# William Online & Print A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits **Thursday, June 22, 2023** Donations Accepted Edition No. 506

## **School** board

hears off-agenda complaints

Margi Gomez Guhde

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The public portion of the June 15 Willits Unified School District board of directors meeting started at approximately 5:10 pm. Public comments on matters not on the agenda came from a number of community members dissatisfied with a survey on gender identification soliciting information from students. Speakers included a local pastor and a sixthgrader who gave a clear and emphatic presentation on the subject.

A number of parents reported disturbing incidents at Baechtel Grove Middle School, including bullying, name-calling, and fighting. Urgent calls were made for more staff, parent volunteers, and local resource officers to attend recess periods. Smaller class sizes and ideas about limiting cellphone use and reorganizing breaks times discussed. Board President Paula Nunez and the board members expressed their appreciation for the comments.

The general obligation bond measure voted

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## **Friends** of the Museum

meet in person

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The Friends of the Mendocino County Museum, a group formed in 2020, was created to help the museum achieve its goals and continue its existence, as well as to help information disseminate and to support the work and

purpose of the museum. "I came up with the concept of needing a Friends group here about three years ago," said Brent Walker, chairman of the Friends. "I found myself right in the middle of it. Another fellow who knows how to set up a non-profit was there at the initial meeting with me. I'm also on the advisory board for the museum. He, Phoenix Trent, was also on the advisory board. He did most of the set-up work. He lives in New York State now. He's still on our board. We meet through Zoom."

So far, the Friends have videography financed of the Judi Bari series of lectures and panels, financed lodging, food and travel for several of Judi Bari program

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# Signs of Summer

With the official arrival of summer on Wednesday, June 21, the new assortment of usually warm-weatherfavoring flowers starting to bloom might be the only sign of the season's arrival, since the weather sure seems to have missed the memo. These sunflowers popped up just recently, and bring a sunny face to the garden during this cool week. Alas, warm, if not full-on hot weather looks like it might be on the horizon just in time for the approaching 4th of July holiday, but, as usual we shall see!



Above: New nurses of the 2023 Spring Cohort who will work at Howard Memorial Hospital include from left: Elizabeth Mitchell, David Vega, Monse Chan, Alana Hastings (clinical education supervisor), Karina Neito, Holly Bennett (nursing educator), Debra Weisman, Jamie Johnstone and Kimberley Griffen.

# Happenings at Howard

## Adventist Health Howard Memorial welcomes seven new nurses and celebrates service with awards ceremony

There are many things to celebrate at Adventist Health Howard Memorial lately, including the arrival of seven new nurses to the campus; recognition of a total of 775 years

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of service in 2023 at their "Day at the Races" Service awards ceremony; and a special honoring of Howard Memorial's longest-serving employee Kathy Grupp, who has herself

"Overall, that's about 282,875 days of caring for our community," said AHHM Marketing and Communications Manager Shelby White. "Truly an amazing feat that we are so thankful for. We have a wonderful tradition of honoring those who serve on our team and the amazing work they do

each and every day for Adventist Health, and the Tuesday,

completed 50 years of service with Howard this year.

June 6 awards celebration truly showed it!" Some other notable milestone celebrations included Steven Lovell, Judy Massoth and Cindy Trexel for 35 years of service; Jennifer Bender and Michael Royers for 30 years; Lisa Abrams and Valerie Takes for 25 years; and Julie Goyke, Katrine McKinley, Kenneth Smith, Glenda Theeringer, and Troy Van Patten for 20 years of service.

"We also celebrated our 47 team members who have been part of our family for 5, 10, and 15 years. We also had a wonderful standing ovation for Dr. Tedd Dawson who will be retiring from the hospital very soon," continued White.

Just starting their service journey with Adventist Health Howard Memorial are the seven new RN graduates who came to the hospital as a part of the Spring 2023 cohort including Elizabeth Mitchell, David Vega, Monse Chan, Karina Neito, Debra Weisman, Jamie Johnstone and Kimberley Griffen.

The group was welcomed on campus with a June 7

breakfast where they listened to some speeches and participated in a meet and greet with many staff members who were excited to see them on their first day at the

"There was a great amount of excitement, enthusiasm and readiness as they begin their career with us as nurses," said White. "We are so grateful to have such talented individuals coming to our team, as we keep healthcare local and they continue their education, caring for our community."

## Celebrating Kathy Grupp

Posted by Shelby White for AHHM

Lab Manager Kathy Grupp's journey with us began far before her trek into the lab -- she was in fact born in the old Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Her grandfather, Shelby Dukes, was the maintenance man there at the time and miraculously, she was born on his birthday. "That was my true start here at Howard Memorial," Kathy likes to say.

In 1973 at the age of 16, Kathy began working with us in the lab under Dr. Joseph Stetz, the first and only pathologist we have ever had on-site. There she began as a student, who Dr. Stetz was willing to take on for help in the lab three to five hours a day after school. Kathy worked to learn all she could and could do anything she was taught, including phlebotomy (blood draw) and histology (the study of microscopic tissue under a microscope).

Upon graduating from high school after working two years in the lab under Dr. Stetz, Kathy left for an opportunity to pursue higher education at the University of California,

> Read the rest of Celebrating Over on Page 16

City OKs MOU with

## Pine Mountain Water

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The Willits City Council voted 3 to 2 to approve memorandum understanding with the Pine Mountain Mutual Water Company to study a possible "emergency intertie" that would "ensure a reliable long-term supply of potable water for Pine Mountain residents," the staff report for the item states.

The MOU will allow the Pine Mountain water district to apply for technical assistance from the State Water Resources Control Board "to obtain funding for a feasibility study" for the intertie project, including the potential of the City of Willits applying for funding to improve its water infrastructure. The technical assistance "will also help both entities examine the viability of consolidating the two water systems."

Councilmember Stranske and Mayor Greta Kanne were the two "No" votes.

expressed Stranske several concerns, including

Read the rest of Water

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## **Brooktrails** OKs nearly \$4 million budget

Barbara O'Reardon Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Present for the June 13 meeting of the Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board were directors Ed Horrick, Ralph Santos, Joanne Cavallari, board President Rick Williams, and General Manager Tamara Alaniz. Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea was out of town, and not in attendance. Township Chris counsel Neary attended remotely via zoom.

The meeting began with President Williams opening the floor to a public hearing regarding the nearly \$4 million budget. No one was present to make comments on the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Financial Plan for Services (the budget). Director Ed Horrick noted that there was a lot of reading that was involved in going through the lengthy budget

District Counsel Chris Neary reported that since the last board meeting he'd been working on potential amendments to the Brooktrails Golf Course agreement with the operator's counsel. The Golf Course Agreement has been a topic of discussion at

Read the rest of Brooktrails

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Thank you

To the Editor:

The Willits Horsemen's annual BBQ was Sunday June 4, 2023. We had a fantastic turnout and would like to thank the community for their support. Our BBQ crew was awesome. A special thank you to the Yokum Family, Stan Cooley Family, Andrew Hosford Family, and Jack, Jen, Taylor and Tanner Drew. Many others helped, and I apologize for not listing everyone. It was a true team effort, and the most amazing

Paul and Bonnie Riley staged the cornhole tournament with eight teams and raised money for our benefit. So much fun to see the competitors. Thank you so much – your donation was astounding.

fund-raising event that everyone is invited to, the kids for the gymkhana, and everyone for the rodeo events and the BBQ and the cornhole competition. Little Lake Fire Department EMTs were on hand for our afternoon rodeo events, Willits Weekly was awesome with pictures and coverage. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers who made this happen. It was wonderful to gather again and see friends.

you for your support.

Pancake Breakfast every second

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center

Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch

Monday through Friday. To sign up call

Deb at 459-6826, who can help fill out the

application form. Call 459-6826 the day

before needed to schedule home meal

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-

5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off

for grocery shopping, banking, doctors'

appointments, Senior Center Thrift Shop:

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

• Never use illegal fireworks - even

Never allow young children to use or

Never use fireworks while impaired

Never hold a lit firework in your hands.

· Never use fireworks close to people,

· Never point or throw fireworks at

· Do not try to re-light or handle

Soak both spent and unused

fireworks in water for an extended time

• Never light fireworks indoors.

houses, and flammable materials.

malfunctioning fireworks.

before discarding.

case of fire.

"Safe and Sane" fireworks are banned in

Mendocino County.

handle fireworks.

by drugs or alcohol.

delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

#### Senior Center menu for the week

CAL FIRE encourages July 4th safety

morning from 9 to 10 am.

Sunday, 8 to 11 am.

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

Thursday, June 22: Western Bacon Burger, Pickle, Green Salad

Friday, June 23: Brazilian Sausage, Sauerkraut on Bun w/Mustard. Pickle

Monday, July 26: Chicken Tacos, Rice

Tuesday, July 27: Spinach Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread

Wednesday, July 28: Pork Loin, Herb

Potato, Veggie, Roll

Thursday, July 29: Chicken Fritter, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Cranberry, Veggie, Roll Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 about volunteering: 459-6826.

Submitted by CAL FIRE, Sacramento

With the Fourth of July holiday

around the corner, state fire officials are

stressing the dangers and consequences

of using illegal fireworks. This Fourth of

July, remember to celebrate responsibly.

Protect your community by preventing

fires and injuries caused by fireworks.

Fireworks purchased out-of-state are

illegal in California without a license. Why

not let the experts handle the fireworks

show? You can easily grab a blanket,

head to a local fireworks show, and find

the perfect patch of lawn to kick back and

"With fireworks causing over \$25

million dollars in property loss in 2022,

preventing fires and injuries caused by

fireworks begins with you," said Chief

Daniel Berlant, acting California state

fire marshal. "Don't be the reason your

Fourth of July holiday goes up in smoke".

Friday, July 30: Turkey Stuffing w/Gravy,

The Horsemen's Playday is our annual

Willits is an awesome community, Thank

Cindy Mihelcic, for Willits Horsemen's Association

#### Savings Bank announces new down payment assistance program

Submitted by Savings Bank of Mendocino County

Submitted by MCOG

"regular" public transit services.

to the action plan for this project."

MCOGMobility.

net or 707-234-3434.

June 6 – Savings Bank of Mendocino County has joined the Federal Home Loan

Through the annual grant WISH program, Savings Bank of Mendocino County will reserve funds to assist eligible low- to moderate-income first-time homebuyers in Lake and Mendocino counties with up to the annual maximum EHFA subsidy limit which is \$29,172 in 2023 in down payment assistance until the \$12.5 million in WISH

FHLBank San Francisco's WISH grant program was created to help families overcome the most significant barriers to homeownership and build wealth. This will be the first year that Savings Bank of Mendocino County has participated in the program, and they are looking forward to assisting families purchase their first home.

