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# Wondering about local air quality?

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The Willits area emerged largely unscathed from the lightning strikes that started fires further up the North Coast and further inland in the last 10 days or so.

But Willits saw quite a bit of wildfire drift smoke earlier this week - most likely from the bigger wildfires burning in Oregon. The worst air quality was Monday afternoon, August 21, when the Blosser Lane air quality monitor reported "Unhealthy" levels of fine particulate matter in the air for a couple of hours, at an air quality index of 151, starting with the 1 pm report. Willits had the worst air in Mendocino County on Monday afternoon.

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#### Amtrak bus route through Willits expands

Submitted by Amtrak

Riders traveling Amtrak's San Joaquins Route 7, the Thruway Bus route extending from the Martinez Amtrak Station, through Santa Rosa, Ukiah, and Willits to Arcata encompassing a total of 18 stops - can now purchase bus-only tickets for all city pairs along the route. This recent expansion of service significantly broadens the scope and connectivity of the bus top pairs previously available on Route 7.

The Amtrak Route 7 bus stops in Willits at the Skunk Train Depot, northbound and southbound. Bus-only tickets for Route 7 must be purchased in advance at www.AmtrakSanJoaquins. com or by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL or at a staffed Amtrak train station. Visit the website to see full schedule.

This expansion along Route 7, which was approved by the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors at the July 21 meeting, represents the latest step in Amtrak San Joaquins' efforts to provide a comprehensive transportation alternative to travelers in communities throughout the state, beyond where the train can service.

Historically, travelers on all Thruway Bus routes were required to have a segment of train travel as part of their overall trip to travel on the Thruway Bus. However, state legislation, SB 742 authored by Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica), was passed in 2019 to remove the

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Above, from left: The tasting menu for the ribbon cutting event at The Munchery included lots of delicious dishes including coconut prawns, clam chowder, a salmon crepe, and a wedge salad. The Orchard Crepe was filled with Nutella, Mulligan Gardens blueberries, and Edenberry Farm blackberries, then topped with whipped cream. The Munchery logo features ferns and the slogan "A Taste of the Redwoods." The Three Cheese Ravioli and Mushrooms was a wonderful savory bite of cheese-stuffed ravioli with Mulligan Gardens mushrooms and an herbed butter sauce. Below: The room was filled with Munchery staff and supporters, and Willits Chamber of Commerce members for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Owners Shauna Brown Martin and her husband, Eric Martin, cut the ribbon with giant smiles last Thursday.



## Ready to Munch

New locally focused, bright, fresh and new, all-day eatery opens in south Willits If hearing whispers of the beginnings of owner Shauna Brown

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Martin's dream of creating an eatery on the east side of the Brown's Corner gas station over two years ago was exciting, Thursday's soft-opening event was an

absolute delight to see and the true realization of her dream.

The welcome mixer, hosted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, celebrated the family's hard work and dedication to create the new bar and restaurant, The Read the rest of T

Munchery, and Read the rest of Munchery

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Above, from left: Kayla Lyman pours a drink at the bar. Willits City Councilmember Madge Strong checks out the menu at The Munchery. The family behind the restaurant includes, back row, from left: Nora Martin, Eric Martin and Wyett Grover. Front row, from left: Sharon Brown, Shauna Brown Martin, Marissa Greene holding Vander Grover, and Kota Humphries.

At left: A beaming Shauna Brown Martin holds the scissors after cutting the ribbon, officially opening the business she and her family have been working on for two years.

Below, left: The kitchen team, including from left: Dawson Maye, George Koro and chef Joshua Landes. Restaurant contractor Aaron Luedemann of Aaron Construction smiles with his wife, Heather, at the opening.





Below, from left: Marty Guptill from the Willits Chamber of Commerce sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle at the ribbon cutting event. Bartenders Lianne Stanley, Amanda Lauren, and Damian Rodrigues smile behind the bar. The Seasonal Lettuce Wrap, with baby iceberg lettuce, seasonal veggies, and a tangy vinaigrette, was offered as one of the dishes at the ribbon cutting event.







#### Report:

#### Willits police chief resigns

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The Mendo Fever online news site broke the story last week that Willits Police Chief Fabian Lizarraga has submitted a letter of resignation, effective September 7.

Willits Weekly requested a copy of the resignation letter from Chief Lizarraga, but as of press time, had not gotten a reply. Resignation letters are not "public documents" per se, but those resigning can voluntarily provide a copy to the press.

The City of Willits does not comment on personnel matters.

Chief Lizarraga was appointed acting Willits chief in 2020, and sworn in as official chief of police in October 2021. Before that he was police chief in Fort Bragg from 2015 to 2020, and before that heh spent more than 37 years with the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mendo Fever reported that Chief Lizarraga confirmed his letter of resignation, and told them that: "He has some 'R&R' in his future adding that he is 'done with law enforcement and working for city governments."

# Rock fire fully contained

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The lightning fire closest to Willits, reported August 16, was the Rock Fire, about 5 or 6 miles northeast of Hearst in the Sanhedrin Wilderness Area.

The Mendocino National Forest Willows Office told Willits Weekly Wednesday afternoon that the Rock Fire "is contained and controlled at approximately 1.5 acres. Crews have completed mop up, and the area received wetting rain earlier this week. The fire is in patrol status."

The original report on the Rock Fire on www. watchduty.org noted an "unknown size vegetation fire burning at a slow rate of spread in timber. Fire is currently staffed by a team of smoke jumpers."

An evening update on August 16 reported that: "Today, smokejumpers and a hotshot crew responded to a lightning fire in the Sanhedrin Wilderness near Impassable Rock and west of Big Signal Peak, now called the "Rock Fire." Fire personnel have requested additional jumpers and air attack as the fire is burning in steep terrain with heavy fuels. The Rock Fire is currently at 1 acre."

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### No skinny roadway

To the Editor:

Open letter to Willits City Council: I can't even believe that we are having a discussion about putting South Main Street on a diet. This is a stupid idea, and needs NO MORE contemplation.

First, and foremost, this town is dying, and removing lanes, where there is ample room now for bikes to ride along this stretch of roadway, is another dagger to the livelihood of this community.

It's not rocket science; you can see that this stretch of road gets backed up during commute times, school openings/ closings, and during holiday weekends, narrowing it to one lane on each side would be suicidal.

We were sold on the idea of a bypass because of the cluster of traffic along this stretch of the highway, so why would we create another traffic jam?

Caltrans has decimated our town, and should have no more clout to ruin it further. Stop this madness! It's a stupid idea that should be put to

Rose Macy, Willits

#### COVID still here

rest, and never looked at again.

To the Editor:

COVID 19 is still here and on the rise again. I know of several medical personnel including my dentist in Santa Rosa who have gotten it, so has cancelled all appointments for now. I've also spoken with several friends locally who have had COVID-19 in the past few months, one with "long COVID" that has left my friend with months of fatigue and

He was a "non-vaccer" and says he now regrets it. I know of other cases. With school back in session and the flu season arriving, I suggest we all be aware and take appropriate precautions. At the very least wash your hands with soap and water regularly.

Consider getting vaccinated if you haven't already, and consider wearing a mask in crowded places. This doesn't seem to be as extensive as the original outbreak, largely because so many of us have been vaccinated, but a new variant has emerged and is spreading, so please take care of yourself and all the rest of us. If you feel ill, stay home for a few days and get well. The choice is yours but your decisions often affect others.

COVID is a health issue not a political one, of course.

Bill Barksdale, Willits

#### **Humane Society** needs dog food

Calling all dog lovers! We kindly request donations of adult canned dog food. Any brand or flavor would be greatly appreciated

Come on down during our open hours (no appointment needed!): Wednesday thru Friday 1 to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 3 pm, 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley Info: 707-485-0123

Apply to foster or adopt, or donate funds online, by visiting www.mendohumanesociety.com

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#### Labor Day Celebration with Huffman, Wood

Submitted by Mendocino County Democratic Party

Join us for this year's Labor Day Celebration on Monday, September 4 at Todd Grove Park and Clubhouse, located at 600 Live Oak Avenue, Ukiah, from 11 am to

Speakers will include:

- · Congressman Jared Huffman
- Assemblymember Jim Wood
- · California Democratic Party Chair Rusty Hicks
- Local labor leaders

The event is presented by the Mendocino County Democratic Party and the Inland Mendocino Democratic Club. Music will be provided by the Mendocino Gaggle of Raging Grannies. Food will be provided by Chef Denny.

Labor Day celebrates the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights in the labor movement of the late 18th century. Their hard-fought wins are the reason for many of the rights we enjoy and take for granted today, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. Those workers saw that there could be no freedom and liberty in this country without economic freedom for the working class.

Labor Day honors the source of this nation's strength - American workers. unions, and labor leaders

#### **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, August 24: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pickle, Chips Friday, August 25: Turkey Dinner, Veggies, Roll, Cranberry

Monday, August 28: Hot Dog Chili, Mac N'Cheese

Tuesday, August 29: Turkey Curry, Roll, Green Salad Wednesday, August 30: Tamale Pie, Rice & Beans

Thursday, August 31: Beef Tips & Noodles, Green Salad, Roll

Friday, September 1: Cheeseburger, Potato Salad, Pickle

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

every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am. \$10; \$9 center members; \$6 children under 8.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Joliana at 459-6826, who can help fill out the 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: 459-6826.

#### Library to offer classes on applying to college

The Willits Branch Library is pleased to offer a series of classes that will help high school students understand the terminology and process of applying to college. In addition, they will learn where to find the best resources for making informed decisions regarding their future

These classes will take place in the Willits Branch meeting room from 4:30 to 5:30 pm on the second Friday of each month, starting in September, on the following dates: September 8, October 13, and November 10.

For more information, please visit www. mendolibrary.org or contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

#### Preparación universitaria para estudiantes de secundaria

La sucursal de Willits se complace en ofrecer una serie de clases que ayudarán a los estudiantes de secundaria a comprender la terminología y el proceso de solicitud de ingreso a la universidad. Además, aprenderán dónde encontrar los mejores recursos para tomar decisiones informadas con respecto a la futura

Estas clases se llevarán a cabo en la sala de reuniones de la sucursal Willits de 4:30 a 5:30 p.m. el segundo viernes de cada mes a partir de septiembre en las siguientes fechas: 8 de septiembre, 13 de octubre y 10 de noviembre.

