Brooktrails board meeting ends with ballot count

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The latest Brooktrails Township Community Services District meeting began at 7 pm on June 27, with Board President Rick Williams asking if there were any reports from directors. Director Ralph Santos shared information from the June 21 biannual meeting of the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts. Santos cited the accomplishments made by the association from 2015-2023 and shared the list:

Read the rest of Brooktrails

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Arrest in violent attack of transient Willits man

By Sgt. S. Gray, for WPD

On Saturday, June 29, 2023 at about 2 am, the Willits Police Department was contacted by local transients reporting they had found a fellow transient violently assaulted in the area of Main Street and East Van Lane.

The transient victim had been assaulted and severely injured by an unknown suspect while asleep. During the course of the investigation, a review of surveillance video revealed the suspect wearing clothing with a distinctive logo.

In the afternoon of June 29, WPD received an alert from the Spokane,

Read the rest of **Attack**

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CAL FIRE suspends burn permits

Submitted by CAL FIRE MEU

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit announced June 30 that it was suspending residential outdoor burn permits. This suspension took effect on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 12:01 am and suspends all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

After another wet winter and above average snow-pack, warming temperatures and winds are quickly drying out the abundant annual grass crop. The increasing fire danger posed by the high volume of dead grass and hotter, drier conditions in the region is prompting CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits for outdoor

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Above, from left: Former Adventist Health Howard Memorial surgery director and current nurse Cindy Bodensteiner was one of the speakers at Dr. Tedd Dawson's retirement party last Sunday at the Little Lake Grange. Dr. Dawson laughs as memories are shared by the speakers. Surgery nurses pose with Dr. Tedd Dawson, center, including from left: Denise Sams, Lauren Meyers, Jamie Bailey, Jennifer Bender, and Bo Stephens. Below: Colleagues, friends and medical providers, from left: Ace Barash, William Bowen, Tedd Dawson, John Glyer, and Charley Hott smile together at Dr. Dawson's retirement party.



Dr. Dawson Retires

Dr. Tedd Dawson retires after 45 years as surgeon in the Willits community

Around 150 family members, friends, colleagues and community members gathered at the Little Lake Grange on Sunday, July 2 to celebrate the retirement of Dr. Tedd Dawson.

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Dawson started his career in surgery in the Army when stationed in Arizona in 1976, and then started working at

Howard Memorial Hospital in July 1978, where he spent years treating patients as a general surgeon, and also spending about 40 years in general practice, too, before finally only doing surgery, his great love.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial held the party in Dawson's honor and created a wonderful event to celebrate his achievements with decor planned by Holly Sears and executed with the help of the event committee and

volunteers. Food, including beans, rice, veggies, chicken, steak, and chips with salsa and toppings, was prepared by El Mexicano, and fruit salad and cupcakes were made by Howard Hospital's Roots Restaurant and Kristin Gilmore-Myers, and Schindig played music for the gathered crowd before and after the retirement ceremony.

During the ceremony, several co-workers, including Howard's Administrator Linda Givens, Howard Foundation's Margie Handley, Howard's Surgery Manger Bo Stephens, Ace Barash M.D., former surgery director and current nurse Cindy Bodensteiner, and Bruce Andich M.D., all spoke highly of Dr. Dawson's patience, skill set, caring for others, good humor, and his infamous "15-minute projects" counted in "Tedd time" by medical staff, and the family at home.

Read the rest of **Dawson**

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Below, left: Members of the Dawson clan who were in attendance at the retirement party smile for a group photo including: Kristin, Aimee, Marin, Grace, Jonah, Jack, Violet, Simon, Brinlee, Ben, Dr. Tedd, Teddy, Tedd, Carol, Clark, Lorelei, Jeremiah, Jennifer, Chris, Georgeanne, Lane, Matthew, Anne and Kale. Below, right: Tedd Dawson smiles with a full plate of El Mexicano dinner at his retirement party last Sunday.





Willits Frontier Days ends with Hometown Celebration, Junior and CCPRA rodeos, crowning of Sweetheart, parade and much more! See inside today's A and B sections for WFD 2023 coverage.





Above, from left: The aerial silk artists put on a sky-high show at the Hometown Celebration. Madison Lawrence participated in the

Steer Daubing event at the Junior Rodeo. 2022 Sweetheart Danielle Barry, left, poses with 2023 Sweetheart Hazel Cooke and the

perpetual American flag chaps given to each Sweetheart to wear during the year.



City to proceed

with East Commercial planning

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The Willits City Council voted narrowly to proceed with planning for improvements for the East Commercial Street Corridor – so narrowly that at first the council was advised that its 2 to 1 vote at the June 28 meeting didn't have enough "yes" votes to pass.

"Do we have enough votes to pass the motion?" Mayor Greta Kanne asked. City Attorney Jim Lance advised the motion needed

Read the rest of Planning

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K9 Sam finds Willits man

hiding after high-speed chase

Posted by Sgt. J. Walstrom, for WPD

On Sunday, June 30, 2023 at about 5:56 pm, Willits Police Department officers were dispatched to what was initially described as a "rolling road rage incident," where one party brandished a firearm at the victims and was now following them.

A WPD officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, however the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed. Due to the nature of the report and the mention of a firearm, a vehicle pursuit was initiated.

Read the rest of Hiding

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5-year-old drowns in Eel River east of Covelo

by Sgt. J. Wells, for MCSO

On July 1, 2023 about 8:25 pm, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received an emergency call regarding a missing 5-year-old child who had been swept down the Eel River, in the area of the 34000 block of Etsel Ridge Road, east of Covelo.

Sheriff's Office deputies responded Code 3 (lights and sirens) and immediately requested fire and medical personnel be dispatched to assist in searching for the child.

The child, whose name

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Dangerous blind spot

To the Editor:

Have you ever tried exiting Willits Cemetery? Well, you may just end up going straight back there - to be buried!

The blind spot of cars coming east on Highway 20 at 55 miles per hour, or more, is extremely dangerous! Let's all contribute to a fund with the cemetery to purchase and install a parabolic mirror across the road to prevent Thank you inevitable tragedies.

Please contact Willits Cemetery at 707-459-5252.

Mary Pappadakis, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

sidewalk.

On behalf of Brickhouse, Mazahar and Willits Enchanted Toy Shoppe, we are so grateful for how the Hometown Celebration came together this year. Opening the downtown streets to pedestrian traffic was magical and bonding for our community, with children running about and families crossing Main Street casually, with no concerns of being harmed by cars driving by. We felt we had the freedom to express ourselves instead of being confined to a crowded

The mood was happy, with community members seeing old friends across the street and running over for a hug or a handshake. Everyone we talked to loved the event, commenting how special it was to have our downtown back. We hope to see more events that allow us to celebrate Willits as a community in a festive and safe environment.

We want to express our thanks to the people who made our Willits Hometown Celebration so amazing this year with special gratitude to the Willits Frontier Days volunteers for all their hard work and dedication organizing Bunch, and MetalFX. the event. Along with the City of Willits, Police Department and Little Lake Fire, who kept everyone safe while mingling happily with the community. And of course thanks to the Willits City Council for allowing safe pedestrian traffic downtown for this event. Huge thank you to all the vendors, entertainers, the bands, artists booths, food makers, clowns, merchants, and mostly the friends, family, happy children, grandpas,

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and grandmas for making this super dynamic event come to life where everyone peacefully, with joy and love, mingled and bonded with a smile and sense

We hope and dream that this Hometown event is the first of many to come. With gratitude and lots of hope, let's do this

Tom and Sara Mann, Willits

To the Editor:

This year the parents of Baechtel Grove Middle School set out to establish a Parent Teacher Organization. The goal was to have a positive impact on students' lives and at the year's end we feel we met our goal.

Due to the support and generosity of the Willits community, the PTO's fundraising efforts were a success. In early June the PTO was able to send the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on a memorable field trip. Additionally, the PTO was able to retain the resources needed to maintain the organization and continue our efforts next year.

