUS BUSINESS Name 2020-F0501 The person or persons listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name: Backroad Security, 7659 Hwy 29, Kelseyville, CA 95451; Lake County. The FBN was filed in Mendocino County on October 5, 2020. File Number 2020- F0501. Registered owners: Richard Lynn Russell, 7659 Hwy 29, Kelseyville, CA 95451; Randall Leslie Vann, 88910 Mina Road, Covelo CA 95428; and John
by a General Partnership The registrants commenced to transact business under the fattinus husiness pame listed		Keith Schiessl, 26750 N Hwy 101, Willits CA 95490. This business was conducted
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/s/ John K. Schiessl		/s/ John K. Schiessl
Publication dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.		Publication dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

WW477 NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien mposed under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and Provisions of the Civil Code

The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding online at storageauctions.com starting April 1st ,2024 @ 7 AM ending April 9th @ 10 AMthe following said property stored at Cougars Closet II Mini Storage 317 Robert Drive Willits, CA 95490 County of Mendocino State of California

Jeffery Martin A-8; Danielle Fistoe B-33, C-29 Lori Bayard, D-35; Falon Lynch, D-29 Lorna Allen, E-7; Thomas Williams, G-5 Kelly Sinclair, G-13; Kelly Sinclair, E-28 Michelle Mann, G-17; Nila Carlsen, I -12 Katrina Deluca, F-13; Ed Vikart

The goods are described as miscellaneous household items & boxes, (contents unknown), clothes, furniture, tools and miscellaneous articles. Purchases must be paid for and picked up within 72 Hours of winning bid by credit/debit or cash.

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Phillips Patsy Nell (Hendry), age of 73, of Willits. California sadly left us on March 15, 2024, due to heart complications. She is survived by Pete MacKay, her four daughters, Tammy

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(Dennis), Sharon (Fello), Laurie (Mark): Suzanne. six grandchildren: Thomas (Ashley), Robert (Megan), Andrew (Natalie), Sarah (Halcum), Carley (Richard), and Jeanell. As well as great-grandchildren



A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on Saturday March 23, 2024, at the Hall (next to Church of Latter-day

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Come have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny and his Live, Furry Friends this Sunday Come on down on Sunday, March 24 from 12 to 4 pm to J.D. Redhouse in Willits and have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny, and snuggle with his Live, Furry Friends, too! Digital images are available for \$5 each and will be available to download from the online gallery site: https://photographress.zenfolio.com/easterbunnyphotos. There's no appointments, just stop by and get in line! More info: 707-972-7047 or email maureengetsmail@gmail.com

Willits Elementary Charter School

Willits Elementary Charter School is accepting applications for the lottery to join our school in 2024-25. We will hold the public lottery on Friday, May 3. Applications for entering Kindergarten and grades 1-5 are available on our website and in the school office. All applications due by April 30. Questions: 707-459-1400

Willits Elementary Charter School está aceptando solicitudes para la lotería para unirse a nuestra escuela en 2024-25. Realizaremos la lotería pública el viernes 3 de mayo. Las solicitudes para ingresar al Kinder y a los grados 1-5 están disponibles en nuestro sitio web y en la oficina de la escuela. Todas las solicitudes deben presentarse antes del 30 de abril. Si tiene preguntas, llame al: 707-459-1400



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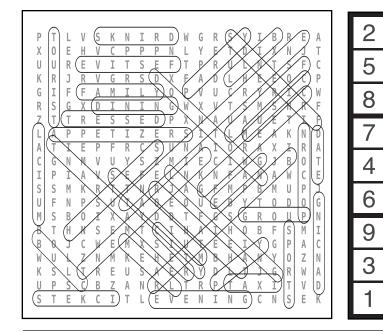
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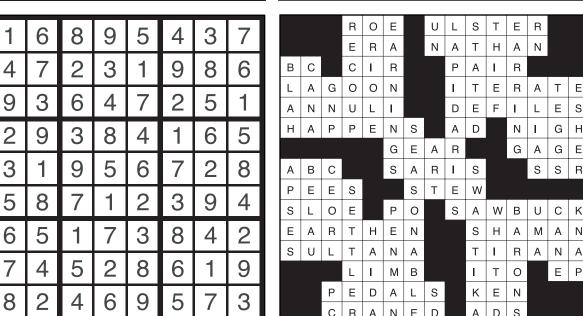
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Above, left: Mendocino Spirits' The rest of Tamar Kaye and Crispin Cain, left, stand with Emandal's Tam and Kashaya Adams, right, at the Whiskey Seminar Weekend. Above, right, top: A lovely tone rang from the Peace Bell which sits at the edge of Inspiration Point at Emandal. Above, right: The view down to Emandal's dining hall, with the Eel River

behind, from Inspiration Point. At left: Julian Foley and Allegra Foley listen as Crispin Cain explains the bottle of Spirit Whiskey.