Para obtener más información, visite www.mendolibrary.org o comuniquese con la sucursal de Willits al 707-459-

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#### County hosts community resilience meetings

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

Mendocino County is hosting resilience meetings in census tracts designated as demonstrating high-hazard exposure and social vulnerability that will offer the public an opportunity to communicate their resilience goals. The input provided at the "Prepare California Jumpstart" meetings will be used to help determine resilience projects for which to pursue grant funding.

Discussion topics to include: emergency preparedness, community planning and capacity building, infrastructure systems, economic resiliency and sustainability, health and social services, housing, and natural systems and cultural resources.

The resilience meeting in Willits is set for Wednesday, September 6, at the County Museum Wonacott Room, 400 East Commercial Street, from 5:30 to 7 pm.

Other resilience meetings in Mendocino County include one in Caspar, scheduled for Saturday, August 26, at the Caspar Community Center, 15051 Caspar Road, from 1 to 2:30 pm. A Ukiah meeting will be on Wednesday, August 30, in the UC Cooperative Extension Conference Room, 890 North Bush Street, from 5:30 to 7 pm.

A meeting is also set for Calpella / Redwood Valley on Thursday, August 31, at the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center, 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Next is Anderson Valley, on Wednesday, September 13 at the Veteran's Hall, 14470 CA-128, Boonville, from 5:30 to 7 pm.

A Round Valley meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, at the Library Commons, 23925 Howard Street, Covelo, from 1:30 to 3 pm. The final meeting will be in Leggett on Monday, September 18 at Leggett Valley School, 1 School Way, from 5:30

For meeting information, please contact Disaster Recovery at 707-234-6303 or disasterrecovery@mendocinocounty.gov

#### Mendocino County launches Heads Up Project

Submitted by Mendocino County Department of Social

For the past year, criminal justice and human services organizations in Mendocino County have quietly tested a new and innovative communication pathway designed to increase and deepen Read the rest of collaboration.

Project |

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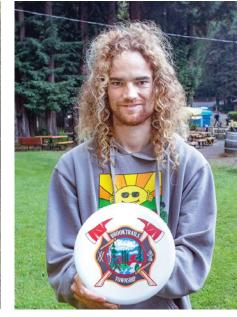




Above, from left: Two of the contestants confer on the best strategy for approaching the hole. At arsenal of specific-use discs is packed into this bag belonging to one of the professional disc golfers. A player tries to get as close as possible to the basket on his second shot. Levi Fagundes one of the hosts of the Brooktrails Open, signs in participants and assigns tee times. At left: Tina Tyler-O'Shea attempts to finish the hole by throwing into this high-altitude basket. Below, left: Kelly Knight finishes off the hole with a shot at the basket. Below, right: Joseph Haggard, of the Basketbeaters and one of the hosts of the tournament, shows a disc with the new Brooktrails Fire logo. Further below: Kelly Knight, Tina Tyler-O'Shea, and Jessica O'Daniel take a moment from competing in the Women's Amateur Division. At bottom, from left: Kelly Knight of Santa Rosa tries a forehand shot in an attempt to curve the disc around obstacles. Jessica O'Daniel takes a shot out of some thick foliage. Ryan found a baby jogging stroller that serves as the perfect conveyance for his array of discs as well as for riding down hills.

Photos by Mathew Caine







#### **Open** Basketbeaters host disc golf tournament with local and out-of-state players competing to win cash prizes

Some people may not know, but the Brooktrails Golf Course is also a disc golf course. In fact, the Brooktrails Disc Golf course has a reputation as the third-best disc golf course in California. Competitors come from far-off places in California

and the rest of the country to spend time amongst the picturesque redwood trees, the creeks, and the overall beauty, as they test their skills on the ever-changing maze of tees, fairways, and "holes."

The two organizers of the Brooktrails Open disc tournament, Joseph Haggard and Levi Fagundes, have been with this tournament and other smaller events since 2019, and the popularity has been growing, attracting participants from as far away as Alabama.

"It's called the Brooktrails Open," Haggard explained of the tournament held last weekend. "It's essentially a disc golf tournament, very similar to a regular golf tournament. I'm part of the local disc golf club of Mendocino County, called the Basketbeaters. We put on tournaments throughout the year.

"We've been running the Brooktrails Read the rest of Open for about four years," Haggard

Disc Golf

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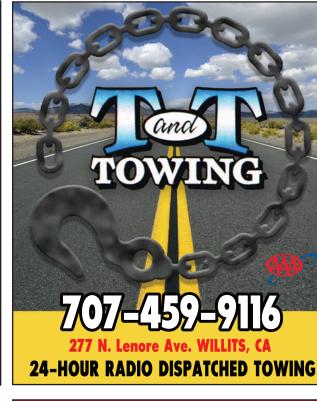
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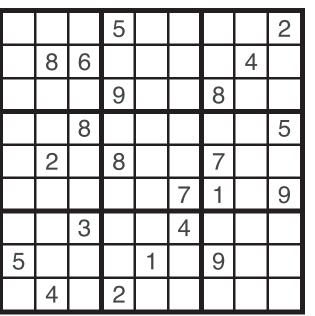
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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62. Fertility god

63. Sea eagle

65. Zodiac sign

66. 'Horizon Call of the

67. Have the ability to

68. Take somewhere

3. Adjust the spacing

5. Atomic #43

9. Confines

6. Wise individuals

7. Horse mackerel

compound

11. Unsatisfactorily

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**CLUES DOWN** 

1. 'Iron Man' actress Leslie

4. They're usually locked

8. Pearl Jam's debut album

10. Colorless crystalline

64. Dry

2. Wings

49. Levels of frequency

52. Move rapidly downwards

60. Top of the human body

61. A Chinese temple and

Indian town are two

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**CLUES ACROSS** 

1. Russian painter

9. Phillipine municipality

14. Small freshwater fish

15. Algerian coastal city

17. Famed astronomer

18. Ghanaian currency

21. Int'l association

of interpreters

23. Dish made with lentils

28. Unit used to compare

29. Members of Pueblo

36. Signed a contract

39. Once-ubiquitous

41. Neural structures

45. Slang for trucks

with trailers

46. Longing

department store

44. Thick piece of something

31. Myanmar monetary units

power levels

22. Infections

25. Former CIA

33. Polished

38. Nothing

24. Thou

19. Improved the condition of

6. Very fast jet

13. Intestinal

16. Vomit

#### HOW TO SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are 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 the puzzle!

PRIX FIXE

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SERVICE

SIDES

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**TAPAS** 

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WINE

14. Determines time

17. Causes the birth of

20. Small ornament on

21. Richly decorated cloth

23. Vito Corleone was one

25. Igbo musical instrument

27. Japanese alcoholic drinks

32. Songs sung to one's lover

34. One thousandth of an inch

35. Small drink of whiskey

42. Baby's eating accessory

43. Very long periods of time

49. Town in Surrey, England

53. Bura-\_\_: Chadic language

47. Small block of wood

37. Political divisions in

ancient Greece

40. Helps little firms

50. Enquiry

57. Sock

58. Make

65. Pound

52. Murdered

55. Crater on Mars

56. Mammal genus

59. Stony waste matter

61. Partner to cheese

a watch chain

tapestry

26. Put in harmony

29. Tinseltown

30. Closes tightly

1:57 am: FINLEY, Paige Leanne (27) of Arcata was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of false impersonation and forgery, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. 3:11 pm: Officers

9:53 pm: LAFLIN, Adam Powell (47) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of

#### August 2

5:23 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Valley Street and South Humboldt Street and issued a

East Commercial Street. disturbance in the 100 block of East

11:07 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Oak Street and

South Main Street and issued a warning. 11:28 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:34 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:12 pm: Officers initiated a fraud Commercial Street.

(35) of Eureka was contacted in the 100 block of East

Commercial Street. He was pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol).

10:57 HAMSHAR, Brian Andrew (45) of was Hesperia contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of battery

## **POLICE LOG**

#### July 31 to August 6 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The officers of the Willits Police and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. Department handled 66 incidents in this

August 3

issued a warning.

10:11 am: Officers conducted a stop in

10:34 am: Officers conducted a stop in

12:16 pm: Officers initiated a fraud

12:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

citation.

a citation.

the 1100 block of South

Main Street and issued a

2:19 pm: Officers

conducted a stop in the

1400 block of South

Main Street and issued

3:20 pm: MCCANN,

Robert James (45) of

Willits was contacted

in the 800 block of

He was arrested on

misdemeanor charges

of possession of a

controlled substance.

possession of drug

paraphernalia, failure to appear.

6:11 pm: Officers responded to a report

9:39 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

11:59 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

12:30 am: WAGONER, Charles (41)

of Willits was contacted in the 300 block

of East Valley Street. He was arrested

pursuant to 11550 HS (Under the Influence

1:20 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

4:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

2:03 am: LEMUSAGUILAR, Ryan

Damian (18) of Windsor was contacted

near the intersection of West Highway 20

and Blosser Lane. He was arrested on

misdemeanor charges of driving under the

influence of alcohol, driving with a blood

alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher,

warning.

12:05

issued a warning.

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driving with a blood alcohol

content of 0.15 percent or

5:14 am: Officers responded

to a report of suspicious

activity near the intersection

of McKinley Street and West

Valley Street and issued a

pm:

responded to a report of an

unwanted subject in the 100

block of Gregory Lane and

WPD |

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Officers

higher, and reckless driving.

the 1200 block of South Main Street and

100 block of Baechtel Road and issued a

the intersection of South Main Street and

Madrone Street and issued a warning.

the intersection of Holly Street and Poplar

Avenue and issued a citation.

of a Controlled Substance).

issued a citation

August 4

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of

Main Street.

investigation in the 300 block of Creekside

the 900 block of South Main Street and

the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road and

#### **Summary of Active Investigations** and Arrests

#### July 31

7-day reporting period.

12:31 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Valley Street and South Humboldt Street and issued a

1:50 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

#### August 1

conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East Oak Street and issued a

Paige Leanne Finley of Arcata. petty theft.

person investigation in the 100 block of 10:16 am: Officers responded to a

9:41 am: Officers initiated a missing

Commercial Street.

investigation in the 100 block of East

3:26 pm: WILSON, John Stephen



with serious injury Brian Hamshar of Hesperia.