The PTO would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the following businesses and individuals who supported our community's youth through donations of resources, time, and monetary resources: Gateway Games-Willits, Fonsen Grass Fed Beef, DMA Construction, Outlet-Willits. Buttercups Children's Boutique, Ace Copy and Shipping, Yokum's Body Shop, Mazahar, Shauna Brown, Amber Bowlds, April and Chris Lamprich, Kemmy's Pies, Tabatha Hulsey, Life of the Party Rentals-Laytonville, Christy Wisdom, Angela McCartney, Jennifer Randrup, Karen & Scott Mattson, Toni Cassidy, Meghan White, Dina Haigounian, Kelsey Radmilovic, Sparetime Supply,

The PTO would also like to acknowledge the countless number of parents and teachers who spent money out of their own pockets to ensure no student was left behind. And to the entire staff of Baechtel Grove Middle School and Principal Chris Kinney, we respect and appreciate your dedication to our

Willits Rotary Club. Willits Wild

Diana Hernandez, president, PTO

Mendocino College receives \$1.5 million grant to continue supporting Native American student success

Ukiah, CA – Mendocino College is thrilled to announce that it has received a prestigious five-year, \$1.5 million grant from the California Community College system. This generous funding, which begins in June, will enable the college to continue providing vital resources, support, and services specifically tailored to Native American students. Mendocino College is one of only 20 institutions selected to receive funding for the establishment of a Native American Student Success & Support Program.

With this grant, Mendocino College will be able to hire dedicated staff members who will work closely with Native American students, ensuring they receive personalized support and guidance throughout their educational journey. Additionally, the funding will facilitate stronger engagement with tribal nations in the region, fostering collaboration and partnership.

This funding comes at a crucial time, allowing Mendocino College to build upon its recent efforts to enhance the support provided to Native American students. The college remains committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed and thrive.

In recent years, Mendocino College has been steadfastly committed to closing equity gaps for Native American students and fostering deeper connections with the community. The college's 2022-2025 Student Equity Plan reveals that these efforts have indeed paid off, with Native American students achieving on par with or surpassing their peers in numerous categories.

Furthermore, during the 2021-2022 academic year, Mendocino College proudly enrolled the highest number of Native American students among all institutions within the California Community College system, which comprises 116 community colleges. Despite being one of the smallest colleges in terms of overall student population, Mendocino College stands out for its remarkable success in attracting and supporting Native American students.

"Enhancing educational opportunities and pathways for Native American communities are core priorities of our district. We feel privileged to serve numerous tribal nations and are eager to collaborate in addressing the educational needs of Native American students," says Mendocino College President Tim Karas.

Mendocino College stands out among California community colleges by offering a dedicated oncampus space specifically for Native American students. In the past year, the college has relocated the Native American Student Resource Center to a more prominent location near Pomo Plaza along with various support services. This move has significantly enhanced the center's visibility and facilitated greater access to resources for students.

Mendocino College has demonstrated its commitment to engaging Native American students through initiatives such as the establishment of Pomo Pathway in 2018. Initially launched in collaboration with the Coyote Valley Tribe of Pomo Indians, Pomo Pathway is a student learning community that integrates culturally relevant content into course curricula while offering supplemental support beyond

Although the pandemic necessitated a temporary shift to online learning, Pomo Pathway has now

Read the rest of Over on page 9 College

MCSO deputies at a 'dead run' over the weekend

Posted by Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall

As the 4th of July is upon us, it seems summer showed up overnight. With the weather turning hot we are seeing recreation in areas such as the Mendocino Coast, our rivers, Lake Mendocino and areas where folks can receive some relief from the heat.

Our communities had several parades, as well as rodeos and festivals. It has been great to see our residents out enjoying the holiday.

Over the holiday weekend my deputies were at a dead run, we handled several emergency calls and investigations which reflect the large influx of

Read the rest of people into our communities. We

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Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunches are \$8; \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members.

Thursday, July 6: Pepperoni Pizza, Green

Friday, July 7: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Monday, July 10: Chicken Curry, Rice, Roll Tuesday, July 11: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad. Garlic Bread

Wednesday, July 12: Chicken Philly Sandwich, Pasta Salad

Thursday, July 13: Beef Stroganoff, Green

Friday, July 14: Chicken Bacon Ranch

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning

Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am. July 9 this month. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. \$10; \$9 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides \$2: 3 slices bacon, 2 sausage links. Breakfast includes Peet's Coffee and orange juice or milk.

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

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

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 about volunteering: 459-

2022/23 grand jury reports posted

Please be advised that the following 2022/23 reports from the Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury are now posted on the Mendocino County website, www. mendocinocounty.org/government/countyorganization/grand-jury/about-the-grandjury/2022-2023-reports

The reports include: "Health & Environment: Creative Approach to Improve Quality of Care for Family & Children's Services," dated June 7, 2023; "Continuity Report: A Look Back on Responses to Reports from the 2021 -2022 Grand Jury," dated June 7, 2023; and "Accountability at the County: 25 Years of Transient HR Leadership and a Hobbled HR Department." dated June 21, 2023.

Note: When the grand jury reports on an entity, the governing body of that entity is required to respond to the presiding judge of the Mendocino County Superior Court within 60 days for elected officials and 90 days for all others. Responses will be listed immediately following their respective

> - Carole Hester, foreperson, Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury 2022-23

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At left: 2023 Sweetheart Danielle Barry hands new Sweetheart Hazel Cooke flowers after Cooke was crowned the 2023 winner. Below, from left: Past Sweethearts pose together including, back row, from left: 2019 and 2020 winner Jaden Doak, 2011 winner Riata King, 2008 winner Kinzie Barlow holding daughter Hadley; 2022 winner Danielle Barry; 2017 winner Hailey Riley; and 2005 winner Ashtan Bloomquist. Front row, from left: 2000 winner Olivia Grupp; 1988 winner Nicol Persico Kunka; 1979 winner Liz Persico Day; 1996 winner Georgeanne Dawson Croskey; and 1974 winner Kathy





At left, from top: Sponsors pose with Hailey Riley including Ray Britton from Lamprich and daughter Wreyn from NorCrawl; and Janet and Kevin Reedy from Ukiah Car Guys.

Matthew Jennison. holding daughter Magnolia, smiles with Danielle Barry at the Sweetheart dinner.

June Sizemore, center. was in charge of preparing food for the dinner, and smiles alongside from left: Paisley Dockins, and Arya Sizemore; and Ora Sizemore and Tracy Evans, right.

Below, left: Hazel Cooke is crowned 2023 Sweetheart by 2022 winner, Danielle. Below, right: John and Bobbie Tilley smile with Karen Cavanaugh at the

Cooke is Crowned

Hazel Cooke named 2023 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart at annual awards dinner

There's a new name added to the roster of almost 100 women who have earned the title of

she sold \$38,440 in tickets for the 2023 events.

Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart: Hazel Cooke. Cooke was crowned at the annual Sweetheart dinner held Saturday, July 1 at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds, and family and friends cheered her on as it was announced that

Maureen Jennison

During the ceremony, Cooke gave her speech on the theme of "Wranglers, Boots and Spurs" and accepted her silver tiara donated by the Willits Chamber of Commerce; silver spurs donated

by Outlaw Saddle; silver belt buckle donated by Paul and Diana Hosford; and flowers and sash denoting her title. She also received the perpetual American flag chaps which she will be able to wear during the year. Each Sweetheart has signed and worn the chaps since 2016, when Halee Reed received them from maker Mary Anne Underhill.

Major sponsors of this year's events were also celebrated and honored at the ceremony, including those for the Truck and Tractor

Read the rest of Pulls and the Willits Frontier Days events. Crowned







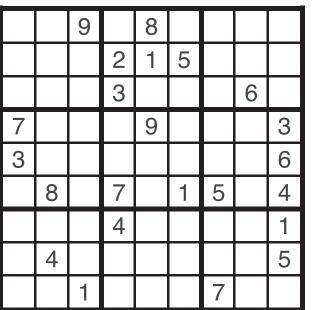






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broken down into nine 3x3 the numbers 1 through 9 and box. Each number can row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The the easier it gets to solve

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, boxes. To solve a sudoku, must fill each row, column appear only once in each more numbers you name,

6:15 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:10 pm: Officers initiated

a vehicle theft investigation

in the 300 block of South

7:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

June 13

Main Street.

CRUZTALAVERA. Cristian (30) was contacted in the 200 block of North Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving without a license.

10:12 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road and issued a warning.

June 14

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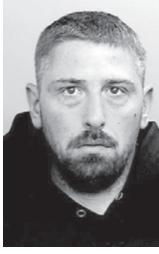
11:53 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

1:00 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue and issued a

4:00 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel

5:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and Exley Road.

9:32 pm: CARLILE Jr., Bryce Randall (40) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of North Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to felony charges of 2310 PC (Carrying a Concealed Dirk or Dagger) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license, violation of probation, and failure to appear.



Bryce Carlile of Willits.

Lillian Sayad of Willits.

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

May 29 to June 4

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

June 16

The officers of the Willits Police June 15

Department handled 66 incidents in this

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

12:17 am: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 1500 block of South

7-day reporting period.