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green spinach ravioli that was filled with herbed cheeses, and topped with a four-mushroom cream sauce with Mulligan Gardens' lions mane and blue oyster, wild-crafted black chanterelle, and domestic baby portabella.

Whiskev

A salad of Green Uprising Greens with lemon balm, roasted and caramelized beets, pears, toasted walnuts, and a Meyer lemon vinaigrette was served alongside

Next was the 10-year Rye Barrel sample which was paired with roasted spring asparagus with house-made hollandaise and

> farm-raised beef stroganoff and/or citrus-braised chicken with capers with white wine and basil, both of which were served with hand-cut wheat noodles.

To finish the meal off, Cain's Everything was perfect!" 60th Birthday Rye Malt Whiskey was served for dessert alongside

vanilla bourbon crème brûlée and/ or flourless chocolate cake with whiskey-laced whipped cream. As a final touch, Kaye stirred up Manhattans.

featuring their Mendocino Spirits bourbon, for those wanting and joyful event to bring unique individuals

together in community."

Some of the attendees headed home after the Cain started his career in the industry more meal, and others staved the night in one of the than 40 years ago, starting work at a winery in Pleasanton in the early 1980s. He moved to cozy rooms at Emandal, and were treated to a Mendocino County in the mid-80s where he delightful St. Patrick's Day brunch the following started working at Hidden Cellars, which was also morning. The Emandal staff served house-made making wine for the brandy-producing Germaincorned beef hash, farm eggs with basil and aged Robin. He was contacted by Germain-Robin cheddar, fresh-from-the-oven biscuits, granola, about working as an assistant to their master fruit, vogurt, and of course, farm jams and salsas. distiller, and he accepted the job, at the age Cain and Kaye are excited to come back to of only 26, and has been a part of the distilling Emandal, and hope to make the educational industry for some 34 years. It was while working whiskey seminar an annual event. The pair there that he started developing the dream of have been together some 30 years, but have creating his own distillery and making whiskey, been working together since incorporating their which has now turned into a full-time business. business in 2009, and sell their bottles online and The public is welcome to visit the Mendocino

in stores around the area Spirits distillery in Redwood Valley, which is open "It was our privilege to come to Emandal and for retail hours Tuesday through Friday from 12 work with Tam and Kashaya," said Cain. "The to 5 pm ("and I'll stay open later on Friday if I food was fabulous, the whiskey was wonderful know you're coming!" Cain said). Contact Kaye with the food, and we look forward to next year! at 707-485-2068, or Cain at 707-485-2491 for

"There are numerous reasons why we keep

trying new things like this," said Emandal's Adams. "The intriguingly fascinating people that ioin us (from clowns to auctioneers, lawyers to professional singers, farmers to world-class chefs, workers to retired folks) and the steadfast

folks who come to assist in preparations and clean-up leave us with the accomplished feeling of knowing we were a part of creating a sparkling

Department. Emandal has several weekend events coming, in addition to their family camp opportunities, including Birding Bruncheon on April 12-14; Dried Flower Wreaths on August 24; Chicken Pot Pie Weekend on October 11 - 13; Apple Cider

Pressing on October 18-20; Art Stays in June, August and September; and Pizza and Wreaths on November 30. Learn more about Mendocino

appointments, or come by and visit during their

upcoming open house on Saturday, June 15.

Along with tasting of whiskey for those 21 and

over, there will also be live music, barbecue and

ice cream to enjoy as a family. The event will

also benefit the Redwood Valley/Calpella Fire

Spirits at mendocinospirits.com/, and learn more about Emandal and their other events at emandal. com/ or by calling (707) 459-9252.