# SSTUDENTS VIDE AND VI





Above, from left: Picking up the BBQ dinner was as easy as: Arrive, get your bag, and head home! Above, right: Willits Boosters Club member Melissa Perez hands Matthew Jennison his barbecue dinner. Below, from left: Macaroni, Caesar salad and cheesy poppyseed mustard bread were all served as side dishes. The ribs were tender and delectable. Everything came bagged up and ready to go. Cheese lovers rejoice! The non-meaty options were delicious (especially if one remembered to ask to have the bacon bits held off of the mustard bread!).

#### Boosters BBQ dinner raises around \$9,500 for Willits High School sports programs

through the pick-up line on Saturday, August 19 at Smokin' G's and Big D's BBQ to grab their dinner to-go, and support the Willits Boosters Club, at the same time.

200 tickets were available to purchase for the dinner which included a rack of

A steady stream of vehicles came ribs, salad, macaroni, bread and cookies. The event was almost sold out on the day of, but a few lucky recipients were able to snag some left over dinners, too, just at the last minute. Most tickets were prepurchased ahead of time from Boosters Club members, or local businesses who participated in the event including Browns

Corner and 101 Trailer & RV Supply Monies raised from the dinner go to help purchase uniforms and other multi-vear items which can benefit many kids, for many years, who play sports in Willits.

> "We can say that the dinner was a success," said Boosters Club member

Jamie Bouthillier. "We appreciate all who supported the cause. All proceeds will go straight back into our sports program and to uniforms. A big shout out to Smokin' G and Big D's along with all the others who helped to deliver a hot tasty meal!"

Maureen Jennison









Luke and Nora 1st day of

& new adventures for my 3rd

grader Eevie!

#### Welcome back to school!



Wishing Grayson and Emma Jones a great year in 1st and



RIP summer vacation. The time to be awesome is now! Here's to a fun 6th grade year. Arlo Alvarado

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Dad are so proud of you! We



Gracie Laurent 10th grade; Brayden Bushway 6th grade;



Caleb Bushway 3rd grade.

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of luck to you!!



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are so proud of you! We love

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Best of luck to you!!



Is a food assistance program. You can be on Social Security, have money in the bank, own cars and still receive CalFresh benefits. Call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment to see if you qualify.

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TALL TREE





#### Looking for something to celebrate? Learn more about these, or see a list of other days

at https://www.listofnationaldays.com/

August 24: National Hug Your Boss Day, August 28: National Cherry Turnovers National Waffle Day, Kobe Bryant Day, Vesuvius Day, International Strange Music Dav. National Peach Pie Day, National Knife Day, Pluto Demoted Day

August 25: National Banana Split Day, National Whiskey Sour Day, National Kiss And Make Up Day, National Secondhand Wardrobe Day, National Park Service Day Founders Day

August 26: National Dog Day, National Webmistress Day, National Women's Equality Day, National Cherry Popsicle Day, Toilet Paper Day, National Day Of Repentance, National Got Checked Day

August 27: National Just Because Day, National Pots De Creme Day, International Lottery Day, National Petroleum Day, The Duchess Who Wasn't Day, International Bat Night, Tarzan Day

Day, Tan Suit Day, National Bow Tie Day, National Power Rangers Day, National Red Wine Day, National Thoughtful Day, Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day, Crackers Over The Keyboard Day, Race Your Mouse Around The Icons Day, World Alternative Games, Radio Commercials August 29: National Chop Suey Day,

According To Hoyle Day, National Lemon Juice Day, More Herbs, Less Salt Day, Individual Rights Day, International Day Against Nuclear Tests August 30: National Toasted Marshmallow

Holistic Pet Day

#### Day, International Whale Shark Day, National Grief Awareness Day, National Beach Day, Frankenstein Day, National

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#### Attention-seeking

Mac

Mac will need someone willing to work with him. This young boy can nip at times - out of fear or over-excitement. He will need time to warm up and may be a challenge at first. Mac does know basic commands and loves

attention. We have noticed he is dog selective. He is still young and just needs someone to give

him extra training and also time to adjust to new surroundings.

To learn more about Mac or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

#### Lively Chula



Chula is back and looking for her second shot at love! Chula is an active girl looking for an active home. Do you like to be on the go? Have a lot of energy? Like to go on adventures? Well we've got the perfect partner for you! Come meet Chula today!

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 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and on www. petfinder.com.

#### Kid-friendly Giza



Giza is a very outgoing cat who just loves to explore before she'll come back to you for pets. Giza would likely do well in a home with children.

Giza is available for adoption at the Fish out of Water pet store in Willits.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment

to meet Giza or our other feline and canine guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com.

explained. "We currently have about 127 registered players. We have local sponsors who have put cash down to add to the total payouts, so we have \$2,500 to be a three-day tournament."

Disc golf has been gaining in popularity since Ed "Steady" Headrick invented the first flying disc, the Frisbee, while working for Wham-O in 1966, according to the Professional Disc Golfers Association. Headrick also invented the "Pole Hole," in 1975, a vertical device with a circular curtain of chains and a platform, which serves as the "hole."

These two innovations served as the basis for the sport and enabled disc golf courses to be set up in existing golf courses as well as varieties of differing terrains. The PDGA has over 200,000 current members and is growing.

The course for the Brooktrails Open is a variation of the existing facility. The Basketbeaters change the layout to be more challenging for disc golfers.

"We also incorporate holes at the Ohl Grove which is across Clover Street from the golf course. Instead of being two loops of nine holes each, it is now a single loop of 23 holes which are in a much more difficult layout, so we're asking for more challenging shots off the tee, longer distances. Because we don't have ball golfers on the course, we can make it a much more difficult, challenging layout for players.

"For this tournament, we're expecting \$1,000 payouts to the pros," Haggard explained. "There are tournaments where you can have \$5,000 to \$10,000 first-place prizes. We haven't gotten to that point, but this will be the highest prize pool of any tournament we have put on in Brooktrails.

"We're working on growing it, helping to spread awareness of the game and of the course. We're looking to build a stronger sponsorship pool as well as a larger player pool, which will allow us to create a larger payout pool," said Haggard.

As Haggard explained, the Brooktrails Open consisted of 23 holes each round, which were played three times for a total of 69 holes. This tournament, being a Pro-Am, has various divisions which consist of players of similar skills and rankings.

As in regular golf, each player has discs of various designs for distance, control and accuracy, which are needed to navigate the twisty, narrow, tree-lined fairways and "greens." Many of the holes are par three, which gives the player two shots to approach the Post Hole and one to drop the disc

Fairway shots of 200 or more feet are common to

the course. Players can lose strokes by going into the rough, into sand traps, or onto the golf greens. Players are discouraged from hitting the greens as added cash for the professional divisions. It's going they are delicately cared for and need to remain pristine for the regular golfers.

> A player from Alabama, Joshua Grigsby, a beginning amateur, got the only hole-in-one, for which he received \$258, although placing last in his division. First place in the Male Professional Overall was won by Dallas Albright of Boonville who took home \$1,225 in winnings. The Female Overall was won by Amy Lewis of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, who was one of eight female competitors. She pocketed

> Out of the world's approximately 9,600 disc golf courses in the world, a large number allow people to play for free, making this an extremely accessible sport for anyone who loves to fling a disc and compete against friends.

> For more information on the Mendocino Basketbeaters, you can join their private Facebook group at www.facebook.com/ groups/538069296259357. Info about the Brooktrails Golf Course can be found on their Facebook page, and for info on the Professional Disc Golfers Association, visit www.pdga.com.

#### Results:

**Mixed Professional Overall** 

MP0: Dallas Albright, Boonville, CA, -22 (par) **Mixed Professional Over 40** 

MP40: James Foster, Oakdale, CA, -13 **Mixed Professional Over 60** 

MP50: Toby Parks, Kensington, CA, -16 **Mixed Amateur** 

MA1 (beginner): Austin Thielman, Waterford, CA, -10

MA2 (intermediate): Chris Mills, Ukiah, CA, +4

MA3 (advanced): Lucas Cobrea, Granite Falls, WA, +19

MA40: Schuler Raine-Mustain, Santa Cruz, CA, even par

MA50: Greg Jensen, Lakeport, CA, +16 MA60: Tom Allen, Willits, CA, +5

**Female Professional Overall** 

FPO: Amy Lewis, Myrtle Creek, OR, +14

Female Amateur

FA1: Jessica O'Daniel, Willits, CA, +76

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Submitted by Mendocino Railway

Fort Bragg – The Skunk Train is excited to announce the return of a sensational experience that will transport visitors on an unforgettable journey through time and immerse them in the beauty of the redwoods. Prepare to be captivated by the historic

Chiggen steam engine running out of the Fort Bragg Depot through September 10.

The Chiggen, a legendary steam locomotive that graced the tracks of the California Western Railroad just last year, is making its return to the Redwood Route this summer. Weekends in August and September, adventurers of all ages can step aboard this remarkable piece of history and embark on a one-of-a-kind voyage through the heart of the redwoods.

Pulled by an authentic, historic California steam locomotive, known more formally as the Santa Cruz Portland Cement 2, passengers will relish a scenic 7- mile round trip along the stunning Pudding Creek Estuary. Immerse yourself in nature's wonders as blue herons gracefully glide over the waters, ospreys command the skies, and elegant egrets dot the landscape. Departing from our Fort Bragg depot, this enchanting journey lasts one hour and 15 minutes round trip, with a captivating stop at Glen Blair Bar.

Transporting you back to the Days of Steam, the Chiggen mirrors the original locomotive that traversed these very tracks in 1885. Experience the nostalgia and grandeur of the era as you travel in authentic passenger cars from that time, including an open-air car that allows you to breathe in the fragrant air of the towering redwoods. This remarkable expedition through history promises to





be a cherished memory for everyone on board

Tickets for this experience are \$79.95 per person, visitors will experience a living testament to locomotive engineering and history. Don't miss your chance to step into a bygone era and experience the wonders of the Chiggen steam engine, a living testament to locomotive engineering and history.

Book your tickets now on www.skunktrain.com

At top and above: The historic Santa Cruz Portland Cement 2 locomotive, known as "the Chiggin," is running weekends out of the Fort Bragg Depot through September

At right: Several local businesses are participating in the "Chiggen" fun with specials based around the theme of the train. Check out the full-size ad on page 16 in our August 17, 2023 edition, online or in print, and show support for the businesses who chose to join in the fun.