"We are excited to partner with the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco to provide WISH down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers. As a community bank, we take pride in helping low- to-moderate income households throughout Lake and Mendocino counties attain the goal of homeownership." said Stacy Starkey, CEO and president of Savings Bank of Mendocino County.

families and individuals who are ready to make the transition from renting to owning. The grants can be paired with local, state, and federal mortgage loan programs, such as Fannie Mae HomeReady and Federal Housing Administration-insured

Savings Bank of Mendocino County is the only locally chartered bank and is a strong independent financial institution which provides Mendocino and Lake counties the dependability of a local community bank. As a local lender since 1903, Savings Bank understands the real estate markets in Lake and Mendocino counties. They offer competitive rates and provide their customers with personalized service

helping local lenders in Arizona, California and Nevada build strong communities, create opportunity, and change lives for the better. The tools and resources we provide to our member financial institutions - commercial banks, credit unions. industrial loan companies, savings institutions, insurance companies, and community development financial institutions - promote homeownership, expand access to quality housing, and boost economic development. Together with our members and other partners, we are making the communities we serve more vibrant, equitable, and resilient.

Online meeting to review transit solutions

set for June 27

The Mendocino Council of Governments is nearing completion of a study of

transportation needs and solutions for the communities of Covelo, Laytonville,

Brooktrails, Potter Valley and Hopland – five inland rural communities with no

On Tuesday, June 27 at 5 pm, a virtual public meeting will provide residents with

According to MCOG staff: "The study points to a variety of innovative, low-

cost programs for providing life-line transportation services in currently unserved

communities and suggests ways of funding these services. However, if these

programs are to be implemented, it will require the engagement and advocacy of

local residents and stakeholders. We encourage people to come and add their voice

A link to the virtual public meeting can be found on the project website at bit.ly/

For further information, contact project manager Loretta Ellard at lellard@dbcteam.

an opportunity to preview and comment on the study recommendations which will be

made to the MCOG and Mendocino Transit Authority boards in August.

Bank of San Francisco's Workforce Initiative Subsidy for Homeownership matching down payment grant program to help more Lake and Mendocino county residents achieve the dream of homeownership.

program funds are exhausted.

FHLBank San Francisco's WISH program offers eligible low- to moderate-income households 4-to-1 matching grants of up to the annual maximum limit, \$29,172 in 2023, that can be applied to down payment and closing costs for the purchase of a

The grants, available on a first-come, first-served basis, are intended for working

"Homeownership remains the primary way families build wealth in America, meaning these grants do more than just provide a roof over one's head," said Teresa Bryce Bazemore, CEO and president of FHLBank San Francisco. "WISH grants not only help make the American dream of homeownership attainable, but they contribute to economic advancement for both underserved communities and future

Potential homebuyers interested in this program should contact Savings Bank of Mendocino County at (707) 462-6613 or visit www.savingsbank.com to apply.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco is a member-driven cooperative Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in To learn more about fireworks safety, visit www.ReadyForWildfire. org/more/fireworks-

## The Rules: LETTERS

enjoy.

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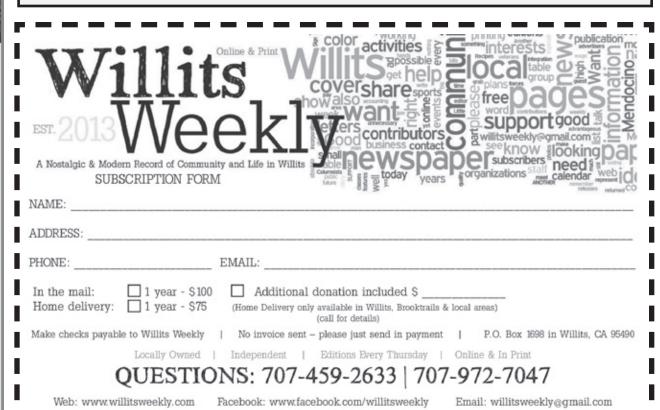
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## **Road Closure for Hometown Celebration**

Notice of Road Closure: Friday, June 30 from 3 to 11 pm: North of the Main / Wood Street intersection to South of Commercial Street. A portion of East and West Mendocino will be closed as well. Detour available.









From far left: Harry So's chicken with garlic bread and a Caesar salad. This lad puts the bounce in "bounce house." The Firefighters Association sells whimsical T-shirts.

Below, left: The Little Lake Fire District brought out all of their trucks and emergency vehicles for

Below: The cornhole tournament is

Photos by Mathew Caine





# Fire Funds

Little Lake Firefighters Association holds open house and fundraiser with fun activities for all ages

They weren't sure that the annual Little Lake Firefighters Association open house was going to happen this year when in the morning, the fire crew was called out to a fire in Tartar Canyon in the hills east of Willits. Luckily, the "String Fire" was contained to about an acre around a burn pile that had gotten out of control. The crew, along with help from a CAL FIRE helicopter, got the fire under control.

Mathew Caine After that, the volunteer firefighters were able to get back to the matters at hand, the opening of the firehouse to the residents of Willits, a cornhole tournament, bounce house for the kids, BBQ chicken dinners, drawing the raffle winners, and beer for the adults. And, of course, rides around town in the antique

"Today is our annual open house which is put on by the Firefighters Association," said Deputy Fire Chief John Thomen. "We've been doing this for years. It's a fundraiser to raise money for equipment that the district may not have the funds to pay for or might be in addition to what the district provides. Originally, it was the Fireman's Ball, back in the day.... It gives a chance for people in the community to come and see their fire engines

"We would have had the ladder truck here for people to climb up but it's having some work done on it currently. We do have the old Engine No. 2 for the kids to ride on. Manuel Orozco is in charge of the cornhole tournament. Harry So is taking care of the food, and the Lions Club is serving the beer," said Thomen.

All of the fire engines, tankers, support vehicles, etc. were out on Humboldt Street for the people to see and take photos of. Across the street, at the City Park, a bounce house entertained the little ones as they jumped up and down and yelled in delight.

The Little Lake Firefighters Association tent hosted Manuel Orozco, volunteer firefighter and finance director for the City of Willits, who was engaged in signing people up for the cornhole tournament and selling bright red T-shirts with the whimsical logo of the

"It's \$80 per team to join the cornhole tournament, \$40 per person," explained Orozco. 'They can win cash prizes. Hopefully, we can keep this going every year. Already, it's a bigger event than last year. We use a tournament bracket off Scoreholio [https://scoreholio. com]. It's a double-blind elimination tournament. It's open to the competitive side of things. They get to have their rankings recorded through Scoreholio. It's important to some of the more serious players. We're also opening it up to another bracket so 'backyarders' can

The rules are very simple, as explained by Orozco: "Getting the bag inside the hole is worth three points. Just getting the bag on the board is one. You count up your total after each round. If both teams have

two on the board, it zeroes it out, no Read the rest of Over on page 15 LLFD| points in that round. You play to 21."

TALLTREE





firefighter Ashlev Roach smiles with her aunt, Alice At left: Firefighter

> the cooking duties with his recipe for grilled chicken. Below: Families ride on the antique fire truck down Main Street and around to

**Commercial Street** 

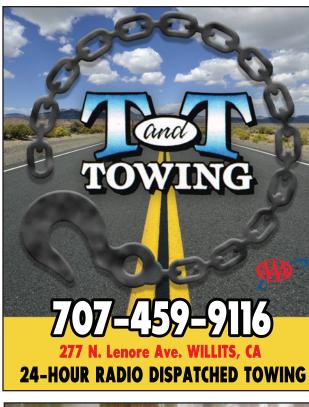
Harry So takes over













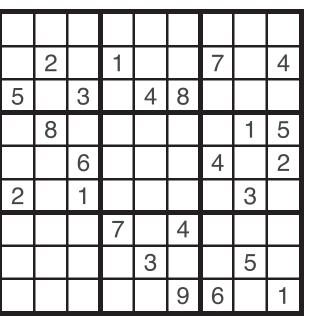
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# Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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AXKPXTTYSCOOLINGLBAD

**GRILL** 

HOT

JULY

**POOL** 

RELAXATION

**REST** 

RETREAT

**SEASIDE** 

44. Take care of

47. Cologne

48. Men

45. Traditional rhythmic

49. The Science Guy

51. Act of signing up

57. A very short time

59. Cuplike cavities

**CLUES DOWN** 

55. Human feet

58. Streetcars

1. A type of pool

2. Malaise

4. A pair

3. Seasoned

5. Young male

7. Experienced

9. Old world, new

10. Commercial

12. Promote

6. Make a mistake

8. It often accompanies

11. Course of lectures

16. Female horses

50. Gospel author (abbr.)

46. S. African political party

**AUGUST** 

BACKYARD

BARBECUE

BEACH

COOLING

**ENJOYMENT** 

**FAMILY** 

FAN

44

50

**CLUES ACROSS** 

14. Dangerous mosquitos

15. Exaggerated and

sensationalized

19. Military policeman

22. A story of one's life

and southeast

24. Toward the mouth

or oral region

at a restaurant

26. Changes the

meaning of

30. Semitic Sun god

33. Breezed through

34. Partner to pedi

38. Bottoms

39. Tested

40. Vistas

32. Capital of Zimbabwe

35. Becomes less intense

31. Sneaker parts

25. A list of dishes available

23. Midway between east

1. Excited movements

8. Soap opera

13. Unknowing

20. Touch softly

21. Wrap

actress Patsy

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

SHADE

SUMMER

**SUNLIGHT** 

SUNSCREEN

**SWIMSUIT** 

ULTRAVIOLET

**VACATION** 

WARMTH

42

17. Greek mythological

22. Orthodox church altar

28. Looked directly at

30. More reasonable

of a saint

35. Make an effort

36. It's in the surf

38. Discounts

40. Cliff in Hawaii

42. All persons

43. Aromas

29. Popular cold desserts

32. Disk above the head

34. Devoted to the extreme

37. Member of aboriginal

41. Extremely wild person

45. Popular kids' game

48. A difficult situation

51. Popular Georgia

52. It's in all living cells

53. Unspoken language

abbreviation

56. Influential lawyer

rockers

54. 'Talk to you'

people of Japan

figure

18. Small amount

25. Actress Tomei

27. Excited

# SUDOKU

10:36 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Locust Street and

#### May 30

of Covelo was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 496 PC (Receiving Stolen Property), 11377 HS (Possession Methamphetamine), 11364 HS (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), 11351 HS (Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell), and 11352 HS (Transportation or Sale of Controlled

10:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

11:39 pm: FRYMAN, Jason Luke (38) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of threatening an officer, resisting an officer, and violation of

#### May 31

12:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

12:19 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

12:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

the intersection of West Commercial Street and Muir Lane and issued a warning. 12:54 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel

1:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 900 block of South Main Street and issued

5:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and

#### June 1

10:27 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

12:50 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

4:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

a warning.

issued a citation.

issued a citation

June 3

block of Marcela Drive.