At far left, top: Two of the limited run

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deficit plan, and adjustments for cost overruns and funding carryforwards, has realized an additional net \$5.6 million in revenue for the 2023/24 county budget, so at this time, only \$1.7 million of onetime funding is still being utilized to balance the 2023/24 budget, not the \$7 million originally designated.

The biggest positive revenue change is \$2.3 million "swept back" into the general fund by reutilizing realignment funding for Social Services expenses (and partially, for Public Health expenses) that had previously been covered by the general fund.

Supervisor Dan Gjerde commented that he wouldn't support taking realignment funds away from Environmental Health if it meant no subsidy at all of Environmental Health fees. Supervisors John Haschak and Ted Williams agreed they would prioritize using realignment funds for subsidizing Environmental Health fees.

CEO Antle then commented: "It has been the direction of this board and prior boards to do cost recovery. It was never defined out as to whether those funds were being covered by state or federal. If this board would like further explanation, the fee hearing is coming forward the last meeting in April."

Sales tax decline

Acting Auditor Controller Treasurer Tax Collector Sara Pierce then gave a presentation on what her numbers show as a 6.9% decline in sales tax from the unincorporated areas of the county, comparing third guarter 2023 sales tax revenue to third guarter 2022 revenue.

Pierce attributed some of the overall tax revenue decline to lower gas prices in third-quarter 2023 compared to thirdguarter 2022, but also noted that garden and agricultural supplies also saw a decrease. "There were minimal gains in other categories including grocery stores, casual dining, and building materials, but the largest gain was in the contractor category, as demand increased in 2023 when compared to the same time in 2022," she said. Pierce confirmed that sales taxes coming from grocery stores were not from food; retail food is not taxed in California.

Election update

Third District Supervisor John Haschak told his colleagues he'd been to talk to Registrar of Voters Katrina Bartolomie that morning, "to let her know that I had some questions about the election, you know, because there is certainly concern out there in the public about you know both the printing problems and then also the redistricting issues so um she said that she would not be here because she's working on getting the election results um working on them you know it's a continuing process and that the time she spends here is is time that the whole process has to stop, so I just wanted to let people know that we do have I mean the public certainly has questions the board probably has guite a few guestions about what has gone on with the elections, and I look forward to having that discussion with Ms Bartolomie in the future "

Board Chair Maureen Mulheren then mentioned the voter registrar had provided a written report for the board. which CEO Antle then read.

"I'm sorry I'm not able to be in the boardroom this morning," Bartolomie's statement read. "I'm working on getting our updates out on time. When ballots are presented we work in teams - if I leave, that means what my team is working on stops. Our staff is opening and getting ballots ready to count, and my assistant registrar of voters and myself are working on the canvass. proving the numbers we released on Election Night. We are verifying the roster from the polling locations and scanning ballots as we receive them from processing. We are concentrating on the supervisorial districts on the ballot: first, second, and fourth districts. "We are also working on provisional conditional voter registration ballots that were received at the polls on Election Day. The voter registration cards that were included with those ballots must be processed before we can start working on the actual provisional conditional voter registration ballots."

The rest of From page 1 Narcan apparatuses]," said

Schnitzius. "The turnouts are about \$5,500 a piece, a price from head to toe, and could even be higher today." She continued, "The association's goal with the poker tournament is to add to that so most, if not all, of our volunteers will have compliant turnouts.

Tickets for the poker tournament are on sale now and can be purchased at the Little Lake Firehouse on Commercial Street. Signups begin at 4 pm the day of the tournament and gameplay starts at 5 pm.

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If you're thinking about or are in the process of opening a new business within the City of Willits, fire board to the Center for Disease Control. member Tony Madrigal and Fire Marshal Eric Alvarez would like to stress the importance of first checking with both Little Lake Fire and the County ranking, per capita, third City of Willits before signing a lease. in all opioid overdose deaths. There's a helpful list hosted on the (https://skylab.cdph.ca.gov/ city's website that outlines all the steps ODdash/?tab=Home). (Refer to to take when thinking of applying for a dashboard for current updated opioid business license.

overdose information.) An important piece of information on that list that is sometimes overlooked known to reverse opioid overdose by new business owners in their situations in adults and children. anticipation to get started, reads Each nasal spray device contains a "Not all buildings are constructed to four milligram dose, according to the commercial occupancy standards. manufacturer. Check with the Building Inspector in the Community Development Department, upstairs in City Hall, to make sure the building you are intending to use meets the necessary building codes for the use you are intending.

including extreme drowsiness, slowed "Involve the city and Little Lake Fire before you sign a lease," said Alvarez. "It's unfortunate some people do sign [a lease], and we go in there and there's a lot wrong. They allotted [only] so much money to make their business happen.... It can be disheartening to see that happen"

It's important to know exactly where your prospective building stands in terms of zoning and building codes to make sure, should the building end up being unsuitable, you're not under the obligation of paying a lease.