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of Willits Elementary

**Charter School** 

Charlene Bredder

day. We are committed to wellness

for our students, and our meals

focus on whole grains, proteins,

fresh fruits and vegetables, all

School. We are part of the farm-to-

much as possible, our food is sourced locally.

We continue to be a sugar-free and nut-free

prepared locally at Willits Charter Director Sarah France.

table program for schools, ensuring that as A letter from ...

We will continue our

empathy for others and

responsibility for our

own actions. Students

participate in daily morning

meetings, where problems

discussed and we grow as

WECS continues to

music, art, and Spanish

programs. WECS has fun

and engaging before- and

after-school programs.

We will have after-school

enrichment clubs for our

older students this year

strong science,

and challenges

a community.

(including guitar, science, yearbook, and

WECS is a free, public, K-5 charter

school for Willits and other local school

district students. We have onsite as well

as Independent Study classes. Students in

Independent Study complete coursework

designed around grade-level standards as

well as students' individual interests. Becky

Button is the Independent Study teacher, and

to engage in project-based learning. I love

diving deep into students' interests and using

the flexibility independent study provides to

really explore topics that are meaningful to

them." Students in the Independent Study

program are also able to attend the after

We would like to give a shout out to Full

Spectrum Painting for all the hard work to

make our campus shine. We would also like

to thank Greene Concrete and Construction

shade structures done by California Metal

Buildings. In addition, a thank you to World

Restoration Services for putting in a new

classroom floor. Our campus is ready for a

We are looking forward to a wonderful new

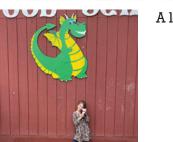
school year full of learning, laughter, and

great adventures. Thank you for supporting

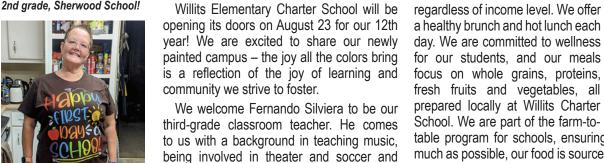
school program and take part in clubs.

says: "Independent Study is a wonderful place

on developing



Here's my girl, Kyana Walker,



other sports, as well

as strong experience

in positive behavior

management. We also

welcome Carol Guzman

as a classroom aide.

She comes to us from

Arizona with a wealth of

experience in Special

Education, as well as

classroom and school-

We will continue our

focus on strengthening

student learning by

implementing a robust

literacy program that

teaches all students

strong decoding skills

interpret and analyze

along with the ability to Director Charlene Bredder.

what they are reading. We have dedicated

staff for small group work when students

need more practice in foundational reading

skills. We are implementing a new math

curriculum this vear called "Big Ideas," that

will allow for differentiation – both extension

of knowledge and review of concepts so that

all students are engaged in learning activities

that match their level of understanding and

challenge them to develop their knowledge

We will start the year with a community-

building activity of having grades 3-4-5 make

cardboard games, building on the short film

"Caine's Arcade." We will share those games

with K-1-2 on Friday, September 1, and on

Saturday. September 2 we will showcase

them at the Art Walk so that the community

development projects and program with

grades 4 and 5 (known as "SLED" – Students

planned overnight field trips, raised money

for a children's hospital, held a school dance,

and led the now annual all-school trip to Camp

Wente, with grades 3, 4, and 5 sleeping over

one night. We are excited to see what this

year's student leadership will decide to do

As in the past five years, WECS will offer

nutritious meals to all students free of charge,

and what adventures we will have!

will continue our leadership

can join in and play with us.

wide aide positions.



kindergarten.



Baylee is off to 4th grade, and Nevaeh is off to 3rd grade. We hope you girls have the best



Montana and Willow start 2nd grade at Sherwood School.



Maggie Jennison is off to be a Tiny Turtle this year! We love our big gurl!



Arabella's 1st day as an 8th grader! We hope you have an awesome year. Love Mom &



Alissa and Ella Randrup Swinney, 7th grade.



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Director Erin Vaccaro.

The Directors

of Willits Charter

**School** 

Sarah France & Erin Vaccaro

As we are about to embark upon Willits Charter

School's 24th year of operation, we want to extend a

warm welcome back to our returning students and

families, as well as a heartfelt greeting to those who are

Our school community is built on collaboration.

engagement, and a shared commitment to student

success, and we are confident that the 2023-2024

Our talented staff is dedicated to nurturing an

inclusive environment where each student is recognized

for their unique strengths and talents. We provide a well-

rounded education that empowers students to thrive

This year, we are looking forward to the return of

several programs that were put on hold during the

pandemic, such as our community service program and

our high school internship program. We are also creating

new opportunities for students by expanding our dual

enrollment offerings and career technical education

pathways. We are thrilled to announce that we are

developing an early college program on our campus in

Willits Charter School is a free, public, independent

charter school serving Willits area students in grades

6-12. We have on-site, independent study, and

hybrid options. All students have access to a college

preparatory curriculum, and our graduation requirements

are fully aligned with the a-g admissions requirements

for the University of California and the California State

University systems. We offer a variety of middle school

and high school athletic opportunities and look forward

to expanding our sports program and welcoming a new

We sincerely thank all members of the Willits

community and wish all students, families, and educators

the very best school year! Here's to a wonderful year of

To learn more about Willits Charter School or

learning, discovery, and meaningful connections.

joining our WCS family for the first time.

school year will be no exception.

academically, socially, and emotionally,

partnership with Mendocino College.





#### **Ongoing Events**

299 East Commercial Street

Willits, California 95490

Please feel free to visit our office for

brochures, maps and additional information about the area

(707) 459-7910

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 & VinvI: "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.

"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!" Diggers 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:

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!"

# What's Happening Around Town

#### Thursday, August 24

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for the season 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 3:30 to 4 pm.

#### Friday, August 25

Block Carving Party at the Museum: Begin carving your linoleum block for Roots of Motive Power's 41st Annual Steam Festival at the Museum

**Block Carving Party** Friday, August 25, from 1 to 4 pm. **BLOCK CARVING PARTY!** "Don't forget to bring your block back and have it printed by Roots' Buffalo Steam Roller during the Steam Festival,

September 9 and 10. With permission, the Museum will exhibit your entry in a pop-up community printmaking exhibit. Last year, over 60 community entries contributed to a dynamic show! Roots has generously supplied materials for the program. Supplies are limited and available first-come, first-served.

Blue Luke at Shanachie: "Blue Luke" Andrews is a prodigy guitarist, born and raised in Dos Rios.

Mendocino County: Imagine a band that takes the soul of the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of rock & roll and the rich harmonies of jazz to create exactly what you've always wanted to hear." Friday, August 25 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

Pete Sawyer and the Left Hand Monkey Wrench Gang

BACE: BACE, collaborative music & art space in the heart of Mendocino County, announces the return of Pete Sawyer and the Left Hand Monkey Wrench

Gang, Friday, August 25 at 9 pm. Come out to hear Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie: Folk-based the #gratefuldead tunes performed by wonderfully accomplished musicians, dedicated to honoring the music from the godfathers of all Jam Bands! 109 North on Main Street at the old Rexall parking Main Street. 18+. \$30 advance, \$35 at the door.

#### Saturday, August 26

Mariposa Market Anniversary: Mariposa Market is celebrating our 44th Anniversary, Saturday, August 26, from 9 am to 7pm. Come Organic & Natural Foods enjoy Mariposa Made Tasty Bites and enter our raffles, 500 South Main Street

> See you there! Paws and Tales at the Library: Animalthemed story time with special guest, Casey the therapy dog, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Saturday, August 26, 11 to 11:30 am. Happening on the last Saturday of the month. All ages welcome. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908. 'ImPRESSED' opens at the Museum:

2nd annual celebration of community printmaking opens at the Mendocino County Museum on Saturday, August 26, 12 to 4 pm. Featuring art by Rik Olson, Solage Roberdeau, Meg Polhad and other printmakers connected to the SF Center for the Book, a partner with Roots of Motive Power and its Buffalo 1924 steam roller. Also work from the Art Explorers out of Fort Bragg. Everyone

encouraged participate; community made during Roots' steam-up on September 9 and 10 will be incorporated into the exhibit. 400 Commercial Info: www. museum or 707-234

Seed Saving Class at the Willits Library: The Willits Library offers a Seed Saving Class with Jamie Chevalier of Quail Seeds, also Willits Weekly's garden columnist. Saturday, August 26, 1 to 3 pm. Hands-on class will cover saving, threshing, and cleaning your own vegetable or flower seeds. Take seeds home from our seed library to grow year after year. 391 East Commercial Street.

country and blues and unique vocals and harmony by Sonoma County based multi-instrumental duo Hilary & Christiane. Shanachie Pub on Saturday, August 26 at 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

#### Sunday, August 27

Portuguese folk singer at WCT: Romantic olk singer Ramana Vieira and her semble will perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, August 27 at 2 pm. Music ficionados

have the

opportunity to be immersed in the rapturous rhythms and stirrings fado - the classic folk music of Portugal with its dramatic tales of love, loss and redemption. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www. wctperformingartscenter.org and at

Laytonville Vegan Potluck: The Summer of L.O.V.E. Vegan Potluck is set for Sunday, August 27, from 4 to 6 pm at the Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road. Come share

your favorite summertime plant-based dishes with your friends and neighbors at this joyous celebration of summer's garden delights. Please bring a dish that contains no meat, dairy, eggs, gelatin, bone broth or

honey, and label if containing gluten, nuts or soy. Dining starts at 4:20 pm. A labor of L.O.V.E. Laytonville's Organic Vegan Experience.

#### Thursday, August 31

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 3:30 to 4 pm.