10:26 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of Railroad

10:43 am: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection

of South Humboldt Street and East Valley

3:22 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

2:22 am: **SAYAD**,

Lillian Lavay (19) of

Willits was contacted

near the intersection

of Central Street and

Monroe Street. She

was arrested on felony

charges of defacement

of property in excess of

\$400 and misdemeanor

charges of providing false

identification to an officer.

the 1400 block of South Main Street and

11:31 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Hazel Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:44 pm: RUIZ, Nicole Amanda (41) of Ukiah was contacted in the 500 block of Redwood Avenue. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of willful cruelty to a child and violation of a protective order.

June 17

7:52 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

1:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 500 block of

4:31 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Hill Road and Baechtel Road and issued a citation June 18

8:51 am: Officers a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:11 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.



Day, National Air Traffic Control Day,

National Hand Roll Day, Virtually Hug A

Virtual Assistant Day, World Zoonoses Day

July 7: National Strawberry Sundae Day,

National Father Daughter Take A Walk Day,

National Macaroni Day, World Chocolate

Day, Global Forgiveness Day, Tell The

Truth Day, Comic Sans Day, International

Peace & Love Day, National Day Of Rock

'N' Roll, National Dive Bar Day, National

July 8: National Chocolate With Almonds

Day, Scud Day, Lego Minifigure Day, Be

A Kid Again Day, Math 2.0 Day, National

Blueberry Day, National Freezer Pop Day,

National Ice Cream Sundae Day, National

Love Your Skin Day, National Video Game

July 9: National Sugar Cookie Day, Play

Checkers Day, Jack Of All Trades Day, Call

Of The Horizon Day, Fashion Day, National

Dimples Day, National Don't Put All Your

Day, Oneofusismissing Day

Dora Day

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- 4. Irish county 10. A major division of
- 11. Broadway actor Lane 12. Canadian province

geological time

- 14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one is blue 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Rings
- 23. Sullies 24. Occurs
- 26. Publicity
- 27. Near 28. Tools of a trade
- 30. Offer in good faith 31. 'American Idol'

network

- 34. Garments 36. Soviet Socialist
- Republic 37. Retired NFL DC Dean

- 48. About ground
 - 50. Medicine man 51. Seedless raisin

52. National capital

- of Albania 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge 55. By the way
- 56. Bicycle parts 58. Barbie's friend 59. In a way, stretched

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for 2. American songbird

60. Commercials

- 3. Pay 4. International
- organization 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact 7. Criminal 8. Jewelry
- 39. Hot meal Hospital worker (abbr.) 40. A type of gin 12. Nonsense (slang)

- 41. Percussion instrument 42. A \$10 bill
 - 17. Value 19. Another name

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13. Town in Galilee

- 21. Town in Surrey, England 25. Appropriate during
- a time of year 29. Creative output
- 31. Recesses 32. District in N. Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan 35. The official emblem of
- the German Third Reich 38. One who puts down roots
- 41. Scribe 43. Painted a bright color 44. Tycoons
- 45. Actress Thurman 46. Walking accessory 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. Member of a North American people 56. Type of computer

57. U.S. State (abbr.)

July 6: National Fried Chicken Day, Eggs In One Omelet Day, National No Bra International Kissing Day, Take Your Webmaster To Lunch Day, Umbrella Cover

Looking for something to celebrate?

Learn more about these, or see a list of other days

at https://www.listofnationaldays.com/

July 10: National Pina Colada Day, National Clerihew Day, Teddy Bear Picnic Day, Don't Step On A Bee Day, Chronic Disease Day, Global Energy Independence Day, Gospel Day, Martyrdom Of The Báb, National Kitten Day, Pick Blueberries Day

July 11: National Cheer Up The Lonely Day, World Population Day, National Rainier Cherry Day, National Blueberry Muffin Day, All American Pet Photo Day, National Mojito Day, National 7-Eleven Day, Bowdler's Day, Free Slurpee Day, International Essential Oils Day, National Polyphenol Day, National State Fair Food Day, National Swimming Pool Day, World

July 12: Eat Your Jello Day, National Simplicity Day, National Different Colored Eyes Day, National Pecan Pie Day, Paper Bag Day, Etch A Sketch Day, Amazon Prime Day, Malala Day, National Hair Creator's Day, New Conversations Day, Night Of Nights, Orangemen's Day

Benzodiazepine Awareness Day

Willits Art Walk

Drawing stations, live music, artwork exhibits along East Commercial Street on Saturday

so it's more like a gallery. We're going to pull everything off the walls so there's full access to all the paintings. We're going

to have a nice little Mathew Caine row of places to sit. We're serving hot and iced coffee and

all of our homemade teas. I recommend the iced teas." said Tom Mann, owner of Brickhouse Coffee, one of the participants of the First Saturday Art Walks, which will be taking place monthly throughout the

Mann, like the other participants, decided to open his business to help promote art and the community. Mann wanted to keep the vibe going from the previous evening's annual Hometown Celebration, where he was impressed with the setup of closing down a few blocks of Main Street in order to allow people to mingle without traffic.

After several attempts through recent vears, the community finally got an Art Walk that featured most of the East Commercial Street corridor with participation from Brickhouse to the Mendocino County

"We are trying to bring awareness to East Commercial Street and all the amazing things there are to do here," explained Karen Mattson of the Mendocino County Museum. "We have a lot of creative organizations and the event is meant to bring attention to them and also to create space for the community artists to come and be part of it.

"We're here at the end of the Walk. The Roots of Motive Power have joined in and will have the engine house open tonight as well. It's nice because people don't always get a chance to see it during the day time.

"Tonight, here we have different drawing stations throughout the museum," Mattson continued. "We're encouraging people to relax and really enjoy their space, so we have different still-life vignettes set up. People are welcome to get their drawing materials and find anything that inspires them to draw.

"We have a hash tag so people can share their compositions online on social media if they like. If they would like to leave them here, we would be happy to share them on our bulletin. Everything is inspired by gadgets here tonight. The theme of our event is 'Inventors Take Over.' We have our 'Gadgets Galore' exhibit, featuring local

"Phil Jergensen has brought more of his work he's done with Grid Beam. He recently started working on his idea of the Funkadoodle Railroad. He brought 30 feet of track tonight. He also brought a mini gypsy wagon, like a tiny home."

"I'm trying to make the smallest practical railroad in the world," said Jergensen. "It's solar electric. Each car will have its own

"We've been scrubbing and cleaning and electric motor. I have two more passenger we're going to rearrange the whole floor cars I couldn't bring today. The tiny gypsy house is still under construction.

> Too Much Fun, a duo (Paul Haley and David Pierce) that plays music from the '60s and '70s. entertained at the museum.

Continuing down Commercial Street, across from the museum, Willits Elementary Charter School had an array of masks, homemade paper with inlaid flowers, and kelp-bed paintings that were generated from their summer program.

"We're featuring art from our students doing our summer fun program here at the school," said Jessica Clark. "We are an enrichment program and every week is themed, based on a different biome. This is our first two weeks of art class, based on the kelp forest and the savannah.

"The students are exploring different mediums," Clark explained. "We've done a lot of watercolors, specifically with the kelp forest. We did acrylic paints, clay, mask work, as well as mosaic work. Just in two weeks, the kids have done quite a lot. The paper-making has been a massive favorite. We used old math textbooks that we shredded in order to make the paper."

The Skunk Train parking lot had several artists selling, creating and greeting the public, including Willits Charter School art teacher Caroline Hambright, who is preparing to run an art camp at the Willits Center for the Arts.

Robert Permenter was painting one of his meticulous portraits. Carrie Fox showed her metal-smith work, based on nature and annotated with cards. Angela Jones Marston displayed her collages, earrings, feathers, and leather work. Other artists in the parking lot included Joanna Alvaro and Gilles, Rose Holcomb, Steve LeGris, and April Carrillo, who had "a lot of very colorful neon psychedelic alien art."

Across the street, the Chamber of Commerce set up an information booth and inside the complex, Kemmy's Pies had a balloon-animal creator, a DJ rocking the tunes, and a lemonade stand run by Brenda Moss' daughter, Rome

The Willits Center for the Arts had the opening of their new exhibit on Native Art. the last of the Yart Sale, and chalk street art as well as a station in front of the Center where people could paint rocks in any manner they chose.

In spite of the heat, Willits residents made their way out to the Art Walk to enjoy some of the fine arts and crafts on inventors, some of whom have shown up display, converse with the artists, and take advantage of the opportunity to take home some art at a reasonable price. Those who missed the event will have two more chances, the next two months on the first Saturday of each month.

Willits is rich with artistic talent. Supporting this talent takes appreciation and financial support. The artists would love to invite the entire town to their next Art Walk on August 5. It's worth the wait and the walk.