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE LOG** 

May 29 to June 4

The officers of the Willits Police June 2 Department handled 78 incidents in this 9:40 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 7-day reporting period.

**Summary of Active Investigations** and Arrests

8:37 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Locust Street and Holly Street and issued a warning.

9:08 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1600 block of South Main Street and

Walnut Street and issued a warning.

1:15 am: MAPLE, Ronald Dean (59) 2:02 am: FISCHER, Josiah (35) of Laytonville was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol) and resisting

> of vandalism in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:11 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

8:19 am: Officers responded to a report

500 block of South Main Street and issued

11:47 am: Officers conducted a stop in

12:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

12:50 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

3:38 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run

vehicle collision investigation in the 100

the 300 block of North Main Street and

the 700 block of South Main Street and

the 700 block of South Main Street and

9:12 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

11:37 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Walnut Street and issued a citation

#### June 4

12:43 am: HERNANDEZ, Francisco (37) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of carrying a loaded handgun while not the registered owner, and on misdemeanor charges of carrying a loaded firearm in public, carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle, and possession of a large capacity magazine.

5:51 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:06 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:45 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 800 block of South Main

10:01 am: MOHAN, Sanjay (48) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order) and on misdemeanor charges of violation

3:49 pm: WHITAKER, Denise Elaine (58) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of East Hill Road. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting an officer, and assault on an officer.

10:25 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Valley Street and Penn Street and issued a warning.

at https://www.listofnationaldays.com/

National Chocolate Eclair Day, National Onion Rings Day, B Kinder Day, National Kissing Day, National Limoncello Day,

June 23: National Hydration Day, National Pecan Sandies Day, National Pink Day, Un Public Service Day, Let It Go Day, International Olympic Day, International Widows' Day, International Women In Engineering Day, National Detroit-Style Pizza Day, National Family Owned & Operated Business Day, National Porridge Day, Pink Flamingo Day, Runner's Selfie

Leon Day, National Strawberry Parfait Day, Global Beatles Day, Color TV Day, Bourdain Day, Day Of The Seafarer, Global Beatles Day, Goats Cheese Day, Mitch Lane Day, National Camp Counts Day, National

June 22: National HVAC Tech Day, National Police Community Cooperative Day, World Vitiligo Day

> National Chocolate Pudding Day, Please Cocktails Day, World Refrigeration Day

National Women's Fly Fishing Day

June 28: National Paul Bunyan Day, National Insurance Awareness Day, Tau Day, Tapioca Day, International Body Piercing Day, Happy Heart Hugs Day, National Ceviche Day, National Insurance

## Dynamic husband and wife duo Bug Guts comes to Willits Community Theatre July 1

#### By Steve Hellman, for WCT

For dynamic lyrics and witty good times coupled with intricate guitar weaves, the unique alternative folk duo Bug Guts comes to Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 pm. Celebrating the release of "Orb," their latest album, Scott Ireland and Rosebud will highlight songs like "I Gave Away My Favorite Thing" and "Anne Frank's Vision."

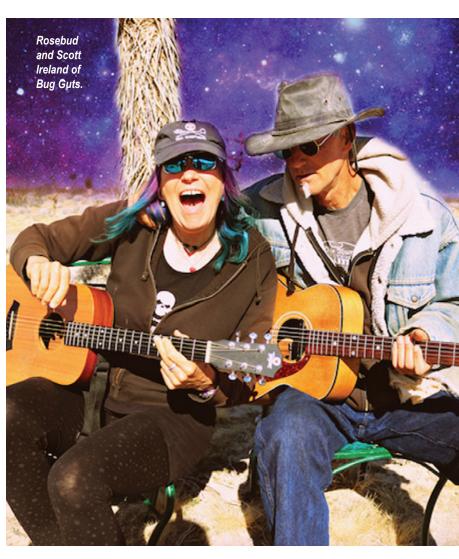
Both songs by Rosebud were finalists in recent song-writing contests. In their take on Anne Frank's heroism, they quote from her words and share a hopeful and piercing vision for what

The Northern California husband-and-wife team describe themselves as a dynamic duo. "When it comes to us being categorized as alternative folk," Rosebud says. "It's not just kumbaya; it's more complex. We see ourselves as awareness activists, and also we're having a really good time."

It was back in the 1980s in San Diego that the two first jammed together, and their magical connection was made. Now more 30 years into perfecting their artistry, the duo has experimented through a variety of musical incarnations. They have released five albums under their Bug Guts moniker, all blending alternative, folk, punk, experimental and

Together the pair have won numerous songwriting awards and shared the stage with such talents as Shawn Colvin, Gillian Welch, Jason Mraz, and Jewel. They sold out their show earlier this year at the 200-seat Borrego Hot Springs Performing Arts Center.

With their smooth, rich harmonies, mind-tickling lyrics, and guitar work, the duo brings their act to the WCT Playhouse for the first time, promising to deliver a deliciously joyous and raucous show. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter. org and at the door.







Above, left: A view of valley oak trees, Quercus lobata, and Narrowleaf Mule Ears, Wyethia angustifolia, a beautiful native sunflower in the Little Lake Valley. Above, right: A white-tailed kite, Elanus leucurus, a resident raptor in the Little Lake Valley, balances on the end of a stick, watching for prey. Below, left: California aster, Aster chilensis, has not quite started blooming yet but will be a late summer wildflower in the Little Lake Valley. Below, right: A red-winged blackbird, Agelaius phoeniceus, a year-round resident in the Willits Little Lake Valley, squawks out a call from atop a barbwire fence.



#### Willits Bypass Mitigation Lands Nature Walk

On July 8 we will be having our next Little Lake Valley Walk of the Willits Bypass Mitigation Lands with Mendocino Resource Conservation District Project Interpreter and Wildlife Biologist Marisela de Santa Anna. This will be a leisurely flat walk to enjoy the late spring flowers, look for animal tracks and signs, and listen and look for the beautiful birds that live there.

We will meet at the MCRCD Interpretive Center located at the Mendocino County Museum at 8 am to try to beat the heat and we will be finished by lunch. There will be shade along the way but wear a sunhat and sunscreen. Bring water and comfortable walking shoes and a snack. Binoculars are recommended but we have a few to lend out if you don't have any. RSVP please at marisela@ mcrcd.org or text at 707-841-7172.

- Marisela de Santa Anna





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June 25: National Catfish Day, National Croatian Wine Day, National Olaplex Day, June 26: National Beautician's Day,

Take My Children To Work Day, Canoe Day, Forgiveness Day, International Day Against Drug Abuse And Illicit Trafficking, International Day In Support Of Victims Of Torture, National Barcode Day, National Coconut Day, National Report Trade Agreement Act Fraud Day, Tropical June 27: National Orange Blossom Day,

National PTSD Awareness Day, National Sunglasses Day, Pineapple Day, Industrial Workers Of The World Day, Decide To Be Married Day, Happy Birthday To You Day, Helen Keller Day, Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises Day, National Bingo Day, National HIV Testing Day, National Ice Cream Cake Day, National Onion Day,

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# Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



#### Attentive Maya

Maya is a bundle of love! Observant and smart, she exudes confidence and curiosity on a leash. She needs more exposure to people but once Mava gets past her hesitation around new people, she is easy to love! She's a loval companion who will chase balls, prance

around with stuffies, and loves her treats and chewies. She is interested in well-mannered dogs and while she doesn't quite know how to stick to her own bowl during a group feeding time, she has no problem sharing a car, a sidewalk, or a dog bed with another furry dog friend.

Totally house-trained. Maya is a fast learner and would thrive in a home ready to work consistently with her to keep developing better habits – bonus points if you have an extra cozy blanket or two, she loves to burrow and cuddle up.

Maya is looking for a calmer household, preferably with a resident dog. She will not do well with cats and prefers older, dog-savvy kids (calm and well-mannered).

To learn more about Maya or to view other adoptable

complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an on www.petfinder.com. appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-

#### Flawless Chewv

Chewy was found as a stray in Willits a few months ago, and we can't believe guy doesn't this have a family! He has everything you could want in a cat: soft, handsome, the perfect mix of lazy and playful, and he's sweet as can be. He can hunt down any pests and

be home in time

for dinner and snuggles. If you're looking for an indoor outdoor lover boy, come meet Chewy!

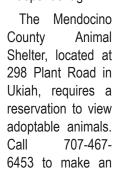
The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to come visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday 1 pm to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday 11

animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www. currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and

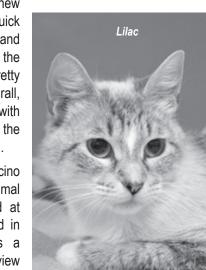
#### Independent Lilac

Lilac is a super sweet girl that can be a little nervous

people, but is quick to warm up, and boy is she worth the wait. She's pretty reserved overall, but likes to play with toys and is quite the independent girl.



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#### OBITUARY |

# John W. Figg-Hoblyn, Sr.

John Westropp Figg-Hoblyn, Sr. was born April 10, 1935 in Los Angeles to Arthur W Figg-Hoblyn and Madeline E. Sidener. He passed away June 11



John spent his younger years in Los Angeles. His father moved the family to Willits in 1946 and built a home on School House Hill. He lived there through his youth and graduated from Willits High.

2023 after a long illness.

He was a maintenance engineer and mechanic in the lumber and trucking industries and worked at Remco Hydraulics for 28 years before retiring in 1988.

He fulfilled his lifelong dream of a ranch or farm, and he and wife, Gerry, moved to Missouri where they spent eight years running a cattle and hay farm. They returned to Willits in 2000 to be with family.

He made several trips to Cornwall,

England and London to settle family estate matters. They enjoyed many years traveling camping and fishing with friends and family.

John was a Mason of many years, serving a term as Master of Willits Masonic Lodge #231 and was a 32 Degree Mason. He also was a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the AAHMES Shriners Club. He received several Masonic Awards during that time.

John was a long-time volunteer at the Harrah Senior Center and served several terms on their board of directors.

He is survived by his wife, Gerry, of 44 years and sons John W. Figg-Hoblyn Jr. (Tonia), Marshall K. Figg-Hoblyn, and Arthur P. Figg-Hoblyn, all of Willits; Lee Figg-Hoblyn (Kim) of Grants Pass, Oregon; and stepson Steven Dursteler (Katrena) of Redwood Valley.