#### Friday, September 1

Clay Hawkins Duo at Shanachie: "Late Night Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart" by slide guitarist and songwriter Clay Hawkins and longtime co-conspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass. Friday, September 1 at 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

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udes canvas, materials, wine and appetizers. Limited to 12

#### Saturday, September 2

Blues and Brews at the Rec Grove: Willits Lions Club and Cosmic Pickle Productions bring you the annual free Blues and Brews concert at the Rec Grove in Willits on Saturday September 2 from 11 am to 7 pm Come early for the amazing Gospel Blues Band/Choir with Minister Cynthia Lewis and Dearman's Brothers and Sisters in Christ, followed by Clay Hawkins. Dance to Dirty Cello and enjoy a big finish with Blue Luke and Co. Enjoy Big Earl's BBQ, Turtle Island Tacos, and Northspur Brewing Co. and Hare in the Forest brews, along with select wines. Shop the crafts of 30

vendors. Celebrate community good times with your Willits friends and neighbors!

Willits Summer Art Walk: The Willits Center for the Arts, with business/ organization venue partners and the Chamber of Commerce, invite you to join artists, musicians, dancers, artisans and other creatives for the final 1st Saturday evening stroll along East Commercial Street this summer. Saturday, September 2, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. More info, including if you're interested in having a pop up, at: www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

'Made in Mendocino, Art Quilts' at WCA: The September exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts is "Made in Mendocino. Art Quilts," showcasing the diverse and creative

work of 20 talented has carefully selected the diverse range of quilters' artistic visions and technical mastery, showcasing the vibrant diversity within the local community. Opening reception Saturday September 2, in conjunction the Art Walk, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Free admission. Galleries open Friday-Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 71 Commercial

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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES **'Strays**'

The Story: "R" rated canine comedy saga of revenge and hair-raising adventures, plus almost continual heavy handed tasteless-but-funny doggie sex jokes. Reggie is a tiny mutt with a Brillo pad coat, a love of tennis balls, and a scummy, cruel, dope-smoking, booze sucking, piece-o-crap master named Doug.

Reggie is a good dog who adores his master. But his master Doug is

an exceptionally bad man. He drives Reggie to a strange scary city far-far away and abandons him to the mean streets. Reggie doesn't know what to do

until he sniffs the hind parts of a fast-talking Boston Terrier who preaches with gusto the joys of living the "stray lifestyle." They are joined by a lovely lady Australian Shepherd and a stolid-but-noble Great Dane. They form a pack. Urinate on various things. And set off to help Reggie find his home, and that lowlife Doug. Much and many surprising adventures

My Thoughts: I don't usually enjoy poop and urine jokes. P. and U. humor makes for cheap laughs. But there are times when P. and U. jokes feel liberating. "Strays" is one of those times. So much dog poop is

spread across the big screen in so many scenes, that I gave up. I held my nose, and I laughed.

Parents: Most kids would probably love the movie. Kids love poop jokes. At the same time, the near-constant joking commentary on canine sex behavior is wrong for children. But parents cannot bring children into the adult theater, so if your junior whines about wanting to see the dog movie, tell them no because it's rated R, and they can't go into the adult theater anyway, and to be grateful that they get to see "Teenage Mutant

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

**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

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to

noon. "We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to

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

Willits Walk and Talk: Join the Willits Branch

Library staff for a 20- to 30-minute walk around the

neighborhood. Come enjoy a little bit of exercise as well

as some pleasant conversation. All ages are welcome.

Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am; meet at the front

entrance to the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info:

www.mendolibrary.org or call the Willits Branch Library at

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

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

Sit-N-Sew: second Saturdays, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in -

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

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library from

to develop their creative and engineering skills."

welcome. Bring your own games to add to the fun!"

bring your sewing project and have fun.

at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

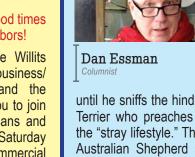
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in the children's area of the library."

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Ninja Turtles." My goal: Peace in



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Galleries are open Fri. - Sun. 11 am - 5 pm

71 E. Commercial St. (next to the Noyo Theater)
Willits, CA 95490

#### 265 Margie Drive Willits, CA 95490 ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

SPIRITUAL

**PATHWAYS** 

Agape

**Bible Church** 

Willits, CA 95490

Where love is first

Sunday Services:

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com

**Amazing Grace** 

Assembly of God Church

803 Coast Street

P.O. Box 489, Willits

Worship Service - 5:00 p.m

Pastor Kris Strickland

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Church

of Christ

What must we do to be saved?

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(next to Super 8)

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unday Bible Study-10:00 a.m

Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service-

6-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study-

7-8:00 p.m.

The Church of

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Spiritual Freedor

 Membership Discourses •Spiritual Discussions ECK Light & Sound Services More information? Call 530-224-8703 www.eckankar.org

Sound of Soul events

#### **Grace Community** Church Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits

Modified Worship Service 10 a.m. Other ministries suspended for now. For appointments call: (707) 459-3106

it. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Confessions by appointment 459-2252

Sunday Mass inside: 9:00 a.m. English 10:30 a.m. Spanish Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m Covid guidelines apply. We welcome All Walks of Faith

#### St. Francis **Episcopal Church** l North Main Street, Willits

707-272-0177 Sunday Service - 10 a.m. In-person and on Zoom Call for information. ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

#### St. John Lutheran Church

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

#### Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church** 707-459-5714

Friendly, open worship Saturdays Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. Zoom Transmission Available

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 399 W. Mendocino Ave. All are welcome!

Willits United

#### **Methodist Church** Labyrinth and Peace Garden A place to find comfort where all are welcome Pastor Rosemary Landry

Sunday Worship at 10:30 am 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855 wumc@willitsonline.com www.willitsumc.org Facebook: facebook willits um

f you want to be included ir this column please call: **April Tweddell** (707) 972-2475

april@willitsweekly.com

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1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm."

Fri.: 4:15 & 7:15pm Sat.: 1:15, 4:15 & 7:15pm **Sun.:** 3:15 & 6:15pm Mon.-Thurs.: 6:15pm

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**BLUE BEETLE** 





Sat.: 3:00, 5:40 & 8:00pm **Sun.:** 4:40 & 7:00pm Mon.-Thurs.: 7:00pm OVER 21 CLUB -**Luxury Recliners** 

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Fri.: 5:40 & 8:00pm

# Women who love



No audition or prior experience required We sing songs of peace, joy, social justice, and healing

#### **Inland Valley Women's Chorus**

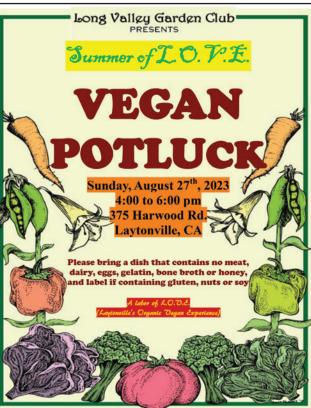
Our 30<sup>th</sup> season begins: Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00-7:30pm and continuing every Thursday)

Holy Trinity Church, 640 S. Orchard Ave., Ukiah NOTE: Carpooling available from Willits

#### Lap swim at City Pool Law swim has returned!

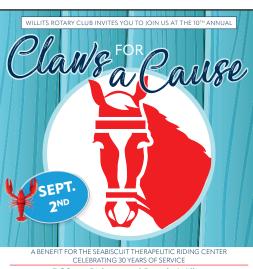
Starting Wednesday, August 23, the City Pool will be open for lap swim only, Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 am. Lap Swim will continue until October 1, 2023. City Pool is located at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

- Posted by City of Willits



#### Claws for a Cause September 2

Willits Rotary Club invited the public to the 10th annual Claws for a Cause event, Saturday, September 2, 5:30 pm, Ridgewood Ranch in Willits. A benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, celebrating 30 years of service, with 10% to the Willits Rotary Scholarship Fund. Dinner features Maine lobster and filet mignon, live & silent auctions, Beer & Wine, the Ice Box Gelato Truck, desserts by Kemmy's Pies, and live music by Ed Reinhart and The Reveleers. Info or tickets: 707-391-3873 or 707-272-1918, or purchase online at www.seabiscuitridingcenter. org/events-1/claws-for-a-cause-1



5:30pm Ridgewood Ranch, Willits 4:30pm Early Bird Facility Wine Tou WINE • LOBSTER • FILET MIGNON Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions, Beer & Wine, The Ice Box Gelato Truck, Desserts by Kemmy's Pies AND Live Music by Ed Reinhart and The Reveleers

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#### Roots of Motive Power's 41st **Annual Steam Festival** September 9 and 10

Come join us for our 41st annual Steam Festival, Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10 at the Roots yard, 420 East Commercial Street. We will be debuting Roots' newest asset, the Keystone Well Driller, with its water cart powered from its own boiler this year. We will also have all the regular exhibits like the Bucyrus-Erie 50B; the antique tractors back in the pit; the Bluestone Mining And Smelting #1 Heisler steam locomotive; the Port of Olympia #2 BLW steam locomotive; and steam roller printing services at the Rec Grove 11 am to 3 pm both days.

The annual BBQ, raffle, and auction happens Saturday starting at 4 pm. Sober Grad committee will be serving hot dogs, chips and sodas both days. Sugar Mama's shaved ice and Carson Knives will be back

again this year. Cover Apple Farm will also be back this year pressing cider on Saturday only. Come join us for a couple days of steam, whistles, tractors, and free train rides.

57 East Commercial Street - Willits

707-459-6660

Starts Friday, Sept. 1:

**EQUALIZER 3** 

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#### **GRAND TURISMO** (PG13) 2 hrs 15 mins

ie Times for Aug. 25 thru Aug. 31

Tightwad Tuesday Title for August 29 is in RED. All tickets at just \$6!

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# Students wilds wil

Amy Buckingham, associate patient care executive at

Adventist Health Howard Memorial, echoed that same

sentiment with the support being provided to both students

more excited to have this program beginning next month,"

Buckingham said. "This collaboration allows us to invest in

the future of healthcare by supporting the education and

training of talented individuals who are passionate about

Out of over 200 applicants, these four students were

admitted to the program. Their clinicals will be conducted

at Howard Memorial. The other 14 students will be working

at other Adventist Health hospitals across Northern

Adventist Health is a faith-inspired, nonprofit, integrated

health system serving more than 80 communities on

the West Coast and Hawaii with over 400 sites of care.

Founded on Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health

provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies,

hospice agencies, and joint-venture retirement centers in

both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate

and talented team of 34,000 includes employees, medical

staff physicians, allied health professionals, and volunteers

driven in pursuit of one mission; living God's love by

providing patient-centered, quality care. Together, We are

transforming the healthcare experience with an innovative

whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual, and

social healing to support community well-being.

inspiring health, wholeness, and hope.

making a difference in the lives of others."