Above, left: The Native Below: Rock painting was a great hit in front of the illits Center for the Arts.





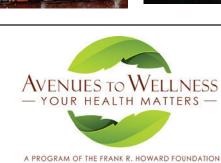
explains the Grid Beam system and the Museum of Cannabis to an interested party. Below, left: "Spring King," a giclèe print by artist Narayan is on display at Brickhouse Coffee Below, right: One of the Willits Elementary **Charter School** Summer Program projects was making paper with embedded flowers.

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Bereavement Support Group

This facilitated 8-week group provides an opportunity to learn the symptoms of grief, as well as to recognize the individual nature of its expression and duration. With a fuller understanding of the grief process and effective ways to cope, we can find meaning and move forward.

Beginning Thursday August 10 Time: 2-4pm Willits Senior Center To register call: Suzanne Picetti-Johnson (707) 456-9676



Susana Wilson and Suzanne Picetti-Johnson Group Facilitators





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Avenues to Wellness presents a Bereavement Support Group

This facilitated 8-week group starting August 10 provides an opportunity to learn the symptoms of grief, as well as to recognize the individual nature of its expression and duration. With a fuller understanding of the grief process and effective ways to cope, we can find meaning and move

This group will start August 10, 2 to 4 pm at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free of charge. Limited to 8 participants. Please call Suzanne to register or for more information: 707-456-9676. Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit: avenuestowellness.org







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Thursday, July 6 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. Enjoy

Tobin's Tales" story time from

Friday, July 7

3:30 to 4 pm.

Commonwealth Garden Garden across from the Howard lospital campus opens to the public on Friday, July 7, from 10 am to 1 pm. Usually open on Fridays with beautiful

Chamber Mixer at The Mane House: The Willits Chamber of Commerce holds a mixer and Ribbon Cutting on Friday, July 7, from 5 to 7 pm, for The Mane House salon at 1722 South Main Street. Refreshments served. Prospective Chamber members

707 Celebration at BACE: BACE presents a 707 Celebration, Friday, July 7 featuring Hella Mendocino jam band (2 sets), Curtis Blow, AEthernaut, Sqyd Vicious. 8 pm until late. \$10. Plus food and drinks, art the way gallery, and more. 18+ 109 North Main Street.

Mandolin Manny & Friends at Shanachie: A modern take on bluegrass band, dipping into many influences from their elective collective of musicians. Friday, July 7 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, July 8

"Up Close & Personal": The improvisational dance duo of Linda Posner and Pearl Marill performs at the Willits Community Theatre on July 8 and 9. The mother and daughter pair navigate into the unknown using dance movement, poetry, music and impromptu conversation with the audience. What unfolds is

always something unique. Tickets for the Saturday, "Up Close & Personal": The July 8 show at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 9 matinee at 2 pm are \$20 and available at the WCT website: www.

wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door. Pub and Flying Dog Pizza & Vinyl.

Tracorum Shanachie: A blend of southern rock, soul, honky tonk, and roots Americana with elements of funk, Latin-Caribbean and gospel stomp. Saturday, July 8 at 8 pm. \$10. 50 South Main Street. Advance tickets available at the

Sunday, July

Center **Senior** Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am; July pancake breakfast is set for Sunday, July 9 at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked you like them, and choice of

sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. \$10; \$9 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides \$2: 3 slices bacon, 2 sausage links. Breakfast Includes Peet's Coffee and orange

Free Sports Physicals: free sports physicals to students. Sunday, July 9 at Redwood Medical Clinic, 3 Marcela Drive, Suite C, from 9 am to 12 pm. Pls. bring any required from your child's school.



improvisational dance duo of Linda Posner and Pearl Marill performs at the Willits Community Theatre on July 8 and 9. Sunday, July 9 matinee at 2 pm. See July 8 listing for

Monday, July 10

Bobcat at Shanachie Pub: oneman band inspired by garage rock, soul music, power-pop, rhythm and blues, rockabilly, punk rock, psychobilly, new wave and indie rock. Monday, July 10 at 6 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

Wednesday, July 12

'Hauntings and Historic Places": part of the Paranormal Discussions series at the Library, Wednesday, July 12, 5:30 to 6:45 pm. "Join us as we talk about the inns and landmarks of Mendocino County, and their ghostly inhabitants." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 707-459-5908.

Thursday, July 13

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

Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie: Folkbased country and blues and unique vocals and harmony by Sonoma County based multi-instrumental duo Hilary & Christiane. Shanachie Pub on Saturday, July 13 at7 pm. 50 South Main Street.

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com/, swing by the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive,

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What's Happening Around Town Frankie Bourne & The Wildcards at-Shanachie: Original acoustic rock trio from west Sonoma County rooted in indie rock and California soul.

Friday,

July 14

Saturday, July 15

Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Tech Help at the Library: "Is your computer on the fritz? Can't figure out how to open your email? Want to install a new app on your system? Bring your questions here to get help from our tech savvy volunteer." Saturday, July 15, 11 am to 12 noon. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial

'The Flick' reading at WCT: The Pulitzer Prize winning play "The Flick" is presented in a reading at

Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, July 15 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm. Written Annie Baker and directed Amythyst Romero, the play dramatizes the life and times of three young people caught in a world where the cultural icon - the movie theater - is dying. Tickets are \$10 and available online at www.wctperformingartscenter.org and at the door.

Sunday, July 16

'The Flick' reading at WCT: The Pulitzer Prize winning play "The Flick" is presented in a reading at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm. See Saturday, July 15 listing for more

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

(Harrison Ford) live and age through decades of his life. He escaped from scuzzy Nazis in "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Thirty years plus or minus after WWII, he's again being pursued by more Nazis who want to capture the Antikythera mechanism which is a (wondrous and very real) astronomical device recovered in 1901 from a Roman galley that sank more than 2200



years ago. Legend has it that this ancient mechanical wonder was designed by the Greek mathematician Archimedes.

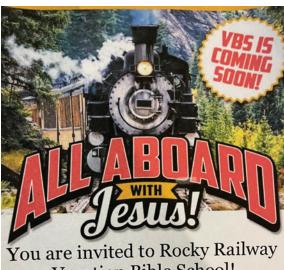
Antikythera dial does more than compute "the when' and "the where" of eclipses and the movement of the celestial bodies. It also predicts: Cracks in Space-Time Itself! With this knowledge, a person or persons will be able to travel back in time. These new-to-Indiana, but still scuzzy Nazi thugs want to capture Archimedes' fabulous invention, and use it to go back in Time and prevent Hitler and the Third Reich from mistakes that led to their defeat by America and the Allies. I guess, thwarting scuzzy Nazis thugs is the unacknowledged purpose of Indiana Jones' Life. That noted: the whole movie is a chase. Bring

but more

movie, and Indy is really kind of alone, and sad Which made me sad. Still, one roots for him to be happy. Especially against those Nazi thugs They're really bad.

Parents: Not for little kids. Too many innocent people get shot just 'cuz they're in the way of the Nazis. I don't think younger children should see people being gunned down, and in this movie lottsa folks get gunned down.





Vacation Bible School! July 10th-14th. 5:30-8:30 pm

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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: Twicemonthly 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.

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!" Diagers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: bbruneau@bbruneau.com

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 ages 7 and above. Use the back doors to enter. 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 more info call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-354-0565. Program is continuous year-round. Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street.

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

Saturday Scramble: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any instrument you can play and sign up to perform a 15-minute set with other local

musicians. "Meet new musicians, discover

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

of the area may drop in!"

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org

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

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

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building." 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." Willits Library meeting room. Games at the Library: First and third Fridays of the month, 4 to 5:30 pm. "Calling all board, card and tabletop

welcome. Bring your own games to add to the fun!" Sit-N-Sew: second Saturdays, July 8 this month, from 1

role-playing game players! All ages and player levels

to 5 pm. Drop in – bring your sewing project and have fun. Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and Engineering Club: Every Saturday except the third Saturday of the month, 11 am to noon. "Open to everyone with an interest in open source and everyone who wants to develop their creative and engineering skills."

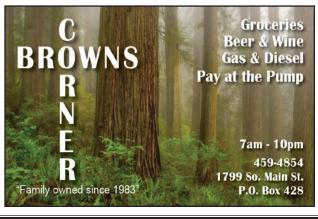
Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm."

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The Story: In this flick we get to see Indiana Jones



Dan Essman

Now, in the magical World of Indiana Jones, the

seat belts. My Thoughts: thoughts, some feelings. I wasn't surprised by the flick. I was surprised at the amount of shootings and violence.

it's one Indiana Jones

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

July 22, 2 to 2:30 pm: Mr. Elephant Sings July 29, 11 am to 1 pm: Paws and Tales

Inside the branch, Mr. Elephant will be singing original, family-friendly songs.