He has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren with another coming soon. He was a genuine patriarch to his family and will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Harrah Senior Center. A celebration of life will be held later to be announced by the family.

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#### The rest of Museum

want everyone to know our goals

for the museum and that we'll be

doing it together.

speakers, provided funding for the Friends logo design, some of the museum's 50th anniversary celebration, and food and photos for the Nuestra Alianza exhibit opening. Last March, the Friends purchased lumber for the museum exhibit platforms. They've managed to accomplish all this even though they have not had an in-person meeting until this get-together on June 18.

"Today we're having a nice friendly get-together, for the community and Friends members," said Walker. "We're going to have a good time visiting, eating and discussing where we want to go from here. This is the first actual public meeting of the Friends group which we officially formed early in 2020, and then COVID came, which kept us from opportunities to do our membership type of work. We're just starting to get into the membership and activities now."

About 40 interested residents and officials showed up for this initial meeting at the museum which was laid back, with only three short talks, after which people could ask questions, visit, pick up literature on the Friends and the museum, eat delicious from Scoops Deli, or tour the museum, including a short tour of the archives.

First to speak was Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who thanked everyone for coming and supporting the museum: "Last year, we had the big attack on the museum's budget. If that would have succeeded. would have had to close the museum. This year, there were some rumblings because the county budget is in worse shape, but what we did during the year really showed the supervisors the museum's importance to the community and the county.

"Karen [Mattson] did an incredible job," said Haschak, "in pulling a group of people together and working on the strategic plan, which is how we're going to interface with the whole community and county, what services we're going to provide, how we're going to provide quality services that really resonate and connect with the community."

Museum Administrator Mattson was next to address the attendees, mostly in regards to future plans: "We did have a lot of exciting things happen last year. Last year, around this time, was a very scary time. I do want to remind everyone that at that time, the chamber of commerce sponsored an amazing mixer and we had hundreds of people 6365.

here to support the museum. "We have goals for our collection," said Mattson. "We have goals for our education. We have goals for fundraising and working with the community. We

"Our immediate plans," explained Mattson. "July 1st is coming, and we wanted to kick off the fiscal year by responding to the survey feedback that went county-wide. Some of the things, right away, that people have asked for, is they would like additional evening hours and some more programs on

"We are hosting three art walks this summer, and our goal is for the art walks to be active. People want to do things. They want to come here and be with their friends and family. We have activities planned. We have guests coming. We are going to have music each art walk night, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum. It's giving us an opportunity to learn how to work with the Friends to get our ducks in a row for fundraising. The museum will be open for free on these nights.

The July 1 Art Walk will feature "Inventers Takeover," at the museum, "with Richard and Phil Jergensen, who are bringing their Funkadoole Railroad and their Gypsy Wagon, made of Grid Beam, and it's connected to our current Gadget exhibit," Mattson said. "The Friends will be selling lemonade as a fundraiser."

Mattson also thanked the several members of the Willits Rotary Club in attendance for offering to help the Friends set up their organization and to consult about fundraising.

Last to speak was Friends chair Brent Walker, who called for volunteers and ideas for merchandise that the Friends could market online.

For those wishing to join the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum, a brochure can be picked up at the museum. Call 459-2736, email fotmcm@yahoo. com, or visit their Facebook page. Memberships run between \$15 and \$250, depending on the level of participation.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 4 pm. For more info, visit https:// www.mendocinocounty.org/ government/cultural-servicesagency/museum or call 707-234

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of all strata of Willits community attend the meeting. Above, right: Third District Supervisor John Haschak speaks with Roger Ham of the Willits American Legion.At left. Museum administrator Karen Mattson gives a short talk to the attendees. Below, left: Delicious finger food was provided by Lisa Kvasnicka of Scoops Deli. Below, right: Brent Walker, president of the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum, talks about accomplishments and future plans.

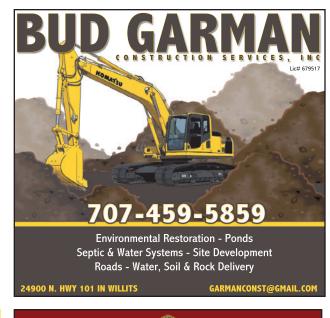






Above: The meeting was well-attended with about 40 concerned citizens. Below: Several members of the Willits Rotary Club were in attendance and plan to consult on fundraising.









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#### COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

# 'Flash'

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The Story: DC Comics super hero saga about an interesting-looking young guy (Ezra Miller) in a fireproof red suit who can run so fast you can't see him and leaves a trail of lightning bolts. It seems that Flash's dad is in jail for murdering Flash's mother. Dad is innocent, of course, but Flash can't prove it. Then Flash discovers the ability to run faster than Time Itself, so he can

Dan Essman

Problem solved! All very tidy. But he's warned by Batman not to mess

go back in Time and

with the Past because changing one little thing could end up "Changing the Whole World!" OMG! Flash, being young and impulsive and desperate (and very quick) ignores Batman's warning. What happens next pretty much defies audience expectations. It includes General Zog.

My Thoughts: About super powers: Flash is in the Justice League along with Superman, Batman, Aquaman and Wonder Woman. Wonder Woman doesn't have "super" powers, because technically speaking she's a Goddess so whatever she does have is just a function of her divinity, nothing "super" about her, just, you know, Goddess stuff. Flash has powers because he was struck by lightning which exploded a bunch of chemicals and made him incandescently fast. Flash has "super" powers.

Batman has a "utility belt" which has all sorts of amazing tools, plus he practices martial arts but he's not "super" powered, he's just very tough. Aquaman can talk to fish, but he was born that way, so he's not "super," he's just an ordinary aquaman. Now, Superman got to Earth and our yellow sun gave him powers, so he can be considered to have "super" powers and thus he's a true "super" hero.

Parents: PG-13. When they see Mother being murdered, Children feel anxious and scared. Don't bring your little ones.

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

## Thursday, June 22

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for the season on Main Street at the old Rexall

parking lot. The freshest local produce, local Saturday, June 24 meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales" story time from 3:30 to 4 pm.

Willits Frontier Days Truck & Tractor Pulls: Frontier Days kicks off Friday, June mendolibrary.org or 459-5908 23 with Truck & Tractor Pulls at the Jack Tharp Arena at 6 pm. Adult: \$20, child (3+) \$10. More info and entry forms: www.WillitsFrontier Days.

Katharine Cole Duo at Shanachie: the former cowgirl from Hopland, Country Kitty Rose, performs with sass and style, Thursday, June 22 at 7 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Willits Frontier Days Street Dance: Friday, June 23 after the Truck Pulls. Featuring country music by Joe Peters. Free. More info: www. WillitsFrontier Days.com

#### Friday, June 23

CAL FIRE Safety Meeting at the Library: Come to the CAL FIRE meeting at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Friday, June 23, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, to learn about fire safety. Discussions on creating an action plan, defensible space, home hardening, and more. This is a family-friendly event. More info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908.

Clav Hawkins Duo at Shanachie: "Late Night



Stomping Road from the Heart" by slide guitarist Friday, June 23 at

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evening Willits Art Walks this

summer, on July 1, August 5,

and September 2,. from 5:30 to

8:30 pm. Experience art, music,

dance, crafts and food as you

walk (or bike) from one venue to

the next along East Commercial

Street. Creators / artists are

called to participate at popups

along the way: Email manager@

willitscenterforthearts.org with

"Willits Art Walks pop up request"

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Paws and Tales at the Library: Animal-themed story time with special guest, Casey the therapy dog, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Saturday, June 24, 11 to 11:30 am. Happening on the last Saturday of the month. All ages welcome. Info: www.

Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Judging: Sweetheart candidate Haze Cooke will be judged on appearance and poise on Saturday, June 24 at noon at the WFD Rodeo Grounds.

> More info: www.WillitsFrontier Days.com Fratello Marionettes at the Library: The Fratello Marionettes has produced timeless marionette shows since 1989. Puppeteer Kevin Menegus brings classic stories and vignettes to life

through his hand-crafted marionettes. : Saturday, June 24, from 1:30 to 2 pm at www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908

Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie: Folk-based country and blues and unique vocals and harmony by Sonoma County based multi-instrumental duo Hilary & Christiane. Shanachie Pub on Saturday, June 24 at 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

## Sunday, June 25

Frontier Days Horseshow: June 25, starting at 8 the Jack Tharp will take place during the horseshow. More info: www.WillitsFrontier Days.

WFD Carnival Opens: Johnston Amusements returns to Willits the Rodeo Grounds with carnival rides, games along the midway wristbands at the gate.

"A Touch of Mendocino" at the Library: Join us Thursday, June 29, from 11 am to noon, as local

the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for the season on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

June 30 and Saturday, July 1 from 11 WCA, 71 East. Commercial Steet. supplies! Incredibly low prices: through June 30.

What's Happening Around Town

community and fun during Willits Frontier Days is set for 5 to 9 pm, Friday, June 30 in downtown Willits. Free to attend. Enjoy food, Mecca's aerial silk performers, classic cars, motorcycles, face painting by Ashley Rodriguez and Tiffany's Family Circus, henna artist Hilary, bounce houses, sales and specials at downtown businesses, and more. Live music by Pavlos

Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: Mendocino County jam band: "Sharing original music

that is a reflection of being a part of this amazing community - we're the Cosmic Family Band and so are you." Friday, June 30 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

#### Saturday, July 1

WCA YART Sale: "Half yard sale" and "half art supplies" fundraiser at the WCA: See Friday, June 30 listing for details.

Bug Guts at WCT: Dynamic lyrics and witty good times are coupled with intricate guitar weaves when the alternative folk duo Bug Guts appears at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 pm. Celebrating the release of "Orb," their latest album, Bug Guts' blend of genres from Folk to

Punk and Americana promises a joyous and raucous show. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www. wctperformingartscenter.org and at the door.

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

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, "It is LEGO

time at the library. Bring your imagination and start

Writer's Block Group: Wednesdays, from 11 am

to noon. "Open to young-adult and adult writers to

share their ideas and writings in an environment of

supportive and creative suggestions and feedback."

Games at the Library: First and third Fridays of the

month, 4 to 5:30 pm. "Calling all board, card and

tabletop role-playing game players! All ages and

player levels welcome. Bring your own games to add

Sit-N-Sew: second Saturdays, June 10 this month,

from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in - bring your sewing project

Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and

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## a band that takes the soul of the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of rock & roll and of jazz to create

you've always wanted to hear." Saturday, July 1 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

#### Sunday, July 2

WFD Lions Club Cowboy Breakfast: The Willits Lions Club serves up a hearty Cowboy Breakfast, including pancakes, ham, eggs, and hot coffee at the Rec Grove Park, Sunday, July 2, from 7 to 11 am. Adults: \$13: children 5-12: \$9.