New duty rig

Also discussed during the March 12 board meeting; Little Lake Fire is on the hunt for a new duty rig. "We have needed [a duty rig] for some time, but have been trying to bandaid what we have due to funds," said administrative assistant, Schnitzius. A duty rig is driven by the duty officer and is often the first vehicle to respond

administered multiple doses of used by Public Safety professionals Narcan. The adult male responded to who are unknowingly or accidentally the administered Narcan, and medical exposed to potentially fatal amounts personnel arrived shortly thereafter of fentanyl from skin absorption or and began providing additional inhalation.

medical treatment. The adult male The issuance of the Narcan was later determined to be a 34-yearnasal units, thus far, have been to old resident of Redwood Valley. employees assigned to the Field

In April 2019 the Mendocino Services Division, Corrections County Sheriff's Office began to issue Division, and the Mendocino County NARCAN® (Naloxone HCI) nasal Jail medical staff. Employees are required to attend user training prior spray dosage units to its employees as part of their assigned personal to being issued the medication.

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protective equipment. Mendocino County Sheriff Matthew MCSO's goal is in protecting C. Kendall would like to thank the public and officers from opioid Mendocino County Public Health for overdoses. Access to naloxone is now providing the Narcan nasal units to considered vital in the U.S., according

the Sheriff's Office free of charge as part of the Free Narcan grant from the California Department of Public At that time, in 2019, the California Health. Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard reported Mendocino Since the April 2019 issuance, there

have now been 19 separate situations wherein Mendocino County Sheriff's Office patrol staff have administered NARCAN and saved the lives of 19 overdosing individuals in need of the lifesaving antidote medication.

Narcan nasal spray units are widely In October 2021 the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received a grant from the California Naloxone Distribution Project through the Department of Health Care Services to help maintain an inventory of the life-saving antidote.

Naloxone hydrochloride. more This grant was renewed in 2023 commonly known by the brand name NARCAN®, blocks the lifewhen the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received additional NARCAN threatening effects of opioid overdose dosage units for the Field Services (both medications and narcotics) Division and Corrections Division

breathing, or loss of consciousness. Sheriff Kendall would like to thank The antidote can reverse the the California Naloxone Distribution Project through the Department of effects of an overdose for up to an hour, but anyone who administers Health Care Services for awarding the overdose reversal medication in the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office a non-medical setting is advised to with the Naloxone grants to better seek emergency medical help right help protect his employees and the away. The spray units can also be public.

MCHC medical provider to lead CA Nurse-Midwives Association

Submitted by MCHC

Certified nurse-midwife Amita Graham has been elected to lead the California Nurse-Midwives Association, bringing a much-needed perspective to state advocacy around reproductive healthcare and the role midwives play.

The CNMA is the professional organization representing certified nursemidwives and certified midwives in California. It is affiliated with the American College of Nurse-Midwives. CNMA's goals are to increase access to midwifery care, improve maternal-child healthcare outcomes with a specific focus on reducing racism-based disparities, and to advance sexual and reproductive healthcare in California. By serving as the organization's president, Graham will direct statewide advocacy and have the opportunity to influence national advocacy efforts.





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of only 200 bottles made of Crispin Cain's 60th Birthday Rye Malt Whiskey that was aged in a Kentucky barrel were brought to the weekend event. At far left, bottom: Emandal-made flourless chocolate cake was served alongside whiskey-laced whipped cream. At left, top: The sunflowerthemed stained glass in the dining hall cast beautiful colors across the dining area. At left, bottom: Emandal's green spinach ravioli, filled with herbed cheeses, topped with a four mushroom cream sauce with Mulligan Gardens' lions mane and blue oyster, wild-crafted black chanterelle. and domestic baby portabella.