Paws and Tales story time featuring a real pup, Casey the therapy dog, plus an animal-centered craft

will be providing supplies for each activity as needed.

For more information about these events, please visit

www.mendolibrary.org or contact the Willits Library at

All these events are open to everyone, and all ages are encouraged to attend. The Willits Branch Library

this column please call: **April Tweddell** (707) 972-2475

Randall Cantua, LUTCF



Lions Cowboy Breakfast

Pancakes, ham and eggs aplenty at annual WFD breakfast feast



Above, from left: Willits Lions served up the breakfast fare including, back row, from left: Davey Bowles, Jim Holmes, Tony Madrigal, Gane Jackson, Dean Bauman, Tom Lucier, Jim Hinkle, Skip Lucier, Christine Lanno, Corey Chyczewski, and Susan Mahoney. Front row: Sheryl Mitcham, left, and Robin Lucier.

Above, right: Eggs, ham and pancakes made a perfect plate. At left: Tom Lucier and Tony Madrigal get another pan of pancakes ready for service. Below, left: John Haschak purchases a plate from Lion Dean Bauman. Below: Susan Mahoney serves up ham slices. At right: A father-daughter meal in the morning for Matthew and Maggie before heading to the Junior Rodeo.









left: Elaine Mancini and Mark Bello grab their plates at the start of the line. Below, right:

Brie and Jake Jones stand with their son Grayson and daughter Emma with their plates

of lunch. At bottom: Riata King and Anthony McKemy are ready for their barbecue lunch.











Fatal crash on 101 north of Laytonville

Submitted by CHP Garberville

On July 1, 2023, at 5:32 am, a California Highway Patrol Garberville Resident Post unit out of Laytonville was advised of a solo vehicle down the embankment and debris

CAL FIRE and Laytonville Fire responded to the location at Mile Post Marker 75.30 north of Black Oak Ranch. Upon their arrival, they located a solo occupant trapped in the vehicle. However, by the time the occupant was able to be extricated from the vehicle, the occupant, succumbed to her

The victim was identified as a 58-year-old woman from Grant's Pass, Oregon

Preliminary investigation indicates the vehicle was traveling northbound on US-101, when for reasons still under investigation, the vehicle veered off of the east side of the roadway where it struck the embankment, causing the vehicle to overturn, travel across all three lanes of traffic, and down the embankment on the west side of the roadway.

The identity of the driver is being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

No indication of a second vehicle involved. No suspected mechanical failure. Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor. The California Highway Patrol, CAL FIRE, Laytonville Fire Department, Med Star Ambulance, and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office all responded to the scene.

This collision remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol - Garberville Area.

The rest of **MSCO**

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also saw some serious tragedies

The heat and celebrations will continue through July 4, and I am asking all of our residents and visitors to be

Fire weather is here: Low relative humidity and afternoon winds can spell disaster, so let's not have an ignition. Don't drink and drive, vehicle accidents cause tragedies and fires. Fireworks are still illegal in Mendocino County. There is no reason for anyone to use fireworks. Ask yourself: Is it worth the life and property of another for a few minutes of

As always thank you for supporting the men and women serving us at Sheriff's Office. Please support your neighbors and your fellow community members by exercising responsibility during this holiday.

College

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resumed providing in-person assistance to students. Furthermore, the program has expanded its range of support by incorporating the Native American Student Resource Center into its framework, ensuring a holistic approach to nurturing the success of Native American students.

The college's commitment to supporting Native American students extends beyond providing physical spaces. Mendocino College has also adopted an official Land Acknowledgement, renamed the main guad as Pomo Plaza, and increased the number of cultural events on campus. These initiatives represent just a fraction of the comprehensive efforts being made by the institution to create an inclusive and nurturing environment for Native

"We are proud of the work we are doing at Mendocino College, and these funds will allow us to continue our efforts to promote student success among our Native American community and to reinvigorate a college-going culture in our region," says Ulises Velasco, vice president of Student Services. "Our hope is that through our consistent efforts, we are able to ensure that Native Americans feel welcomed and supported at Mendocino College, and consider starting their college career with us."

Mendocino-Lake Community College District was formed in 1973 to serve students in Mendocino and Lake counties. Mendocino College offers over 100 degree and certificate programs, and has campuses in Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg, and Lakeport. Learn more at www.mendocino.edu

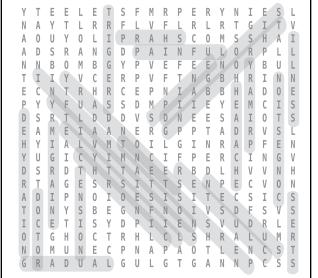
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has not been released, was located by private citizens who immediately began life-saving measures for the child. Upon arrival of the deputies, the life saving measures were being conducted in the ambulance. Unfortunately, even with the best efforts of emergency personnel, the child

This case is still under investigation and further information will be released as it becomes available.

Editor's Note: According to the July 4, 2023 story, "Four more California river deaths include 5-year-old in Mendocino County," in the San Jose Mercury News, "At least 22 people have drowned or gone missing in California rivers since mid-April, as water has been running high and cold during the melt of the snowpack."



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Above, left: Lance Ludington and Tamara Ludington, center, brought Carol and Tedd Dawson flowers to celebrate Tedd's retirement. Above, right: The room gives Dr. Dawson a standing ovation. Below: The "OG" Dawson family including, from left: Georgeanne Croskey, Ben Dawson, Dr. Tedd Dawson. Carol Dawson, Tedd Dawson, Jeremiah Dawson and Jennifer Hartless. The eldest daughter, Stephanie Dawson from Berlin, Germany, will be in Willits later this month to congratulate her parents. At bottom: 12 of the 14 Dawson grandkids were present at the party, including back row, from left: Jonah, Jack, Simon, Dr. Tedd, Teddy. Lane and Marin. and front row. from left: Grace. Violet. Carol, Clark, Kale, Lorelei and Brinlee. Nils and Ella will join the celebration later this month after traveling to Willits from Berlin,





Crowned

2022 winner Danielle Barry.

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photo with Willits Frontier Days' Hailey Riley.

Riley, the Sweetheart winner in 2017, and 11 other past Sweethearts were also recognized including: 1974 winner Kathy Persico Graves; 1979 winner Liz Persico Day; 1988 winner Nicol Persico Kunka; 1996 winner Georgeanne Dawson Croskey; 2000 winner Olivia Grupp; 2005 winner Ashtan Bloomguist; 2008 winner Kinzie Barlow; 2011 winner Riata King; 2019 and 2020 winner Jaden Doak; and

During the event sponsored by J.D. Redhouse, gathered attendees enjoyed a meal prepared by June Sizemore and individual Kemmy's Pies for dessert.

Two auction items were also offered to support the Willits Frontier Days Juniors including a giant redwood slab donated by Matthew Harbour of Harbour Quality Redwood which was bought by Jenn Drew of 101 Trailer and RV Supply for \$2,200 and a set of historic Willits Frontier Days plates which was purchased by Sparetime Supply for \$200.

Centerpieces on the tables including succulent gardens and welded horseshoe candleholders were also available to take home for donations to the Willits Frontier Days Juniors.





Dawson

"It was a very emotional ceremony," said Tedd Dawson's

wife, Carol. "I could tell Tedd was feeling it, and it was very on the ranch. appreciative for such a send-off.

Georgeanne Dawson Croskey, one of Dawson's daughters, also stood and spoke at the microphone and shared some sentiments about her father, and the work ethic and love of caring for others he instilled in them, and their children - the grandchildren - over the years.

While growing up, the kids and family spent time on the farm, raising animals for 4-H including sheep, chickens and hogs and spending time riding horses, raising a varying number of around 15 head of shorthorn cattle, camping and traveling.

After the other speakers, Dr. Dawson himself took the microphone in hand, laughing that "well, that roasting wasn't too bad!" before sharing his appreciation for the doctors, nurses and staff who helped him over the years, and to his family, and his beloved wife, Carol.

Those in attendance were also presented with a slide show to enjoy, created by Heather Bowen, that included photos ranging from life at home, life in the hospital, and many candids of naps, playing on the water, memories from past travels, graduations, parties, and with the younger

generations having fun on grandpa's lap atop farm tractors

Now, officially retired – well, almost officially – the Dawsons hope to spend more time traveling, working on the ranch, and spending time with family, including their 14 grandkids - that is, after Dawson finishes up with his last few patients, and Carol finishes up with the paperwork.