WFD Junior Rodeo: featuring young riders competing in rodeo events like calf and steer riding, and the Mystery Scramble, for even younger enthusiasts. Sunday, July at the Jack Tharp Arena at 9 am. Adults: \$10, kids re free.

#### 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!

Tyler Grass & The Sherwood Mountain Boys: Held first and third Thursday evenings of the month, June 15 at 7 pm,. "Come check out some of our favorite locals playing bluegrass & more!'

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!"

#### **Ongoing Events**

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

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Sack lunches served at the City Park (or across the street in case of rain) every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. Come early to be assured a lunch! Provided by various churches and community organizations.

Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & Vinyl: "Sign-ups start at 4 pm. Game starts at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams of two, winner takes the pot! We'll have the games on all day. Beer, wine, pizza, we've got everything you need!" Flying Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main Street.

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twice-monthly drive-thru food distribution in Willits, second and fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11 am. Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income seniors 60 or older), and diapers.

second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main

pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: bbruneau@

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym: Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers a free karate program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm. for new students Special small child (Lil Dragons) classes only on Thursdays at 6 pm, ages 3 to 6. There is an annual \$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). For 354-0565. Program is continuous year-round. Body

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25 Hazel Street, Willits Modified Worship Service 10 a.m. Other ministries suspended For appointments call:

#### St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times:

459-2252 Sunday Mass inside: 9:00 a.m. English 10:30 a.m. Spanish Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m. Covid guidelines apply.

#### Ne welcome All Walks of Faith St. Francis **Episcopal Church** 1 North Main Street, Willits

707-272-0177 The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

#### St. John Lutheran Church

Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive

#### **Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

707-459-5714 Friendly, open worship Saturdays

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Zoom Transmission Available Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

399 W. Mendocino Ave. All are welcome!

# Labyrinth and Peace Garder

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

A place to find comfort

Facebook: facebook willits um f you want to be included ir this column please call:

**April Tweddell** (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com

## Wednesday, June 28

across East Commercial from food (including corn dogs, candy apples, ice cream, and popcorn and fun for kids and adults. Get your \$35 pre-sale unlimited rides wristbands at J.D. Redhouse until June 28 at noon; will be \$40 for

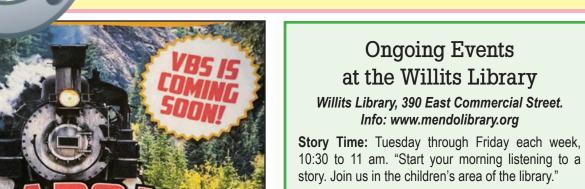
## Thursday, June 29

author and historian, Katy Tahja, reviews the more interesting aspects of Mendocino County history, from the visit of Winston Churchill in 1929, to herds of white deer, to stagecoach robbers. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or

Enjoy "Tobin's Tales" story time from 3:30 to 4 pm.

#### Friday, June 30

WCA YART Sale: Willits Center for the Arts holds their "half vard sale" and "half art supplies" fundraiser on Friday, am to 7 pm, in the rear garden at "Huge selection of art and crafts Great for artists, home crafters and schools." Donations can be dropped off during gallery hours



July 10th-14th. 5:30-8:30 pm Dinner will be provided each night

Grades K-6th **Grace Community Church** 

# You are invited to Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School!

Crafts Music

WILLITO

first saturdays

JULY1 \* AUGUST 5 \* SEPT 2

5:30-8:30pm

ART MUDIC FOOD CRAFT COMMUNITY

Come Downtown to stroll East Commercial Street

Enjoy WCA gallery openings, Museum events,

and Pop Up Creative Happenings in Between!

more details/sign up to pop up: willitscenterforthearts.org

after parties at B.A.C.E.

East Commercial Stre

**SPIDER-MAN: Across** 

the Spider-verse

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Games

# 25 Hazel St, Willits Willits Frontier Days

#### Carnival Opens Thursday, June 28

The night sky overlooking the Jack Tharp Arena glows bright with the lights from the Johnston Amusements carnival every year during Willits Frontier Days. The carnival offers rides, food and fun for kids and adults. Classics like the Gravitron and the Zipper give those hoping for a thrill a ride of a lifetime

The cotton candy, carnival games including darts, ping pong balls for goldfish, and more test the skills of all attendees. Everyone is welcome to enjoy tasty food including corn dogs, candy apples, ice cream, and popcorn as they stroll through the clean and well-lit midway.

Johnston Amusements has been bringing these quality family entertainment options to Central and Northern California fairs and festivals for over 50 years, spanning three

### Commonwealth Garden Farmstand opens July 7

The farmstand at the Commonwealth Garden across from the Howard Hospital campus opens to the public on Friday, July 7, from 10 am to 1 pm. Usually open on Fridays with beautiful organic veggies for

#### engineering skills.' Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm."

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to the fun!"

#### **INTERESTED IN A GARDEN** SPACE?

JOIN THE WILLITS COMMUNITY GARDEN!



Located at Willits Integrated Services Center: 472 E Valley St, Willits CA

Email us at gardens@nco.org or Call Andrea at (707) 467-3200 ex. 233



# 57 East Commercial Street - Willits 707-459-6660 Starts Friday, June 30:

Indiana Jones &

the Dial of Destiny

**Pg. 8** Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047

## THE FLASH (2023)

(PG13) 2 hrs 7 mins Fri.-Thurs: 2:00, 5:00 & 8:00pm



(PG) 2 hrs 20 mins Fri.-Thurs: 1:30, 4:35 & 7:40pm **OVER 21 CLUB -**Luxury Recliners

Tightwad Tuesday Title for June 27 is in RED. All tickets at just \$6.

## Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 bbruneau.com.

ages 7 and above. Use the back doors to enter. more info call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-Works Gym,1511 South Main Street.

# June 23

from 3 to 8 pm. Music by DJ Buho, dancing, Lip Sync Battle, food, and arts & craft vendors. No cover. All ages. "For equality, freedom, empowerment, love." Visit "Mendocino Pride Celebration 2023" on Facebook for more details.

#### 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

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.r

Info? 707-459-1905

www.agapebiblechurch.con

**Amazing Grace** 

(next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.r. Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study-

#### The Church of **Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints 265 Margie Drive Willits, ČA 95490

7-8:00 p.m.

Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Eckankar: The Path f Spiritual Freedor

ALL ARE WELCOME

More information? Call 530-224-8703 www.eckankar.org

Celebrating Life In Christ

(707) 459-3106

#### Sunday Service - 10 a.m. In-person and on Zoom Call for information. ALL ARE WELCOME

# ALL ARE WELCOME

Worship Service - 10:45 a.m

## Willits United Methodist Church

www.willitsumc.org

Movie Times for June 23 thru June 29

(PG13) 2 hrs 24 mins Fri.-Thurs: 1:00, 4:10 & 7:20pm

Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com

Sherwood Firewise

Communities July

4th EXPO and

Raffle

Communities July 4 EXPO and

Raffle will be held at the Mendocino

County Museum in Willits on July 4th

from noon to 5 pm. This event will

have representatives from Sherwood

Firewise, CAL FIRE, Mendocino Fire

Safe Council, and the Community

Emergency Response Team. There

will be presentations and exhibits on

Home Hardening and Fire Safety, as

well as fun, games and prizes for the

kids. Raffle tickets will be available

at the Sherwood Firewise booth

or online at sherwoodfirewise.org.

The drawing will be held that night.

Winners need not be present to win.

Sherwood Firewise





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Willits, CA 95490



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# It's almost time for Meet the Merchants 2023!

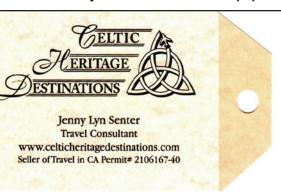
After a three-year hiatus, Willits Weekly is bringing back the fabulous, full-color, glossy business directory: Meet the Merchants and More! This year, it features full-page ads for 56 businesses in our community. Yes! The one with all the photos of the people at the businesses! Here on page 10 and on page 12 are some little samples of all the businesses you'll get to learn about next week when the stand-alone publication comes out on June 29. Copies will be inserted into the edition, as well as stacked at businesses around town. The publication will also be loaded online for all to enjoy on our website www. WillitsWeekly.com and our Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/WillitsWeekly.

Thank you to all of the businesses who participated this year, so many that we had to increase our page count at the last minute! ... and we were happy to do it! Enjoy this preview, and then getting to read all about what Willits and our surrounding community have to offer! Shop and support local, and tell these advertisers you saw their ad in our paper!



Israel Perry, D.C. Doctors of Chiropractic 750-A Central Street Willits, CA 95490 Telephone: 707-456-1030 Fax: 707-456-0255

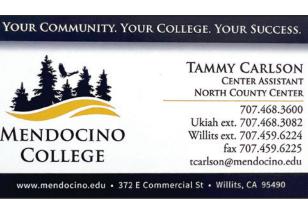
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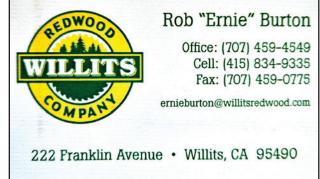


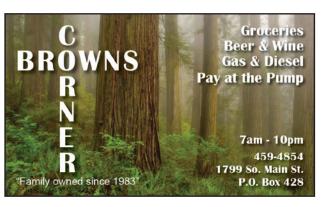
















#### SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

(CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 22CV01021

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso al Demandado): Raul Carrillo Escareno, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (Lo Esta Demandando El Demandante): Rocky Top Rentals, LLC, NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifomia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

iAVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la carte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion. Tiene 30 DIAS DI CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y naneles legales nara presentar una respuesta nor escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegan. Su respuesta por escrito tiene qua estar en formao legal correcto si desea qua procesan su caso an la corte. Es posible qua haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible qua cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifomia.org), en el

Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sabre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la cortes es): Mendocino County Superior Court 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numbero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado es)

Alexander C. Rich, Esq. Carter Rich PC 305 N. Main Street Ukiah. CA 95482

Date: (Fecha) November 18, 2022 s/J. Lozano/Clerk (Secretario) s/Kim Turner/Deputy (Adjunto)

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

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Willits Weekly can run legal notices including fictitious

business name statements, foreclosure

notices, storage unit auctions, and more. Contact us for more information at willitsweekly@

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The following person is doing business as KK Consulting, 251 Shell Lane, Willits, CA 95490. Mailing address: 30001 N. Highway 101, WIllits, CA 95490 Registered owner: Kristi Koopman, 30001 N. Highway 101, WIllits, CA 95490.

**Fictitious Business** 

Name Statement

an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 1, 2018. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 6, 2023.