The first cohort of nursing students from Pacific Union College, from left: Kayla Schnitzius, Crystal Yanez, Siena Karp, and Emmanuel Villegas-Meza; with Associate Patient Care Executive Amy Buckingham in the center.

#### Adventist Health Howard Memorial welcomes first cohort of Pacific Union College nursing students Submitted by Adventist Health

Adventist Health Howard Memorial is pleased to announce its first cohort of Pacific Union College nursing students to the hospital, welcoming Kayla Schnitzius, Crystal Yanez, Siena Karp and Emmanuel Villegas-Meza and the hospital system as a whole. "We could not be as they advance their careers.

This innovative partnership between Adventist Health in Northern California and Pacific Union College creates opportunities for future nurses to enroll in PUC's Associate of Science in Nursing program. This new program was recently opened to Adventist Health employees and community members across Mendocino and Lake counties and aims to address the critical shortage of healthcare professionals in rural areas and to ensure that high-quality care remains accessible to all residents.

As part of this program, 18 spots were available to students meeting admissions criteria, including prerequisite courses. Those accepted through the admissions process will be entered into a hybrid program taught by nursing professors from PUC's Angwin campus leading the programs instruction, with clinicals happening at local hospitals including Adventist Health Howard Memorial, Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, Adventist Health Mendocino Coast, and Adventist Health Clear Lake, allowing our team and community members to remain local.

"We are thrilled to partner with Pacific Union College to address the pressing need for qualified nurses in our region and are excited to welcome our first cohort," said Linda Givens, administrator at Adventist Health Howard

#### The Executive **Director** of La Vida **Charter School**

Ann Kelley

**Dear Community:** 

La Vida starts the new year celebrating a few things. This is the school's 22nd year, and we recently received Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation renewal until 2029. We were so pleased to receive the rating of "Highly Effective" from the WASC team. The

> the transferability of courses to colleges, universities, and other high schools.

celebrating own Gary Martin, who received the Outstanding Elementary Visual Art Educator of the Year from the California Art Education Association. Martin's Art Appreciation presentations have been a highlight of each month for students over many years. It is a well-

deserved award



Executive Director Ann Kelley.

We also celebrate the accomplishments of the faculty with their summer projects. 78 online high school courses received A-G accreditation, bringing the school's total of university prep A-G accredited to 285 courses both traditional and online. The school now has a Career and Technical Education Pathways Program for 10 industrial sectors that are complete, with several other industrial sectors having partial fulfillment.

A Mindfulness Program was created for the onsite classes in which teachers will interweave calming and centering breathing and activities with students throughout the day. Also created this summer is the kickoff class for We are committed to staying true to our heritage by the Ethnic Studies Program, a Native American Studies Class that will focus on the local Pomo language and

La Vida |

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## **Vaccines might** seem scary but that's nothing compared to the diseases they prevent.

It's great that most of us have no idea what measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough, pneumonia, or meningitis can do to a child.

#### We're here to help you keep it that way.

We make it easy to vaccinate your child. CALL US TODAY to establish care with our Pediatrics Department, and we'll help you stay on track with all your child's healthcare needs. We'll stay by your side from your baby's first smile through the toss of their cap at high school graduation.



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# Students William I with I will be a served willing the served will be served with the served will be served w Charter School Association of Willits

#### **Charter School** Association lunch policy

The Charter School Association of Willits has announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the National School Lunch / School Breakfast Programs for the 2023-24 school year.

In addition, Charter School Association of Willits is incorporating fresh produce from Mendocino County

All students will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following

- 1. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Willits
- 2. Willits Elementary Charter School, 405 East Commercial Street,
- 3. River Oak Charter School, 555
- Leslie Street, Ukiah 4. Redwood Collegiate Academy,
- 1059 North State Street, Ukiah 5. Sequoia Career Academy, 1031 North State Street, Ukiah

For additional information, please contact us at wcs@willitscharter.net or by phone at 707-459-5506.

The rest of La Vida

history volumes.

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culture and end with the students selfpublishing a historic memoir about the local Native peoples from the early 20th century county resident Ray Schultz, who published several local

Afun Fall Floral Decoration Specialty Class is added this year, which will double as a fundraising effort for the students' high school dance. Robotify, a coding course activating robots, is offered to all students in grades 5-8. Italic Handwriting and Calligraphy will be offered to all upper grade students. A special course on Jobs in the Renaissance will be offered to Junior High students this year.

"La Vida Charter School in a Land Called Honahlee" is the theme this year which is a focus on imagination. Dragons, unicorns, phoenixes, winged lions, sasquatch and other crypto creatures will feature large in the writing and storytelling of the students. Field trips to amazing, inspired landscapes created with vision include Emandal in Willits. Jack London's Beauty Ranch and Wolf House in Glen Ellen, and Muir Woods in Mill Valley. The fall musical in the theme is about Story Elements and Genres: "Beauty and the Beast Tell All" is told through fantastical characters like Beauty and the Beast, Nessie the Loch Ness Monster, Moby Dick, Medusa, and many more.

Orientation and Curriculum Check Out kick off the year before the first day of school on August 28.

La Vida continues as a small school alternative, a non-classroom-based home study program that is enhanced by optional culturally rich onsite classes two days per week, Monday and Tuesday for K-8 and Wednesday and Thursday for High School.

The membership in the Alliance For Public Waldorf Education is an important influence for the school. Teachers are also fortunate to work with two highly accomplished Waldorf mentors for classroom support and for school-wide vision. At this time the school is full with a waiting list.

The process of measuring student individual growth starts in the first weeks with diagnostics in reading and math, and then growth continues to be measured in the fall and spring with the Measures of Academic Progress test. The community is held together through communications via the Parent Square app that allows everyone to receive announcements in their method and language of

May it be a wonderful year of exploration, discovery and accomplishment for all.

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#### The Development Director of Waldorf School of **Mendocino County**



**Emily Rose Smith** 

Based on the insights of Rudolf Steiner, the Waldorf approach to education is a vital and dynamic process designed to develop free, confident human beings who have the creativity, discipline, and moral strength to meet the challenges of our changing world. These capacities were relevant in post-WWI Europe when the first Naldorf school opened, and they remain important today.

At the Waldorf School of Mendocino County, we are proud to have offered independent Waldorf education for 51

years. Our students, faculty and staff arrive at our campus from across the county, about half from Willits. Teachers are busily putting the final touches on their classrooms, and we can't wait to have students back on campus August

What does Waldorf education look like?

For 100 years, Waldorf teachers worldwide have greeted their students each morning at the door with a handshake. Upon entering the classroom, students and teachers gather their thoughts and focus to begin their day with a verse. This same morning verse is spoken by thousands of students in different languages around the world in a conscious act to begin learning

The morning then moves to a presentation of the day's lesson. Waldorf teachers are free to design and create their own lessons to best cultivate

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#### Alan and Peggy Klier 50th wedding anniversary

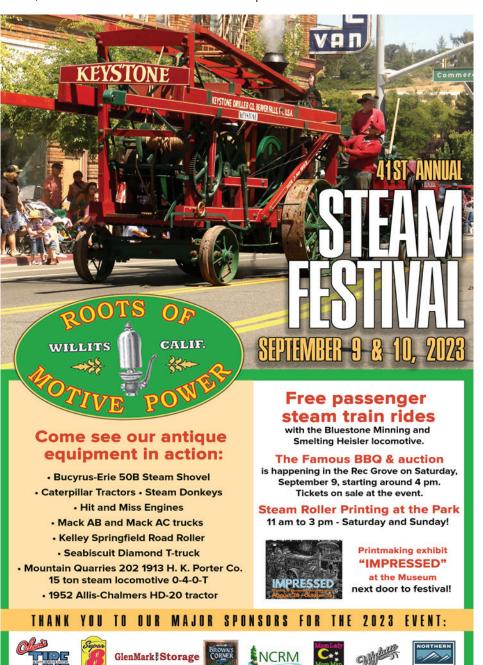
Alan and Peggy Klier will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Grace Community Church on Saturday, August 26. They were married on August 25, 1973, in Napa, California by Pastor L. Dean Pense.

The couple met in San Luis Obispo and lived there briefly before moving to San Jose. In 1980 they moved to Willits where they raised their three boys: Jeff (Angie) of calls home.

Billings, Montana; Greg (Fayra) of Kodiak, Alaska; and Daniel (Jessica) of Virginia Beach, Virginia. They have 15 grandchildren.

Over the years, Alan worked for PG&E, owned Sunnyvale Tree Service, worked for Caltrans as a tree trimmer and equipment operator, and is currently

Peggy worked as a paralegal for various attorneys in Willits and Ukiah and changed fields to be an elementary teacher at private Christian schools. Now retired, she volunteers at Howard Memorial Hospital











At top, left: The stunning new mural at Willits Charter School featuring WCS mascot Syd the Sasquatch and the vibrant Willits community in the background. At top, right: Student Zoe Robertson, eft, holds up her academic excellence in the arts award while WCS theatre arts teacher Billy Hetherington gives her the thumbs up. Robertson is a talented young artist who drew Sasquatch's face as a "middle school/high school" young Sasquatch. Above: Willits Charter School Art Teacher and Muralist Caroline Hambright stands with students in front of the new mural. At left: WCS students creating the mural during this year's Summer Art Intern

## **Local Creativity Flourishes**

Willits Charter School unveils captivating new mural

Submitted by WCS

Willits Charter School proudly presents its latest artistic endeavor, a captivating mural adorning the school's facade. This vibrant masterpiece showcases none other than Syd the Sasquatch, the school's beloved mascot, set against the picturesque backdrop of the vibrant Willits community

Passersby and curious onlookers are invited to witness this stunning creation that encapsulates the spirit of unity between the school and its community. Nestled at 1431 South Main Street, Willits, the mural celebrates the symbiotic relationship between the school and the town it

The mural, a true testament to the collaborative efforts of local artists and students, captures the essence of the school's values and the charm of the Willits community. With keen attention to detail, the mural brings to life Svd the Sasquatch. radiating an air of enthusiasm that mirrors the energy of the school's students.

But the magic doesn't stop there. The background of the mural seamlessly melds the iconic landmarks of Willits, evoking a sense of belonging and pride among both students and community members. From the historic downtown to the rolling hills that surround the town, the mural spectacular mural in person!

encapsulates the beauty and essence of Willits.