"There's so much to do at the office still," laughed Carol. "I have so much paperwork to finalize and have to get the office cleaned up and ready for what's next. This office used to belong to Dr. Babcock, and has really been the second home for us, and the kids all spent a lot of time here. But as soon as the weather calms down a little, we hope to get to Hawaii soon and see our son Jeremiah and his family there, and then also to head to Germany next to see our daughter Stephanie and her family there.

Stephanie is also planning additional adventures for the Dawsons including a cruise on the Nile River to see Egypt.

"Tedd just loves to travel," said Carol. "He wants to go and see all the things. Me? I'm happy here, but he really enjoys it and has certainly earned it, so we'll be off on new

Enjoy retirement!



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Measure P funds

for October 18.

to conduct this study.

and people with disabilities.

bargaining block, no longer fragmented

information collection and distribution

with eligibility to receive county funding

8.Regular bi-monthly meetings of District

The next meeting of the Association is scheduled

Director Tyler-O'Shea said: "This means

that they are looking at communities within

unincorporated Mendocino County that have no

access to public transportation, and Brooktrails is

one of those communities. I've been participating

in this study, and a couple of recommendations

for Brooktrails specifically would be to include an

extended MTA service two days per week with

three scheduled stops in our community, and a

"Mind you," Tyler-O'Shea emphasized, "these

are recommendations at this point. There will be

a final public hearing on August 14, and I believe

it will be on zoom. I will forward the information

regarding that meeting as I receive it to be shared

"On July 27 at 4:30 pm," she continued, "there

will be a public meeting in Ukiah at the Ukiah Senior

Center, 497 Leslie Street (between Perkins and

Gobbi). Those interested in knowing more and/or

advocating for these transportation solutions can

agreement, and a final draft will be presented at

Third District Supervisor John Haschak went

to the podium and said he had a couple items

he wanted to point out. Regarding the Mobility

Solutions Study that Director Tyler-O'Shea

discussed, Haschak said this will be on the agenda

for the August 14 meeting of the Mendocino

Council of Governments, and he asked for those

who have suggestions or comments regarding the

proposed transportation plan to contact him at

Haschak said there's a lot of potential for doing

"There's a climate adaptation grant that is part of

the federal government's bipartisan infrastructure

bill that got passed within the last couple of years,"

Haschak said. "There is a lot of money out there

and the county is applying for the grant money. At

our June 20 Board of Supervisors meeting we had

"One of the options is the second access route

from Sherwood Road to north Highway 101 and

the other is the east hills of Ukiah. The board

decided to prioritize the Sherwood Road access

Brooktrails board members then unanimously

A tabled agenda item from the June 13 board

meeting, where suggestions were made regarding

corrections to the annual audit, then came up for

discussion and possible action: "The Acceptance

and Filing of the Fiscal year 2021-22 Financial

Statements (Annual Audit)." The board voted

A public hearing regarding the "Brooktrails Fire Protection and Emergency Response

Services Assessment District Ballot Measure and

Community Investment in the Fire Department"

was then opened. Two Brooktrails residents David

Paland and Maria Bates individually addressed

the board stating their concerns regarding the

Both took issue with the way the ballot measure

would be passed with a 50% plus 1 count of the

total votes submitted. They were both in favor of

There was a break in the meeting, while all

of the ballots received were then tabulated by

volunteer tabulator Richard Weinkle of Willits.

When the meeting continued, it was noted that

of 1,489 ballots that were mailed to Brooktrails

property owners. 417 ballots, representing 28% of

Brooktrails property owners, were returned. Three

Tabulator Weinkle announced the results,

saying that there were 287 "yes" votes in favor of

the measure, and 127 "no" votes, not in favor. It

was further announced that the measure passed

a 2/3 vote of the electorate to pass the measure.

unanimous approval of the corrected audit.

approved the first item on the agenda, the

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$35,040.91.

some very good work in regard to transportation

Authority] website: mendocinotransit.org."

the next meeting of the board.

haschakj@mendocinocounty.org.

to prioritize different options.

route." Haschak said.

ballot measure.

within our area.

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seeking or sharing information

Agency board representatives

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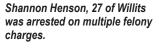
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1. Recognition of Fire Districts / Agencies as a Officers immediately requested the assistance of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office as well 2. Consolidated point for District / Agency as the California Highway Patrol. MCSO responded to assist

3. Email distribution list to quickly share and Due to the extremely high rate of speed of the suspect car, the 4. Developed definition of "Local Fire Agency" pursuit was terminated.

Officers learned victim 5. Singular point of contact for county when the was previous acquaintance of 6. Funding from zero to \$6M, not including the suspect and, upon learning the 7. Regular meetings set with BOS ad hoc suspect's name, officers responded to this residence. During this time, other WPD officers met with the victims and learned the Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea reported that male was stalking the Mobility Solutions for Rural Communities the victims and had Feasibility Study is moving forward. This is a tried to run their Caltrans grant through Mendocino Council of vehicle off the road, Governments, where they have hired a consultant which contained multiple minor

children inside.



(6) - Carrying a loaded firearm

in public which is not registered

to you; PC 646.9 - Felony

Stalking; PC 135 - Destruction

of evidence; PC 273.5 - Felony

produce great bodily

injury; PC 417(b)

Brandishing of a

loaded firearm; PC

1203.2 - Violation

of Felony probation;

CVC 2800.2 - Felony

vehicle pursuit with

wanton disregard for

safety; CVC 2800.4

Felony vehicle

pursuit traveling into

and CVC 14601.2 -

Driving while driver

license suspended

oncoming

for DUI.

The Willits Police Department

would like to thank the Mendocino

County Sheriff's Office deputies

who responded to assist with the

capture of Henson, as well as the

numerous community members

who called in to assist with location

of evidence and suspect location

MCSO also released a press

Sheriff's Office Canine Sam was

deployed and a track of Henson

was started. Canine Sam tracked

Henson through the woods for

approximately 1 hour. During the

track, it was determined Henson

had circled back and was attempting

While heading back towards the

residence, Henson was spotted

by Sheriff's Office deputies.

Henson hid behind a tree in

an attempt to conceal himself

from law enforcement. A canine

announcement was made, at

which time Henson peacefully

surrendered in lieu of being

Editor's Note: As of presstime on

July 5, the Mendocino County Jail

Booking Log reported Henson was

6

Charles Nutter of Spokane,

still being held on \$75,000 bail.

apprehended by Sam.

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to get back to his residence.

release on the incident, with more

information.

on K9 Sam:

traffic:

probable Officers learned cause existed to arrest the driver, Shannon Henson, 27, of Willits, for multiple violent felony crimes.

Officers located the vehicle in the 1900 block of East Hill Road, hidden behind a residence. From there MCSO K9 Sam was deployed volunteer reimbursement program for older adults and tracked Henson through the wooded area behind the residence. MCSO deputies and WPD officers tracked the subject through the woods for over an hour and were able to locate him and take him into custody after he surrendered to K9

> It was also later found Henson had thrown a loaded .380 caliber handgun out of the vehicle during the beginning of the pursuit, which a citizen called to report after she

find information on the MTA [Mendocino Transit Henson, who is currently on formal probation and a convicted Township counsel Chris Neary reported there felon, is prohibited from possessing has been substantial progress made in working firearms or ammunition. out an amendment to the Brooktrails Golf Course

Henson was booked into the Mendocino County Correctional Facility for the following charges: PC29800(a)(1) – Felon in possession of a firearm; PC 30305(a)(1) - Felon in possession of ammunition; PC 25850(c)

Attack

Washington Police Department regarding felony warrants for the arrest of Charles Nutter 30, of Spokane. Spokane Police Department's Investigations Unit advised Nutter's last-known location was in the Mendocino County and Willits area that

Nutter is the suspect in a stabbing of a transient in Spokane on June 6, 2023.

WPD officers were able to match Nutter by his distinctive clothing from the surveillance photos received from Spokane PD alert with the surveillance photos obtained from local businesses.

On June 30, Spokane PD's Investigations Unit advised they had updated information that Nutter's location was in Fort Bragg. Fort Bragg Police

Department officers subsequently arrested Nutter on Spokane PD's felony warrants. Nutter was wearing the same clothing seen in the surveillance photos from both Spokane PD's case and Willits PD's case.

Nutter is currently being held at the Mendocino County Jail awaiting extradition to Spokane. The investigation into the assault in Willits is still ongoing. The victim is currently reported in stable condition.

The Willits Police Department would like to thank the Fort Bragg Police Department for their assistance and apprehension of Nutter. The Willits Police Department would also like to thank local businesses for their assistance as well.