This business is conducted by

/s/ Kristi Koopman Publication dates: June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Karen Lorene Thrilkill,** aka Karen L. Thrilkill, Decedent Case No. 23PR00093

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: KAREN LORENE THRILKILL, aka KAREN L

2. A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Christine Thrilkill in the Superior Court of California County of: Mendocino 3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Christine Thrilkill be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an Interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as

follows: Date: July 13, 2023, Time: 2:00 p.m. Dept: TM

Address of Court: 700 So. Franklin St., Ft. Bragg, CA 95437 7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first Issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court

may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in

10. Attorney for petitioner: Christopher J. Neary (#69220)/ Jennifer M. O'Brien (#278821), Address: Neary and O'Brien, 110 So. Main St., Ste C, Willits CA 95490 Telephone: 707-459-5551

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#### **Mendocino County invites** applications for:

**Administrative Secretary** \$47,923 - \$58,240 **Auditor/Appraiser** \$67,828 - \$82,451

Chief Planner \$95,846 - \$116,500 **Corrections Deputy** \$54,184 - \$65,873

**Deputy District Attorney I/II/III** \$76,419 - \$122,824 **Deputy Probation Officer I/II** 

\$51,937 - \$69,617 **Deputy Sheriff-Coroner in Training** 

\$23.48 - \$28.54 Hourly **Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II** 

\$62,628 - \$87,214 Eligibility Specialist I/II/III

\$42,764 - \$63,232 **Environmental Compliance** 

Specialist \$62,920 - \$76,502

Information Systems Technician I/II \$52,395 - \$70,241

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Juvenile Corrections Officer -Extra-Help

\$24.38 - \$28.22 hourly Program Specialist I/II \$50,897 - \$68,244

**Public Safety Dispatcher** \$53,102 - \$64,542

Real Property Appraiser I/II \$59,196 - \$78,873

Screener \$39,748 - \$48,318

Secretary \$44,324 - \$53,872 Senior Auditor/Appraiser

\$74,942 - \$91,083 **Senior Program Manager** 

\$92,705 - \$112,694 Senior Program Specialist \$61,880 - \$75,233

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> John Ford Ranch Beef

John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$375.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$160.00. Please contact Debbie Arkelian

Garage Sale 138 Mill Creek Drive in Willits, Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and June 25 from 9 am to 5 pm both days. Women's clothing, jewelry, books

The Fruit Group Fruit Group has apricots and pluots (\$38/small cling peaches, lug), nectarines both yellow and white (\$37/lug). Tomatoes in mid-July. Order at dobbins99@ SBCGlobal.net or call 707-459-2713. Pick up every other Friday at Napa Auto Parts, next

'Have You Had A Spiritual Experience?'

date June 30

Join us for a lively discussion on spiritual experiences with a starter topic on Inner Guidance. share or just listen! Willits Library 390 East Commercial Street. Saturday, July 8th, 10 to 11 am. Questions? Call April at 707-972-2475. Sponsored by Eckankar of Lake & Mendocino Counties:

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE** OF Alleen Dorathea Recio, aka Alleen D. Recio, aka Alleen Recio, aka "Bobbie" Recio, Decedent Case No. 23PR00091

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Alleen Dorathea Recio, aka Alleen D. Recio, aka Alleen Recio, aka "Bobbie" Recio 2. A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Lorena Dye and

Danielle Sherman in the Superior Court of California County

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Lorena Dye and Danielle Sherman be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent

4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, If any, be admitted to probate The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the persona representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the

proposed action.) The independent administration authority

will be granted unless an Interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as

follows: Date: July 20, 2023, Time: 2:00 p.m. Dept: TM Address of Court: 700 So. Franklin St., Ft. Bragg, CA 95437 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file

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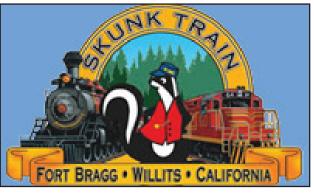
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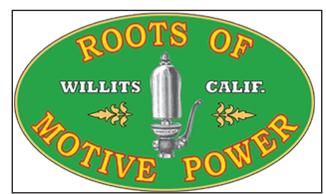




















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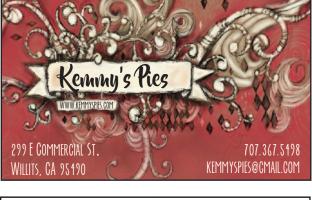










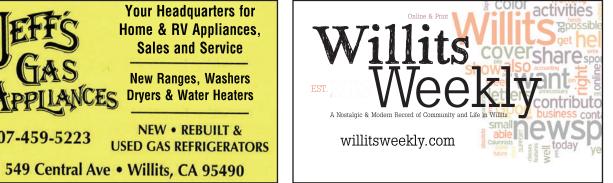




















## Complaints

goal to stabilize tax rates.

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during recess.

in during the 2020 election, targeting repair and

maintenance of aging WUSD infrastructure, was

addressed by Adam Bauer from Fieldman, Rolapp &

Associates, Inc. He presented a number of charts and

graphs explaining current bond financing, reporting

that the funds have been well-managed, and offering

Executive Director of Student Programs Arora

Chavez gave a presentation on the ending of the

2022-23 school year. WUSD's overall graduation rate

was calculated at 88%. Over 45 students from WHS

and 30 from Sanhedrin completed dual coursework

with Mendocino College, and five students earned a

bi-literacy seal. Disciplinary, attendance, suspension

numbers, and reading and math assessment data

was presented, along with professional development

education is always a work in progress.

since the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

staffed and in a better position to retain experienced

staff. He emphasized the need for more robust cell

phone and social media policies, continued advocacy

for resource officers on campus during high-density

break times, and the development of positive activities

Ludwig expressed his pride in WUSD teachers,

commending projects such as the new Book Room at

Blosser Lane and the growing preschool program at

Brookside Elementary. He ended his talk with a thank

you to teachers, staff, board members, and WUSD

Superintendent Beebe shared his enjoyment of the

unique ways that the Willits community celebrates

its youth through its graduation traditions. Summer

school is off and running, or soon to be so, including

Nuestra Alianza's Plan Vacacional program set for

July 5 to 28. He anticipates a thorough summer

cleaning, and complimented his "rock star" staff for

their many efforts, adding that the district is working

In board member comments, Alex Bowlds attended

Jeanne King commended the young speaker

and other members of the public who expressed

their views with the board. She also thanked four

information technology employees who gave her a

facility tour and answered her questions. She related

difficult situations that she has seen and experienced

at Baechtel Grove, adding her belief that cellphone

and social media use are complicit in some of the

Jennifer Sookne said she attended five different

graduations in two days. She reflected on the

steep learning curve of school board membership,

expressing her gratitude to the public and to the

In Consent Calendar discussion, budget questions

were clarified with Director of Fiscal Services Melissa

Ragsdale. New science and social studies textbooks.

protocol around the disposal of discarded books,

and decisions about discarding library books were

discussed, with teacher Brandon Ludwig explaining

that WUSD libraries have access to the multi-county

system, which allows accessibility to many more

Superintendent Beebe reported on the Local

Control Accountability plan, or LCAP, which will start

a new three-year cycle in 2024. Students, staff, and

families have all received a survey to gauge their

Fiscal Services Director Ragsdale reported on

the 2022-23 4th quarter budget which continues to

align with projections, despite uncertainty about

state funding. She was questioned by board member

Bowlds and others regarding changes needed due

to recent salary increases, recommending continued

analysis by the Budget Committee, and expressing

frustration at state promises of monies that were later

withdrawn. Beebe noted that the need for continued

A resolution to approve textbooks and instructional

materials was discussed, voted on and passed.

A substitute teacher pay scale increase was also

discussed at length, including issues of competitive

Board Clerk Dianne McNeal indicated her approval

of raising substitute teacher pay, citing the persistent

need for substitutes. Member Bowlds brought up the

viability of hiring an additional full-time teacher versus

paying a larger number of teachers as substitutes.

Superintendent Beebe urged further consideration of

Agenda items for the next board meeting include

disciplinary concerns at Baechtel Grove, and the

addition of reading and math levels to district report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

pay and the coordination of lesson plans.

budget scrutiny is "omnipresent."

opinions, with increased engagement as the goal.

several graduations, expressing his pride at many

together and moving in the right direction.

staff and student accomplishments.

board.

books.

leaders for a positive school year.

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closed session meetings of the board recently. "Drafts have been exchanged," Neary said, "and General Manager Alaniz and I are looking at these and the proposed changes. We will have a recommendation regarding the agreement to present at the next meeting of the board" (scheduled for Tuesday, June

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options for potential revisions of funding levels with a 27). Directors Ed Horrick and Joanne Cavallari expressed concern regarding the golf course agreement and the operation of the course. Horrick asked, "On the golf course – the district owns the property, the fixtures and the improvements. Are the improvements the financial responsibility of the

> General Manager Alaniz answered, saying: " would have the have the contract in front of me to answer that question. With the uncertainty of the contract at this time I'm not sure that I could answer that question right now."

Board discussion followed, with WUSD Superintendent Mark Beebe applauding the progress "That's an area that should be addressed right that has been made in literacy rates, noting that now, for sure," Horrick said. "We know that the operator doesn't have the revenue to make the improvements to the facilities." After a break there were more public comments

on the disciplinary issues at Baechtel Grove. The Director Cavallari said in referring to a grease trap repair. "Is there any way that the repair to the grease board determined that a committee would be formed trap could be covered by the sewer fund? because to hear additional parent and teacher concerns and it's clearly a part of the sewer system. I am not sure what happened and how we got to where we are with Willits Teachers Association President Brandon the golf course. I don't know how we've gotten to Ludwig presented WTA comments, thanking this point. I would like to be as supportive of them as Superintendent Beebe and the board for what he possible. The golf course is such a valuable asset to characterized as a "tremendous improvement" in the district," she continued. staffing at WUSD. He addressed Baechtel Grove

"We are talking about a little gem of a golf course concerns, reminding attendees that this topic has that's been a beautiful part of Brooktrails since 1962. been on the radar for teachers, staff, and the board To see it and them fail would just be heart-breaking to me. I'd like to do what we can do reasonably to Ludwig noted that supervisory staff has been help them, to get things back up and running the way added, and class sizes reduced to the extent it used to be. It's sad." possible, pointing out that Baechtel Grove is now fully

> Counsel Neary said that there is a solution, and the proposed amended agreement planned to be presented at the June 27 board meeting will show the possible solution.

> General Manager Alaniz stated there was not a lot to report as her office has been very busy preparing the documents for the meeting. She said, "We've been having issues with our backhoe. We are looking for alternatives for that piece of equipment that our Water and Sewer Department uses quite a bit. We are going to see if we can come up with another piece of equipment that we can afford, and we hope to be able to have that to report about at an upcoming meeting.