"We wanted to create something that not only represented our school but also celebrated the place we call home," said Caroline Hambright, Willits Charter School art teacher and local muralist in charge of the Summer Art Intern Program. "It's been an incredible experience working on this project, and we're excited to share it with everyone.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to swing by and witness this awe-inspiring mural firsthand. Whether you're a parent or a student, a member of the Willits community, or simply an art enthusiast, the mural promises a visual treat that captures the heart and soul of the town.

As the new mural takes its place as a vibrant addition to the local art scene. Willits Charter School invites everyone to come together, celebrate, and take pride in the creativity that flourishes within the community. So why not take a drive down to 1431 South Main Street and experience the synergy between art, education, and community that defines Willits Charter School's latest masterpiece?

For more information, contact Willits Charter School at 707-459-5506 or visit www.willitscharter. org. Don't miss the chance to witness this



OBITUARY |

#### **Nancy Merling**

Nancy Merling passed away just shy of her 86th birthday, on July 9, 2023. She was born July 12, 1937 and grew up



on the East Coast, the oldest of three girls. She told stories of her early life on a farm during the Depression and how her family made ends meet by the food they grew. The family later moved from the farm to an urban setting, her father pursuing a career in the interior decorative arts, eventually developing a business specializing in wallpaper and paint

achieving a bachelor of science in home economics, Nancy followed her passion for food by

co-creating a successful catering business with a friend Upon retiring, she sold her business and her home in Jersey, and moved to Willits in the mid-1990s to be close to her sister, Marlana River. She then became an integral part of Marlana River's and ILeya Stewart's ceramics businesses, by painting and developing beautiful floral

Nancy loved to share her detailed knowledge of the culinary arts gained from years of experience and was always up for an adventure. She traveled to China with her sister Harriet, and to the East Coast regularly to visit her daughters and grandchildren.

Nancy enjoyed spontaneous excursions, such as spa days in Calistoga, culinary experiences in Napa and Sonoma, and trips to the Mendocino coast. In support of local chefs, she regularly attended cooking classes with

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Aaron and Florence Shames, and her sister Marlana River. She is survived by her three daughters, Wendy Ward, Jodie Waltzer, and Devorah Merling; five grandchildren, Jack, Skylar, Ethan, Emery, and Levi; her sister Harriet Weitzman; nephews Shannon and Jeffrey, and nieces Debbie, Lisa, and Simone.

There will be a celebration of life September 17, 2023 at the Muse, 34 East San Francisco Avenue in Willits, from 1 to 3 pm. Bring food to share, stories and pictures in honor

Contact ILeya Stewart, 707-354-2473.

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the capacities of each student. Art, music, drama and handcrafts permeate the teaching of all academic subjects; language arts, social studies, math and science, allowing children to learn with all their senses. Waldorf students 1st through 8th grade create their own textbooks based on the information presented and research done on their own. These Main Lesson books are fashioned with care, handwritten in cursive and illustrated.

In today's media-saturated world, some senses are overstimulated (sight and sound) while others are under stimulated (proprioception, touch, warmth). The holistic nature of Waldorf education and the inclusion of lesstraditional classes – woodworking, gardening, string music, clay modeling, visual arts - enliven the full faculties of students. Not knowing what work our graduates will ultimately do, WSMC prepares students for life. We build capacities for the future. These are just a few of the highlights of what makes Waldorf education unique.

We love to show off our campus and offer tours on most Wednesday mornings. The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is celebrating its 51st year as a leader in Waldorf education, fully accredited by the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

WSMC offers education from preschool through grade 8, with after-school care available. WSMC is currently accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. We will also be offering our Roots and Shoots caregiver/toddler program, starting in September. Please contact us at 485-8719, enroll@mendocinowaldorf.org, or visit us at www. mendocinowaldorf.org.

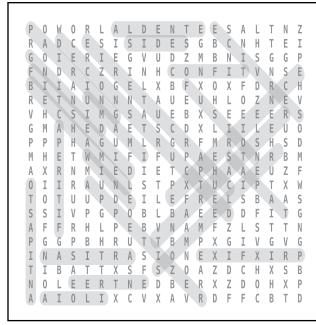
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\$51,937 - \$76,772 Deputy Public Defender I/II/III/IV \$76,419 - \$144,830

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\$102.876 - \$125.049 **Juvenile Corrections Officer** \$50,710 - \$61,630

**Juvenile Corrections Officer -**Extra-Help \$24.38 - \$28.22 hourly **Library Assistant - Extra-Help** 

\$17.80 Hourly **Program Manager** \$88,296 - \$107,328

**Public Safety Dispatcher** \$53,102 - \$64,542 **Senior Community Health Worker -**

\$20.38 - \$23.59 Hourly **Senior Department Analyst** \$72,113 - \$87,651

Extra Help

**Senior Program Manager** \$92,705 - \$112,694

**Senior Substance Abuse** Counselor \$58,385 - \$70,990

Substance Abuse Counselor I/II \$45,739 - \$64,376 For a complete list of current job openings

and to apply: www.mendocinocounty.org/jobs EOE



Please join Victor's family in celebrating his life.

Saturday, September 16 1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. Willits Grange

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### CLASSIFIEDS

Computer Help Need help with your Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email

uicearbhaill@gmail.com

LCSW,

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For Rent

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**Indoor Yard Sale** Giant Indoor Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler). Saturday, September **16** from 8 am to 4 pm

Room for Rent

Counseling / John Ford Psychotherapy Ranch Beef John Ford Ranch Accepting new MediCal still has the 50 lb. clients, Divora Stern Rancher's Choice Box sliding scale for \$390.00 and the 25 PHONE lb. Hamburger Box for SESSIONS only: 707-\$170.00. Please contact 354-9911. No need for Debbie Arkelian @ 459computer / travel, just 5049. (Prices change call. 22-year private effective 6/25/23) practice, CBT, energy

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**Grateful Gleaners** Are your fruit trees overflowing? Grateful Gleaners of Willits can come to your home and help to harvest, then distribute the bounty to local community groups. Call 707-367-7391 to arrange a harvest, or to join the Gleaners as a volunteer.

> 'Have You Had A Spiritual Experience?'

Join us for a lively discussion on spiritual with experiences starter topic on Spiritual Wisdom on Come Relationships. share or just listen! Willits Library, 390 East Street. Commercial September Saturday. 9th, 10 to 11 am. Questions? Call April Sponsored by Eckankar of Lake & Mendocino Counties.

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WPD

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2:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation 8:09 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of

South Main Street and issued citations. 11:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in

the 1200 block of Locust Street.

#### August 6

8:43 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial Street and issued a warning

8:50 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

2:51 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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At right: Jenn Procacci, Michelle Peñaloza and Zach Reichenbach display the new Round Valley newspaper, Round Valley Reader. Below, left: While We're Young entertains the crowd in the main kiosk. Below, right: Ivana, from Argentina, sells her intricately painted hats. At bottom, left: The Blackberry Festival has many colorful displays of merchandise and crafts. At bottom, right: Children have fun at a station set up for painting with natural









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From far left: Mary Lou Mileck, one of this year's organizers of the festival, helps out at the event Magician Professor Pepper, who entertained at various locations, stands behind Mickey the Clown, a longtime Covelo resident and MC of the festival for the entire 40 years. The music kiosk is centrally located and is the focal point of the two-day Blackberry Festival.



## **Covelo Gem**

One-of-a-kind Blackberry Festival features colorful characters, artwork, blackberry concoctions, and more

It rained, not just a little, but a hearty deluge for a period of time. The downpour seemed somewhat appropriate on the 40th anniversary of the Covelo Blackberry Festival, as the first festival in 1983 was also greeted with a healthy rain which did nothing to dishearten the attendees or the festival.

Mathew Caine

The rain, in fact, was a welcome relief to the high heat and nothing could dampen the spirits of the vendors and the families who had waited all year to go to this wildly popular event. Eventually the rain

cleared and the sun reappeared.

"This is the 40th anniversary of the Blackberry Festival," explained Mary Lou Mileck, one of the current organizers. "A group of local people built this little arbor, and wore a bunch of purple balloons and paraded through town. Then next thing you know, there was a festival every year. We have a lot of blackberries, you know. We thank Luther Burbank every day for the abundance of blackberries. He imported them from the Himalayas. So, these are not the local blackberries, which are different."

In an area built up exclusively for use of the festival, the abundance of trees and foliage provide a shady respite for the 50 vendors and informational booths. The site was once a flour mill and is now owned by

international fabric dyer John Marshall. Read the rest of The festival has been attracting

Blackberry

## **>** In Loving Memory **<**



#### alleen Dorothea 'Bobbie' Fearon-Recio

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Bobbie was born on January 19, 1931 in Berkeley, California to Arthur and Very Fearon. She was raised in San Francisco with her brother Grover and sister Lavinia. She attended Santa Monica City College and then majored in Biological Science with a minor in

Art at Humboldt State in Arcata.

She was always an adventurous and independent woman and had a number of careers throughout her years. She carried the mail in Sausalito, manufactured semi-conductors for Howard Hughes in Santa Monica, sold real estate in San Diego, built houses in Redwood City, and later developed

In 1956 she met and married Simon "Nick" Recio. They owned and operated the "Flying Jib" restaurant in Santa Monica. In the 1970s they moved to Wheeler, Oregon where they operated the River Sea Inn until the late 1980s, when they sold that restaurant and moved to Willits where they opened a coffee shop in the Safeway shopping center. This restaurant didn't last very long, as they both really wanted to retire.

Bobbie settled in and after closing their restaurant, restoring and building several houses, she and Nick purchased 10 acres on Live Oak Road and built "Rancho Babba" as their final residence. They had no children, and in 2015 she lost Nick.

During her years in Willits, Bobbie was a regular at the old health club pool and enjoyed many friendships doing water aerobics together. She became known as "Pineapple Bobbie" for the beautiful pineapple plants she grew at

After the health club closed, the social contact waned and she missed visiting with her "Pool People." She became the matriarch of the Country Pond Club and presided over monthly luncheons with her friends for several years. In 2015 she decided she decided that she needed more social contact and her health prevented her from getting out as much as she had in the past so she built the Country Pond Pool on her property to aid in the treatment of her arthritis and back problems, but mainly to bring her water aerobics friends back together. This has been a great success with many of her "Pool People" friends coming to visit and work out regularly.