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The rest of Suspended

residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Mendocino

While outdoor burning of land-

scape debris by homeowners is no longer allowed, CAL FIRE is asking residents to take that extra time to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires by maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of defensible space around every home and building on their property and prepared to evacuate if the time comes.

Here are some tips to help prepare homes and property:

 Clear all dead and or dying vegetation 100 feet from around all

structures Landscape with fire-resistant plants and non-flammable ground

 Find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy or green waste facility. The suspension of burn permits

for residential landscape debris does not apply to campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property. Campfires may be permitted if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread to the wildland. A campfire permit can be obtained at local fire stations or online at PreventWildfireCA.org. For additional info on how to cre-

ate Defensible Space, on how to be prepared for wildfires, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit www. ReadyForWildfire.org.

3 votes to pass, and City Manager Brian Bender There were only 3 total votes because Councilmember Madge Strong was absent, and Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez recused herself

Planning

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domestic violence; PC 273(A)(a) from the vote for what she felt might be a conflict Felony child endangerment; PC of interest, or at least possibly perceived that way. 245(a)(1) - Assault with a deadly Mayor Kanne and Councilmember Gerry weapon; PC 245(a) Gonzalez voted "yes," and Councilmember Larry (4) – assault likely to

Stranske voted "no." Later in the meeting, City of Willits Counsel Jim Lance addressed the East Commercial Street item

vote again, and said he thought he'd given incorrect "I've just been consulting the Manual of Procedures that the city adopted," he said, "and paragraph 7 is on voting, and it considers whether

or not a member has disqualified themselves and left the room and what the effect of that is." As per the Willits manual, Lance said a simple majority vote of what would be considered a 3-member guorum, i.e., 2 votes, would suffice to

pass the item. According to the staff report, the East Commercial Street Corridor Community Outreach And Program Development plan document, developed by consultant Terrain Landscape Architecture. identified "community enhancement opportunities along the East Commercial Street Corridor (from

"These opportunities focused on the athletic fields/parks, Museum/Library facilities, wayfinding/ signage, transportation/pedestrian features, and streetscapes," the report stated.

eastern boundary).

the intersection with Main Street to the city's

With its approval at the June 28 meeting, the council accepted the current planning document, and directed the city manager to prepare a master plan for future adoption.

When Councilmember Stranske asked about how implementing the planned project improvements would be paid for, City Manager Bender answered that by having a "master plan" in place: "We can use that as a tool to go after grant opportunities. And then we can set aside some general fund funding to implement some of the items, as well."

The East Commercial Street Corridor Community Outreach and Program Development planning document is included in the full agenda packet for the June 28 meeting. To see the agenda with the planning document, visit the City of Willits Agenda Center at https://cityofwillits.org/AgendaCenter and open or download the June 28 agenda.

Water MOU

Also on the June 28 agenda was an item asking councilmembers to approve "a non-binding memorandum of understanding between the City of Willits and the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians regarding water service extension.

The vote was tied at 2 "yes" and 2 "no" votes, so did not pass that night, but will be considered at a future council meeting. Councilmember Rodriguez, the second "no" vote, said she felt she had just heard about the project, and needed more time to learn more about it, but she'd be happy to consider

Stranske also voted "no," and Kanne and Gonzalez voted "yes"

According to the staff report: "A representative of Sherwood Valley approached staff regarding the feasibility of the City of Willits providing potable water to their 15-dwelling residential development at Mitomkai Way and a proposed community center in the vicinity on a tract of land to the west side of Eastside Road.'

The MOU, similarly to an MOU with the Pine Mountain Mutual Water Company the council approved by a 3 to 2 vote at their June 14 meeting, would allow "both entities to explore the practicality of the request through coordination with various governmental agencies/units and pursue the necessary grant funding to support the project.

"The city will utilize grant funds to implement upgrades to the Water Distribution System." the staff report continues, "to ensure its ability to supply current needs and needs estimated for the Sherwood Valley request.

"The MOU contains a provision that allows either entity to forsake any further participation with the MOU if they consider it is in their best interest to do so," the staff report states.

The MOU also spells out that, as far as construction and implementation of the development projects, "the Tribe will seek funding for the project and implement the project at its sole cost and expense.

Fire department update

The city council also received a written fire department update from the Little Lake Fire Protection District. "We are finishing up our statemandated inspections, the schools, hotels, and motels are almost completed, and we will get started on the apartment complexes soon." the

"Our 95th annual fundraiser was a great success. We had our 2nd annual cornhole tournament and our first chicken BBQ. Thank you, City of Willits, for allowing usage of the City Park. We will continue our event to include cornhole and BBQ in the future.

"We have had several out-of-control burns, and encourage weed abatement to property owners. The hot weather is upon us, and fire season is here. We had 39 fire calls in May," the report concludes.

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of those were declared invalid.

with 69.37% in favor.

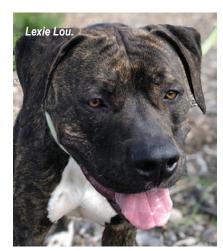
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Affectionate Polly

Miss Polly here is looking for her forever home after coming in as a trapped "feral." It didn't take very long for her to show us how sweet and loving she is, and up for adoption she went. Polly can be a little nervous at first with new people, but warms up quickly.

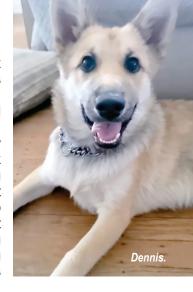
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Active Dennis

Dennis is about six months old. He likes to chew on bones. not shoes, provided you give him bones. This cute guy is potty trained, can walk on a leash, is dog social and almost cat social, and is used to sleeping in a crate at night. He loves being active and playing Dennis fetch. available for adoption,



but still needs guidance with his training

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Unique indie artists Shovelman and Black Suzie at Willits Community Theatre July 14

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

An evening of acoustic roots music unfolds at Willits Community Theater on Friday, July 14 at 7:30 pm with performances by the madcap misfit musician Shovelman and New Orleans singer-songwriter Black Suzie. As the one of a kind Shovelman, Isaac Frankle wields his lap steel guitar, bringing forth sounds of the Mississippi Delta blues blended into an electro-psychedelic flavor. With his bluesy "folktronica" mix, Shovelman has shared the stage with the likes of Primus, Emmylou Harris, Kaki King and Reggae Watts.

For a journey into the depths, Black Suzie offers up enchanting melodies and lyrics that are both clever and heartfelt. Originally from Philadelphia, Black Suzie honed her songwriting craft in New Orleans before moving to a cabin in the redwoods of Northern California. Influenced by folk, blues, soul and punk, this indie artist invites her listeners into a sound reminiscent of Cat Power and Bjork.

Tickets for the show are \$20 and available online at: www. wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door.





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Above, from left: Lindsay the tiger smiles at Hometown Celebration 2023. All 6'8" of Dane Jennison was up to the challenge of "or \$25 for your height" in raffle tickets at Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa, thanks to some prodding from his 5'2" stepmom, leaving salon owner Dawnna Hetherington to have to get on a stool to measure. Dylan enjoys a snow cone from the comfort of his stroller seat.







Above, from left: Hometown Celebration was a mini family reunion for this group, including, from left: Isabel Gonzales, Melissa Juarez; Analeice Villegas; Emma Andregg; Mireya Villegas; Natalina González; Gabriela González; Melissa Villegas; and Vanessa Andregg.

Leo Rodriguez had his face painted - and scored a squid balloon animal during Hometown. Meloney Alfano and Gabe Alfano smile together as they stroll Main Street. At right, from top: Jazmin Duarte and her son Oliver wait for a balloon. Flower balloons were just one of the offerings from Ken the Balloon IWISTER. AT TAR right: Rides in the

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antique firetruck are always a hit.

Happy Hometown

Annual celebration even better with Main Street closure

The street is usually bustling with activity during the annual Hometown Celebration, but this year, the closure of Main Street allowed the bustling to be only the pedestrian variety. This made much more space for vendors to set up and activities to happen – and those with little ones didn't have to worry about moving vehicles in the festival area.

The event was organized again this year by Willits Frontier Days' Hometown Celebration chair Ashtan Bloomquist of J.D. Redhouse. She went above and beyond for the community and local businesses, making sure to create an amazingly successful event that was enjoyed by everyone and supported local business to the fullest.