> Fire Chief Jon Nover announced that the new squad vehicle is near completion. He is traveling to Sacramento to inspect it, and he's hopeful that it may be delivered in time for the Fourth of July Parade.

> The board unanimously approved the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$112.621.11.

> As per the general manager's staff report on the budget agenda item, "Consideration of Resolution 2023-06 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Financial Plan for Services," the proposed nearly \$4 million budget has not significantly changed since the board's April 2023 workshop. The budget does show some significant changes over the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget and makes minor cuts to every department's bottom line except for the Parks and

> The general manager further reported that the primary theme for this year's budget is "Prudently Preparing for Uncertainty." Over the last five years, "the board and staff have effectively funded each department's expenses; saved and reinvested capital reserves of over \$600,000; cash funded 3 major water and sewer infrastructure projects; modernized office and field processes to increase efficiency; and maintained debt service responsibilities, including a major water project bond and saving the ratepayers a million dollars on the life of the loan," the report

> "Serious inflationary pressures including cost increases and timing delays to capital projects, unpaid customer utility bills, unpaid property owner taxes and assessments, changes in the availability of county funding, and market uncertainties have shifted the more positive outlook for last year's budget work to a cautious and conservative approach in 2023-24.

The board then voted unanimously to approve the resolution adopting the 2023/24 budget.

The annual audit provided by JJACPA, Inc. was discussed, with JJACPA's Brett Jones present via zoom to answer questions. Thomas Sims, Brooktrails' new deputy finance officer, worked with the auditor's office to provide necessary comprehensive documents. After asking a few questions, board members accepted the draft, but tabled official approval until the June27 meeting, for a few changes to be made.

Also on the agenda was "Consideration of Resolution 2023-08 Granting the 2023 Federal Holiday of Juneteenth as a Paid Employee Holiday.' There was little discussion, and the board voted approval of June 19th as a paid holiday for Brooktrails employees.

The final item on the agenda was "Discussion of Brooktrails Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment District Ballot Measure and Community Investment in the Fire Department."

General Manager Alaniz announced that Richard Weinkle has volunteered to be the ballot tabulator and will be present on Tuesday, June 27 to tally the votes for the benefit assessment ballot measure. Board president Williams said he wanted to assure Brooktrails voters that though the ballots are identified by individual addresses, all votes will be held in confidence, and individual votes will not be shared with members of the board or the public.

that other groups would like the City of Willits to supply water, too, and that if the city does eventually approve this project for Pine Mountain, he said: "When you start opening it up to this, you're going to open it up. I want everybody to understand that.... The City so far has not sold water to anybody" outside city limits, Stranske said, except those in the valley grandfathered in when the city originally bought the water supply

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The rest of

"The City of Willits has spent a lot of money on getting our water situation firm," Stranske said, "so no matter what the drought was, we would have water to supply the people and the community water. Nobody else has paid for any of this other than the taxpayers in the City

Manager Brian Bender said the Pine Mountain water system had "140 drawing units" and three wells. "They have some operational deficiencies," he said. "They don't have enough account base to fund for improvements. There are times they have shortages with their supply system. The potential is for the city to supply water to the Pine Mountain

Other councilmembers expressed their understanding that approving this item did not yet approve any actual intertie or consolidation. "It is an MOU," said Councilmember Gerry Gonzalez, "it does allow us to go ask our questions.... There's a lot of questions unanswered," said Gonzalez. "It's not coming up for the final vote, but it does give us the opportunity to study the situation.

City Manager Brian Bender emphasized the MOU would allow Pine Mountain to do the legwork to look at "the suitability, the feasibility, and what funding options are out there for both parties." Any actual project would come before the council for approval first, Bender said, and the MOU is non-binding - both parties have the right to back out at any time.

"I think it's important to consider there's no obligation on our part that we agree to anything moving forward," commented Councilmember Madge Strong, "regardless of what the MOU analysis comes up with.... I do understand Larry's point," she said, "and we'd need to consider that. On the other hand, if it works for everybody's benefit, and we have sufficient water supply that is assured, by virtue of the studies, or if it can improve our supply, so we know we have enough of a supply in the future to move forward with it, I don't see a major objection to that. It's a very cautious approach we want to take to make sure we do in fact have adequate supply for our community and our ratepayers going forward."

Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez, after earlier commenting that what the city would get out of the MOU agreement was possible funding to support city water infrastructure, as well as supporting "our closest neighbors ... and the ratepayer," said she supported the MOU.

"After having had some time to digest it," Rodriguez said, "because , like most people, I'm sure, you have mixed feelings when you first hear about it ... but I feel like I've had some time to digest it, and we are looking at an approval of a memorandum of understanding, we're just in the beginning stages, and I'm willing to explore that."

#### Western Wear Days

Also at its June 14 meeting, the Willits City Council, as per its annual tradition, designated "Western Wear Days" in Willits, this year from June 16 through July 4.

"Whereas, Willits Frontier Days is the oldest continuous rodeo in the state of California and this year's theme, 'Wranglers, Boots and Spurs,' marks the 97th anniversary of Willits Frontier Days, which still continues to draw people from all over to come and not only celebrate Independence Day, but to celebrate our community," the proclamation

"Whereas, each year, this event is run solely by volunteers, with many hours dedicated to putting together this traditional event; and Whereas, this year 2023 didn't go without its challenges," the proclamation continues, referring to storm damage at the Rodeo Grounds.

"Whereas, this annual community event instills great pride in all of us who call Willits home, past and present;" the proclamation states. it's time for "Western Wear Days," and Mayor Greta Kanne and all the council members urge all to "join us in the rodeo spirit by wearing

The council also approved a proclamation recognizing Willits resident Galen Hathaway, retired Honorable Judge with the Mendocino County Justice Court, who passed away in May.

The proclamation highlights some of Judge Hathaway's biography, including a brief stint on the Willits City Council in 1972 before Governor Ronald Reagan appointed him to sit on the Mendocino County Justice Court. The proclamation concludes: "We hereby recognize and remember Galen Hathaway, a man that has touched many lives with his compassion, love of conversation and great sense of adventure, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family."

#### Road striping

The city council also approved the 2023/24 project list for the Local Streets and Roads Program, funded by Senate Bill 1, which designates an estimated \$119,874 in gas taxes for the city over the next year. These 23/24 funds are budgeted to cover the annual traffic striping program, the second of three variable message boards the city plans to purchase, Traffic safety equipment, such as cones, delineators, and signs. The message boards are used during road closures and other emergencies to convey traffic safety information to the public.

The list of roads planned to be striped this fiscal year, beginning in September, includes: Main Street, Sherwood Road, Center Street, South Lenore Street, East Commercial Street, Elm Street, Holly Street, Locust Street, South Street, Madrone Street, Coast Street, Laurel Street, West Mendocino Avenue, and State Street.

#### Minor subdivision

Sitting as the Willits Planning Commission, the council approved a minor subdivision on the north Main Street parcel owned by Robert Vazquez, the location of the Mi Mexico restaurant. The approximately 0.73 acre parcel is approved to be divided into two parcels, a 0.39 acre parcel currently developed with the 2,225 square foot restaurant building, and a 0.34 acre parcel that currently has a single-family residence and an attached accessory dwelling unit.

No further development or improvements beyond the parcel division were proposed as part of this project.





Above, from left: Aimee Dawson, Jill Persico and Caprice Hardy.

Congrats

# **Loose Caboose** celebrates 35 years

We opened our doors in 1988, 35 years ago, at the very back end of the Willits Country Mall, which is now J.D. Redhouse. We started small with just myself and one employee, and over the years we have grown to over 10 employees and moved across the street to our current location.

In the beginning, our menu was small with just a few staple sandwiches, but it has now grown to over 20 different sandwiches, specialty salads, hot dogs, and our homemade soups. Our staff is always working together to create new and delicious combinations of flavors for our sandwiches, soups, and salads. The most popular specials will eventually make it to the menu for everyone to enjoy.

Since we opened our doors so many years ago, the Loose Caboose Cafe has been a gathering spot for locals as well as travelers. What I love best about this is seeing some of our very first customers return with their children and grandchildren to share their memories and create new ones. For those that have moved from Willits it seems that their first stop when in town is at the Caboose for their favorite sandwiches.

What's next for the Loose Caboose Cafe? My daughter Caprice has been handling the bookkeeping aspect of the restaurant remotely over the years and will continue to do that. My other daughter, Aimee, will be moving back to Willits next year and will begin to take an active role in the restaurant.

This doesn't mean I am stepping away by any means; it is just becoming more of a family adventure now that both my daughters will be involved. We are excited to build upon the strong foundation that has been laid throughout the years.



#### First-of-its-kind fund provides support and protection for prescribed fire and cultural burning

Submitted by California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

Today, June 19, the State of California will roll out a first-of-its-kind approach to curbing the state's catastrophic wildfire problem by providing new protections for prescribed fire and cultural-burning the "Prescribed Fire Liability Claims Fund Pilot" will cover losses in the rare instance that a prescribed or cultural burn escapes

California Senator Bill Dodd authored the 2022 bill (Senate Bill 926) that made this fund possible, continuing his many years of leadership on wildfire and prescribed-firerelated legislation.

"Prescribed fire is a cost-effective way to minimize the scope and severity of wildfires," said Dodd. "It's a tool that has been used for millennia by Native American tribes and one that will continue to play a big role in wildfire prevention. The rollout of this fund is a big step toward keeping California communities safe.'

The use of prescribed fire and cultural burning - sometimes collectively called "good" or "beneficial" fire - is a kev component of wildfire risk management in California. These projects reduce hazardous fuels, help restore ecological and cultural values, and make our communities safer and our ecosystems more resilient to wildfire.

However, lack of liability insurance for practitioners has been a major barrier to increasing the use of prescribed fire, even as firefighters, fire scientists, at-risk communities, and state, federal and tribal leaders call for more.

"The Prescribed Fire Claims Fund pilot project removes a significant barrier to obtaining insurance for potential damages from a prescribed fire or cultural burn conducted by a certified prescribed-fire burn boss or a cultural-fire practitioner," said CAL FIRE Director / Chief Joe Tyler.

"As we continue to focus on increasing the resiliency of the state's forests, creating a pathway for private burn bosses to have the significant protection this claims fund provides is a critical step toward reaching the goals of the Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.'

The fund will provide up to \$2 million in coverage for prescribed fire projects led by a qualified burn boss or cultural practitioner. The fund is meant to demonstrate that prescribed fire, when carefully planned, resourced and implemented, is a lowrisk land-management tool that mitigates the larger, more damaging risks of highseverity wildfires.