Above, left: A Sunday morning hike to the top of one of the hills above Emandal revealed the beautiful Rainbow Lake which was built with the help of the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1960-1961. Above, right: The old Emandal Songbook made an appearance after dinner on Saturday night, when event attendees came together to sing some funny camp songs including "In Grandma's Feather Bed" and more. Below: Crispin Cain spoke about each whiskey as they were poured, and paired with courses from the Emandal kitchen.



Bartolomie's statement then talked about the update to the California Secretary of State's office due that afternoon, March 12, on the status of processed and unprocessed ballots. As Willits Weekly reported last week, according to that March 12 update, Mendocino County had at that time processed 12,208 ballots from the March 5 primary election, with an estimated 10,090 ballots left to process.

"Ballots that were postmarked by Election Day and received in our office by today will still be processed and counted," Bartolomie's report continued. "Tomorrow we will begin to verify each of the misprinted ballots that were returned, making sure that the voter returned their replacement ballot. If they didn't return a replacement ballot, we will remake the misprinted ballot to their proposed precinct and party to ensure their votes are counted.

"On March 14, we will be doing our 1% manual tally on randomly drawn precincts verifying our count that was released Election Night. We will update our election results to the Secretary of State and to our website weekly until we certify the election. We have 30 days, until April 4, to certify.

"We are keeping track of our hours and our extra work we are having to do because of the misprinted ballots, and we'll be in discussions with the printer about this as soon as we have certified the election.

"We will work with the future vendors to make sure a mistake like this does not happen again. This has been an unfortunate mistake that has cost our county a lot of extra time and work," the elections update concluded.

The next Mendocino County elections update is expected by March 21 at 4 pm. You can see a summary of unprocessed ballots from each county at https:// pp.electionresults.sos.ca.gov/unprocessed-ballots-status

to an emergency call. The duty officer is on call for seven days at a time; a responsibility that rotates between only three officers who also work their regular shift at the fire department, Monday through Friday.

Deputy Chief John Thomen explained to the board some of the challenges in acquiring a suitable rig, color being one of the first. The duty rig needs to be completely red. A paint job for a vehicle like this was estimated to be around \$20,000, which would not be financially realistic for Little Lake. Because duty rigs are such an important part of a fire department's fleet, and because these vehicles need to be in pristine working order, once a duty rig hits a limit of around 100,000 miles, it's retired to a secondary position as a utility vehicle.

Schnitzius explained further, saying: "Our duty rigs are running hard as we cover almost 300 square miles. They're worn out when they get to about 100,000 miles. Deputy Chief John Thomen is our maintenance guru as well, and we rarely send our trucks out for service. Due to John and the staff's meticulous care and maintenance of the trucks, we have had great luck with the extended life of our vehicles. However, they do not make them like they used to. Parts are more challenging to find and so is fixing them."

Schnitzius has been looking for grant money to help with the cost of funding the new rig and is still waiting to hear if that will be a possibility. She said Little Lake Fire is currently looking at a Ford 350 for \$61,000. It would be very basic in terms of equipment, which would be added later, hopefully with the help of a grant.

The next fire board meeting is set for Tuesday, April 9 at 5 pm, at the Little Lake Firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street.

In addition to supporting the goals above, Graham says she is dedicated to raising awareness about the specific needs of patients in rural areas. especially those who belong to minority demographic groups. She also hopes to reduce social and economic barriers that prevent women of color and other underrepresented groups from pursuing careers in healthcare and midwifery.

MCHC CEO Rod Grainger said he is grateful to providers like Graham who are willing to take on state and regional leadership roles.

"So often, leaders from bigger population centers simply cannot relate to the needs of rural communities. Having someone as capable, compassionate, and politically astute as Amita lead an organization as important as CNMA is great for community health centers in rural areas all over the state. Really, it's good for everyone," he said.

MCHC is a good fit for medical providers like Graham who are dedicated to equitable and high-quality healthcare. MCHC's status as a federally qualified health center requires that MCHC not only meet strict quality standards, but that it also provide culturally competent care to patients in underserved areas. Furthermore, FQHCs use a holistic approach to healthcare, offering medical, dental, and behavioral health services under one roof. And, at least half of the governing board members are also patients, which ensures that those who receive care have a voice in decisions about how the health centers are operated.