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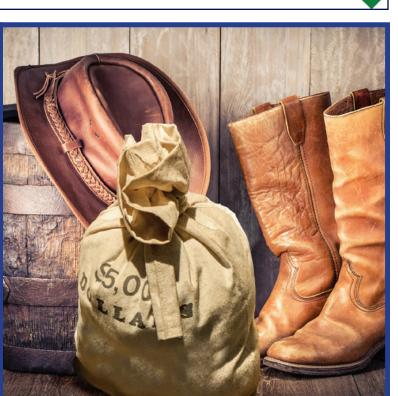


At top: Aerial silk artists made daring and amazing moves far above the street below. Further above: The food court was bustling with activity in the old Rexall parking lot. Above: Sisters Madison Bouthillier, left and Gracie Bouthillier, right, smile with Dani Retzloff of Smokin' G's and Big D's BBQ. Below: Dawn Soave Kuhn and Eric Kuhn check out shirts in Monkey Wrench Men's & Women's Wear. At bottom: Saprina Rodriguez and John Kvasnicka chat in the food court during Hometown Celebration.



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At left: Some events, like Goat Tying, have the riders

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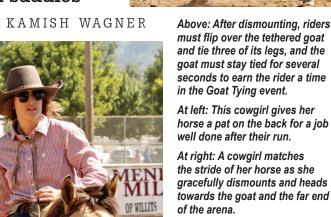
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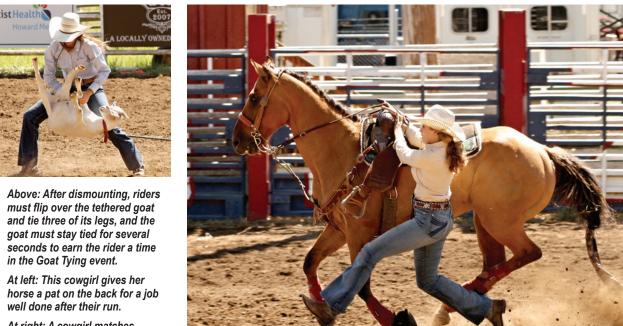
Willits Frontier Days Junior Rodeo

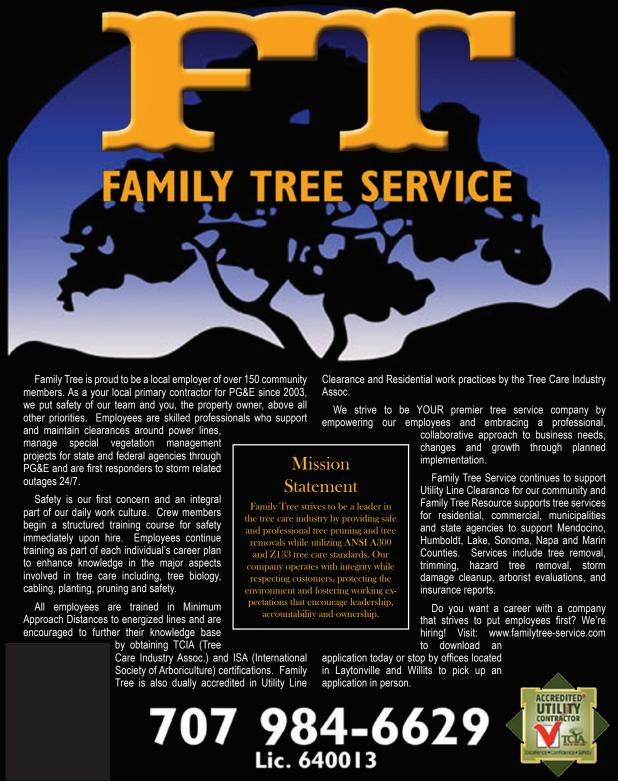
Young cowboys and cowgirls vie for All-Around title, buckles, cash and saddles





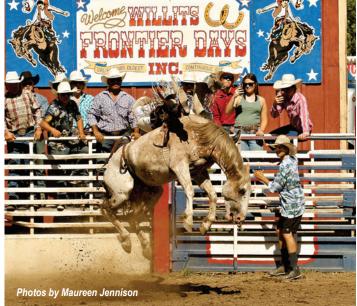








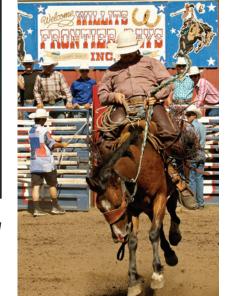
Above, left: Masey Strong, the Local Barrels Champion, left, smiles with 2023 Sweetheart Hazel Cooke. Above, center, from top: Junior/Senior team roping partners Tanner Dudley (header) and Stan Cooley (healer) took first place at the Junior Rodeo. Sharon Garman and Karen Sinclair get hugs over the fence from Charlie Too Tall West, the CCPRA rodeo clown. Local CCPRA Team Roping Champions Jace Kelly of Upper Lake and Kylyn Watkins of







Professional cowboys and cowgirls compete in July 3 and 4 Willits rodeos as part of state-wide circuit





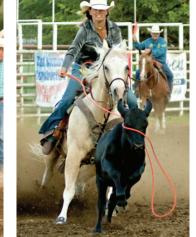






At right, top and middle: Cowboys try their hand at hanging onto bucking horses in the bareback, ranch bronc, and saddle bronc classes of the July 3 and 4 California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association rodeos in Willits, sometimes not getting bucked off and making the 8-second ride for a score, sometimes, not making it. Below, from left: Steer wrestling requires the contestant to slide off his horse onto the back of a running steer, kept in place (hopefully) by the assistant rider, called "a hazer." The contestant must grab the steer by the horns and flip him over to earn a time. In breakaway roping, cowgirls rope a running calf with a rope attached to their saddle with velcro – time stops when the velcro snaps. Tie-down roping is like goat tying, but for the big competitors. Riders rope a steer, dismount on the fly, and tie three of the steer's legs, which must remain tied for several seconds for a score. Flipping the steer can be heavy and hard work, with steers typically weighing twice the weight of the cowboy.

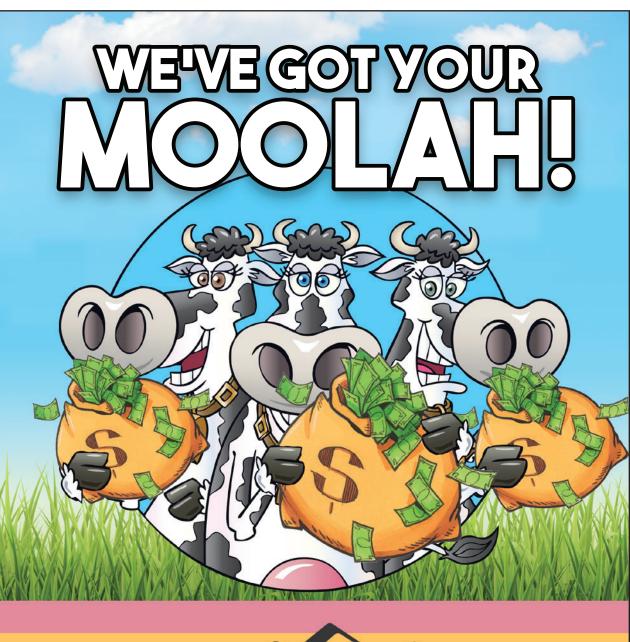












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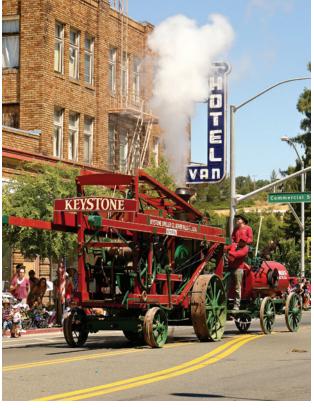






Main Street Parade











Above: Edie Ceccarelli enjoys lunch with a fifth cousin, 6-year-old Oaklee Graves, at the WFD barbecue. Photo by Chris Smith

\$500 scholarship to be given in name of 2023 Willits Frontier Days Grand Marshal Edie Ceccarelli

Edie Ceccarelli, America's oldest person and for 115 years a source of immense pride to her hometown of Willits, is earning yet another honor.

This year, Willits Frontier Days celebrates Edie with the creation of a scholarship in her name. The \$500 scholarship, sponsored by Harrah Industries, will be awarded later this year to a local high-school graduate who is continuing his or her education.

Edie has championed young people, education and strong community ties throughout her extraordinary life. She was born in Willits on February 5, 1908, and has lived in Northern California always. She is at present the thirdlongest living person on Earth, behind two women, one in Spain and in Japan, who are 116.

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in green and white as they cheered from their float. Mendocino County Sheriff Matthew Kendall drove the MCSO Jeep with other emergency services and law enforcement agencies in the parade. Above, left: J and J Pumpkins will offer the community a new







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