The fund is the first of its kind nationally and is the result of several years of collaboration by a diversity of partners working with Senator Dodd's Office. including The Nature Conservancy, CAL FIRE, the University of California Cooperative Extension, the California Department of Insurance. Tribal representatives, and many others.

"Launching this program is a key step in scaling ecologically based forest management to reduce the risk of megafires. We appreciate Senator Dodd's leadership and the expedient work of CAL practitioners. The \$20 million allocated for FIRE and beneficial fire practitioners to develop this fund as the next fire season quickly approaches." said Dan Porter. The Nature Conservancy's forest program

> The fund will also advance cultural burning, helping Indigenous Californians restore their connection to fire.

"Cultural burning is an essential practice to meet diverse objectives, including biodiversity stewardship, ecological health, and community safety. The availability of this pilot fund provides cultural fire practitioners a safeguard against financial risk in the unlikely event of an escaped burn. This is a significant incentive to support revitalization of burning traditions following the legacy of policies banning such practices," said Don Hankins, professor of geography and planning at CSU Chico and co-founder of the Indigenous Stewardship Network.

This fund is part of a larger vision for restoring beneficial fire across California's fire-adapted ecosystems. Last year, the state released its Strategic Plan for Expanding the Use of Beneficial Fire, which identified this claims fund as a priority. The state has also rolled out a state-certified burn boss program, changed the liability standard for prescribed fire, and made investments in prescribed burn associations, agency staffing, and other related efforts.

"We are using every tool to protect Californians, including using prescribed fire to fight wildfires," said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. "The Prescribed Fire Claims fund will be critical to assisting our tribal groups, nonprofits, and private landowners who are leading the way. This is an example of government being innovative and leading by example. The data that we get from the claims fund is going to be essential to our ongoing education with insurance companies to support insuring this important work."

Lenya Quinn-Davidson, fire network director for the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, says the recent momentum is

"Californians are desperate to have a better relationship with fire, and only with innovative approaches like this Claims Fund will we be able to unleash the good work that needs to happen," said Quinn-Davidson. "It's a challenging time to be working on fire in California, but also an incredibly inspiring time."

More information about the Pilot Prescribed Fire Claims Fund can be found on the CAL FIRE website: www. fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resourcemanagement/prescribed-fire (scroll down), including frequently asked questions and an enrollment form for practitioners.



HORSE SHOW 8 SWEETHEART JUDGING

Sunday, June 25 at the Rodeo Grounds. free to attend

Watch all ages of equestrians show their riding skills and strive for blue ribbons and perpetual trophies in English and Western disciplines. The Sweetheart contestant also rides a pattern and answers questions during the horsemanship portion of the judging



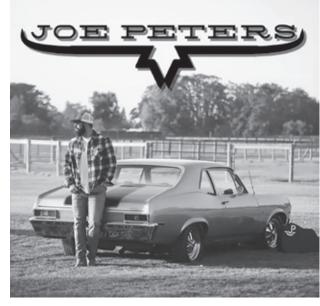
# Willits Frontier **Days Upcoming Events**

STREET DANCE

Following the Truck Pulls on Friday, June 23 at the Rodeo Grounds, free to attend

Joe Peters was born in the Country Music Capital of the West, Bakersfield, California. In his youth and early 20s, Joe could be found competing in rodeos, team roping, as well working on the family ranch, playing his guitar and singing. In 2017, Joe started playing in local bars, until eventually Joe was pulling in 400-500 people to

In 2019, a trip to Nashville sealed the deal for Joe. "The magic of the Music City really got me good," he said. While sitting on the laundromat floor at the Holiday Inn, he got out his pen and paper and the words just started pouring out, and they haven't stopped since. Joe released his first EP of original songs in 2020.



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Double elimination means that the losers go into another set of brackets and may have a chance to get back into the main bracket with wins.

"We're doing well with volunteers lately," said Deputy Chief Thomen. "With having the seven members of the Ridgewood Ranch fire company being part of us right now, we have about 46 volunteers. It's working out really well with Ridgewood. We have a good working relationship with them. They don't come to all of our calls, but do come to the ones where we need them. And vice versa. We help them out when they need us.

"We also have Brooktrails on the hill," Thomen said, "which we have agreements with to respond. That way we have the three little communities covered. It's great the way all the communities come together when needed. It's nice to have different groups to draw on."

Thomen expressed some concern that last winter's rains may have created higher than average fuel and cautioned residents to keep their vegetation trimmed even in the city, where he mentioned he has seen lots with 6-foottall, unmanaged grass, a fire hazard with the warmer temperatures and winds.

Little Lake Fire board member Skip Lucier pointed out that the firehouse had just completed installation of a new solar electric system, designed to defray utility costs, money which could go into upgraded equipment.

At the end of the day, the cornhole tournament awarded prizes for the first three places. First place was won by a team called "The Loco Angry Asians," second place by "Chief NFG and Short Guy," and third place went to "Hawk and Guy."

For more information on the Little Lake Fire Department, visit www.littlelakefire.org or call 707-459-6271 or check "Willits Fire Station 54" on Facebook.







SWEETHEART

POISE AND

PERSONALITY

JUDGING:

Saturday, June 24

at the Rodeo Grounds,

free to attend

In addition to the riding portion

of the judging process, the

candidate for Sweetheart must

also give a prepared speech,

model Western wear, and

complete an interview with

three local judges. The public

is welcome to come and watch

the speech and modeling

portion of the judging on the

lawn in front of the office at the

rodeo grounds.

#### TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS:

Friday, June 23 at the Rodeo Grounds, Adults: \$20, kids 3+: \$10

The Jack Tharp Arena gets to serve a different use on Friday night, when the Truck and Tractor Pulls replace the bulls and broncs that usually inhabit the space. Local boys and girls, and a roster of professional drivers who are a part of the MLM Motorsports crew, try their trucks and tractors against The Terminator, a weighted sled that is hooked to competitors' vehicles. The drivers must begin from a parked position, be hooked to the sled, then methodically, or with much gusto, drag the sled down the arena and hope to make it across the 300-foot-mark finish line. The sled has an increasable weight that can be altered to allow different levels of resistance for each class of drivers. Awards are given, as are bragging rights, to those who are able to dominate The Terminator. Many drivers compete with MLM at their other events, and come back to Willits year after year for this fun event Get tickets ahead of time from the Sweetheart contestant, or day-of at the gate





## **2023 Schedule of Events**

More info and entry forms: www.WillitsFrontierDays.com

Friday, June 23: **TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS** Jack Tharp Arena | 6 pm Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10 STREET DANCE

featuring Joe Peters Following truck pulls | Free **Saturday. June 24: SWEETHEART JUDGING** 

Appearance & Poise Noon | Rodeo Grounds **Sunday. June 25:** HORSESHOW

Jack Tharp Arena | 8 am **SWEETHEART JUDGING** During Horse Show | Jack Tharp Arena **Wednesday**, June 28: **CARNIVAL OPENS** 

Friday, June 30: HOMETOWN CELEBRATION Main Street - Downtown Willits | 5 to 9 pm **Saturday, July 1:** SWEETHEART CROWNED

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**Sunday, July 2:** 

LIONS COWBOY BREAKFAST Rec Grove Park | 7 am Adult: \$13, Child: \$9

JUNIOR RODEO Jack Tharp Arena | 9 am Adult: \$10, Child (2 and under): free

Monday, July 3:

**CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO** 7 pm | Jack Tharp Arena Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10 WESTERN DANCE featuring The Boondock Boys

Following rodeo | Free Tuesday, July 4:

HORSESHOE CONTEST Rec Grove Park | 10 am

PARADE "Wranglers, Boots & Spurs" Main Street - Downtown Willits | 11 am COUNTRY MUSIC RODEOLA

Rec Grove Park | Noon BEEF BARBECUE Rec Grove Park | Noon Adult: \$20 & Child/Senior: \$12

CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO Jack Tharp Arena | 4 pm Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10











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## The rest of Celebrating

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Davis, getting a degree towards what she had been doing. Once there, she quickly realized there was much more to her happiness than a degree.

"I felt like I had already worked for two years in a lab that I loved," Kathy said. "I didn't want to sit in an auditorium and listen to someone talk about English, math, and other subjects. All I could think about was what I could be doing right now." So, with that Kathy came back to see Dr. Stetz to ask for her job back. After some hard discussions, and the hope from Dr. Stetz that she would continue to pursue a degree, it quickly became apparent that Kathy's place was here with us, and he graciously gave her job back to her.

Kathy and Dr. Stetz were a team for another 31 years before he retired, and they became lifelong friends thereafter. Through it all, Kathy attributes much of her accomplishments and fulfillment she has in life to knowing and working with Dr. Stetz. He was an incredibly important part of her life and time at Howard Memorial and is still very much a part of everything she does today.

Now, 48 years later, Kathy is a well-respected member of our team with a wealth of knowledge. As our Laboratory Manager, Natalie Sundiam said in her speech regarding Kathy this week: "Kathy has been serving and impacting our community for over 50 years now. She is one of the most honest, supportive, reliable, hardworking, resilient and trustworthy employees that we have ever had. Kathy is the person you can seek advice from and will give you her honest advice that is always in the best interest of our patients,

hospital, and employees. Every statement she delivers is honest and true."

Natalie went on to say that Kathy's knowledge and expansive time at our hospital has also provided incredible insights to how we process and work in the lab. "Another thing we also love is that Kathy is our Howard Hospital historian. It's amazing seeing how the events in the past can help us handle and improve situations in the present and future."

To all Kathy meets she is a mentor, friend, incredibly crafty, an excellent pie baker, and did an outstanding job helping to raise funds for the beautiful hospital we are in today.

As Kathy continues her work with us, in honor of her 50 years of service, she wasn't looking for something in recognition from us, but wanted to contribute something to the hospital that would live on in our halls with her legacy. In honor of this sentiment, Kathy donated a painting that sits on the wall of our hospital just outside one of the doors to the lab, that was painted by her father Frank Lyman Boomer, that meant a great deal to her and would continue to grace the presence of our halls as it lives on with us.

Kathy, to this day, still loves coming in to work in the lab with our team and is a true inspiration to each of us who have had the pleasure of working with her. After over 50 years with us and accepting her prestigious award for her tremendous work, in true Kathy fashion said, "I'm not done yet!"



At top: The group of 5-year volunteers smile together. Above: Dr. Tedd Dawson receives a round of applause ahead of his retirement. Below, left: Linda Givens, left, and Bo Stephens, right, honor Jennifer Bender for 30 years of service. Below, right: Pennie Austin, left, and Holly Sears were dressed for the "Day at the Races" occasion complete with fancy hats.







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