As a certified nurse-midwife in Mendocino County, Graham regularly cares for patients who face challenges based on the rural nature of our local communities, including infrastructure that does not always support easy access to care. For example, as hospital maternity wards close at what Graham calls "an alarming rate" all over the country, these closures often have an outsized impact on rural communities.

Locally, since the closing of the hospital maternity ward on the Mendocino coast, patients have had to drive inland to Ukiah for a hospital birth. This puts women at a much higher risk of delivering their baby on the side of the road. In metropolitan areas when a hospital closes, it is unlikely that the resulting drive to the next hospital requires a 60- or 70-mile trek over narrow, winding roads. Graham explains that regardless of whether a patient makes it to the hospital on time to deliver the baby safely, even the stress of having a hospital so far away can adversely affect a patient's health.

"It is well-documented," she said, "that stress can lead to pre-eclampsia and preterm labor."

As such, Graham says she will advocate for the kinds of changes that increase access to safe and affordable healthcare for all patients who need reproductive healthcare in California.

MCHC Health Centers includes Hillside Health Center and Dora Street Health Center in Ukiah, Little Lake Health Center in Willits, and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport. It is a community-based and patient-directed organization that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services as well as supportive services such as education and translation that promote access to healthcare.







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At left: The Easter Bunny with the Skunk Train's Locomotive #65. Above: Hunting for Easter eggs during one of the Skunk Train's Easter Express trips.





Easter Sunrise Service returns to Sherwood Road overlooking Willits this year!

Community Sunrise Service at the Cross on Sherwood Road Easter morning (March 31) at 6:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with singing, prayer, and a Bible message. Bring a camp chair if you'd like to sit, and dress warmly.

Following the service, a hot breakfast will be served in Bruce and Linda's Barn. In the event of rain, service will be held in Bruce and Linda's Barn.

Skunk Train's Easter Express departs from Willits, March 29-31

Submitted by Mendocino Railway

March 19 - This Easter weekend, from Friday, March 29 to Sunday, March 31, the historic Skunk Train invites families to embark on a memorable springtime adventure aboard the enchanting Easter Express. Set amidst the picturesque landscapes west of Willits, this delightful celebration promises a host of treats, surprises, and cherished moments for all ages.

Hop aboard the Skunk Train and indulge in a 2-hour excursion through Tunnel #2, taking in the breathtaking scenery while reveling in the spirit of Easter. As you journey through the stunning countryside, be on the lookout for special Easter Egg surprises hidden along the route, adding an element of excitement to the experience.

"Our goal with the Easter Express is to create a truly magical and memorable celebration for families," says Stathi Pappas, general manager at the Skunk Train. "We want to provide an opportunity for guests to not only enjoy the beauty of springtime but also create cherished memories with their loved ones."

Guests can anticipate a variety of festive activities, including a visit from the Easter Bunny himself, who will be spreading joy and cheer throughout the train. Indulge in tasty Easter treats and refreshing pink lemonade, adding to the festive ambiance of the journey.

The Easter Express departs from Willits, ollering families the perfect opportunity to come together and celebrate the holiday in a unique and unforgettable way. Tickets for this special event are priced at \$64.95 for standard fare, with infants in lap riding for free and dogs welcome for an additional fee of \$10.95.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to create cherished memories with your loved ones. Secure your tickets for the Easter Express today and embark on an unforgettable journey with the Skunk Train.

To book your tickets for the Easter Express, visit www. skunktrain.com/easter-express/.

For more information about Mendocino Railway - the Skunk Train and its unforgettable rail adventures, visit www.skunktrain.com or call (707) 964-6371.

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train, located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County, is a heritage railroad that has been operating both freight and passenger service since 1885. Initially used to move redwood logs to the Mendocino coast sawmills from the rugged back country, the Skunk Train has become a beloved institution touted as one of the "10 Best Rail Tours in the Country" (USA Today), and a "Top 10 Family Activity in California" (National Geographic Traveler).

The Skunk Train journey covers 40 miles of scenic delights and 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm – minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded its arrival. Operating year-round, this multi-generational experience welcomes passengers to bring along their families and even their dogs, ensuring a memorable and inclusive adventure.



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