This was Bobbie, a matriarch, generous to a fault and always doing her best to fill the need she saw around her and to see the best in the people around

Bobbie was preceded in death by her beloved parents, her brother Grover, sister Lavinia and her husband, Nick. She is survived by her niece, Michelle Fearon of Florida and nephew Ronnie Fearon of Sweden.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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requirement for intercity passenger rail/thruway bus services

As such, following extensive planning coordination, in 2021

Pat Hume, chair for the SJJPA. "Fully opening Route 7 is a

result of extensive collaboration with local stakeholders and

regional transit providers and is a part of our ongoing effort to

make Amtrak San Joaquins a comprehensive transportation

Making Amtrak's Thruway bus routes available to non-rail

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Reduced car trips on some of the state's most congested

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According to the AirNow.gov site, recommendations for

"Unhealthy" air conditions include: "For everyone: Keep

outdoor activities light and short. Go indoors if you have

symptoms. For sensitive groups: Consider moving all

activities indoors. Go indoors to cleaner air if you don't feel

well. Sensitive (at risk) groups include people with heart or

lung disease, older adults, children, and pregnant people and

By the 3 pm report, the AQI was down to 132, and by 4 pm,

On Tuesday morning, the 8 am update showed the AQI at

52, or "Moderate," but just barely over the "Good" level. Since

then, the Willits air quality has been "Good" or "Moderate,"

Mendocino County Air Quality District has an informative

website, including information about permissive burn

days when burning is not banned, as it is now, at www.

If you scroll down to find "Air Quality for Mendocino" and

click "Current," the www.airgov.com site opens, where you

can see air quality from all over. Enter "95490" or "Willits CA"

to see the latest report from the Blosser Lane monitor. You'll

see a button option for a "Fire & Smoke Map" where you can

zoom out to see air quality and fires from everywhere in the

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The August 17 evening update reported "four smokejumpers

and the Elk Mountain Hotshots (Crew 4) were joined by a

helitack crew on the Rock Fire in the Sanhedrin Wilderness

on the Upper Lake Ranger District. Two helicopters supported

the crews with successful bucket drops. The Rock Fire is

1.5 acres. Though much progress was made, containment

remains at 0%. Resources on scene will continue working on

The next update, the morning of August 18, reported that

"crews have made significant progress knocking back interior

Slide 1 fire will shift over to the Rock Fire to assist firefighters

Crews continued working to contain the fire over the next

To keep up with reports on fires, locally and throughout the

with the clearest air usually very early in the morning.

the index showed 116 – both levels still considered "Unhealthy

those who spend a lot of time outdoors.

Better utilization of current transit infrastructure.

to sell companion rail tickets as a condition of the sale.

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The ultimate goal of the Heads Up Project is to identify the right person to

After months of testing and practice, the project is now ready to be amplified after the impacts of the pandemic had eased, SJJPA opened in the public arena. Current active partners include Ukiah Police Department, parts of the Amtrak San Joaquins Route 7 as well as Routes Mendocino County Probation Department, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. Mendocino County Department of Social Services, and Mendocino County "We are pleased to now be at the point where we can Behavioral Health Department. Numerous community-based organizations expand connectivity along Route 7 to its fullest extent," said provide additional support through accepting secondary referrals.

> The overarching goal of the Heads Up Project is to provide early identification and diversion of individuals in need of behavioral health and social services support so as to avoid unnecessary and unproductive use of criminal justice

> County to alert the Behavioral Health and Social Services departments about individuals in our community whose needs are not in alignment with the structure of the criminal justice system. After receiving a referral, the Heads Up team identifies the most appropriate human services worker and / or

> The Heads Up project was initially conceived by an informal group of criminal justice, behavioral health, and social services leaders and staff

In 2020, a small team from the Ukiah Police Department, the Mendocino County Probation Department, the Dual Response Mobile Crisis team from the Mendocino County Behavioral Health Department, and the Special Projects Team with the Mendocino County Social Services Department began to meet regularly to work on a collaborative response to a handful of individuals in Ukiah with repeated and unproductive interactions with law enforcement, the jail, the social services system, and the behavioral health system.

Although the team achieved limited success with the specific individuals in question, our pathways for communication and collaboration improved

As a result of efforts focused initially on one or two individuals, the team grew in scope and membership to become an informal Criminal Justice -

email alert system was conceived, embraced, tested, and fully implemented

Originally, the team anticipated that the majority of referrals would be for persons experiencing mental health issues and / or homelessness. However, experience thus far has revealed a wide range of needs within the community of individuals initially requesting a law enforcement response.

within their home; parents of teens struggling with complicated and unruly behavior; family members concerned about the general well-being of their loved ones; neighbors concerned about behavior of an individual within their neighborhood; clients themselves calling law enforcement for reasons that are not immediately clear; and much more.

outside of those scopes to meet the unique or unusual needs of a resident.

single agency or organization is in charge of the project. In keeping with our common understanding that complex community problems require complex and creative solutions, Heads Up Project members recognize that no single agency or administrator is responsible for solving societal problems with multiple causes.

For questions or further information, or to be linked to a spokesperson for the project, please contact Megan Van Sant, senior program manager, Special Projects Team, County of Mendocino through email vansantm@

More information, including the details about the logistics of the project, can be found at www.headsupmendocino.org.





On Fridays and Saturdays, The Munchery local business owners for decades; the family owns Brown's Corner and is a landlord will follow the same schedule, but will to several businesses on site including next stay open an extra hour, closing at 10 pm. Sundays will feature brunch only, from 8 am door dispensary Element 7. Seeing the to 2 pm. Patrons of all ages are welcome, opportunity to place an additional business

despite the service of alcohol, as the eatery

with some staples that will stay, but will also include specials depending on local ingredients, availability and inspiration of chef Joshua Landes and the kitchen crew.

"We all work together and bring ideas on how to use what's local and fresh," said Brown Martin. "Joshua Landes, us, and the crew come up with great ideas to use what we have, and what's available, and we try and source from local farms as much as possible. We also have had wonderful insight from a very helpful friend and restaurant industry expert, Justin Simoneaux, and we look forward to receiving feedback, support and encouragement as we move forward at The Munchery."

The Munchery is located at 1797 South

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The rest of

more and more hearty people from all over Mendocino County.

"Most of the attendees are locals. said longtime Covelo resident Mickey the Clown, who has emceed the festival for all of its 40 years. "In the past few years, more outsiders have begun to come up. Getting up to Covelo is not easy to do.

"People usually need a reason to travel here," said Mickey. "This festival is a good reason. People like the music and the food and the vibes here. It's free. People can just come in and enjoy. We have blackberry slushes and ice cream.'

The two-day Blackberry Festival is an eclectic event based around the abundance of blackberries in Round Valley. The event attracts craft vendors with colorful displays of handmade goods, toys, blankets, and other beautiful items.

Junior Escalante, an Apache entrepreneur, travels the country selling his blankets and jewelry. "I do a lot of the Native American events. I travel throughout the states of California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Nebraska. I am out of the Yuba City area.

"I feel blessed to be able to do what I do and get to see all the states," said Escalante. "I also do a lot of the Native American jewelry with abalone shells. I do that for a lot of the California Natives. I also do sterling silver. I'm very particular on my pieces. If they are not to my perfection, I put them aside and start

Several of the booths offered information on community services and local organizations. Jessi Alvarado, a Covelo resident and owner of Full Circle Trading Post promoted her efforts to create a skate park for the youth of the valley.

"We, most likely, have a location and we're working on solidifying that aspect," said Alvarado. "Once we have that, we can apply for bigger funding. We have a lot of support. We're planning our skate nights for the year. We should have one in about three weeks at the Rec Center. Pro skaters attend.' For more information, visit www. rvskateparkproject.org.

The Friends of the Round Valley Library, the Friends of the Ee River, the Great Redwood Trail. local radio station KYBU, the Wildlands Conservancy, UCCE Mendocino College, and North Coast Opportunities were there to impart information and engage in

Of course there was music. Mickey the Clown introduced the acts throughout the two days. Several groups with colorful names played in the central kiosk. Yippie Coyote, Loko Yokol, Eagle Mountain String Band, While We're Young, and even local Willits resident and artist Marjo Wilson, amongst others.

The official Blackberry Festival song, originally sung by the Blackberry Jammers, was performed as always. The lyrics declare: "Round Valley for blackberry jam. From the finest ladies in all the

As the performers entertained, people perused the booths and ate Indian tacos, blackberry slushes, blackberry pie, elotes, and other traditional and local treats. The family-oriented event had many activities for the kids. A giant water slide provided a way to have fun while staying cool. There was a small roller coaster, paint activities and other fun distractions

For the adults, a bucking bull let them test their rodeo skills, and there was a square dance Saturday evening. On Sunday, in addition to the activities in the arbor, the Round Valley Feather Dancers danced, and there was a car show on the street and a pancake breakfast provided by the Friends of the Round Valley Library

The Round Valley Blackberry Festival is a great way for families from all over Mendocino County to spend a day travelling to a place they rarely go, listen to some music, play games, buy gifts, and generally enjoy a fine outdoor activity with friendly people. It should be on everyone's calendar for 2024.

For more information, visit www. roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com.

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respond to community members in need of assistance.

The project provides a pathway for law enforcement agencies in Mendocino

working together to address issues of mutual concern.

Human Services Collaborative Team. The addition of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office in 2022 accelerated the scale of the project considerably. Shortly after the Sheriff's Office joined the team, the idea for the Heads Up

Heads Up responds to a wide variety of community needs. Referrals exclusively originate from a law enforcement organization - typically in response to a 911 call for service for a situation that is not criminal in nature.

Referrals have included: elderly clients in need of greater assistance

The Heads Up Project is unique in that the collaboration is not funded through

mendocinocounty.org or by phone at 707-463-7733.

heat and constructing handline around the fire, estimated at 2.5 acres. Four smokejumpers, a hotshot crew, and helitack crew remain on scene. Later today, a helicopter from the

in the middle of the two downstairs shops,

Brown Martin started tossing around the idea

of a restaurant, sharing the sentiments of

many Willitsians: "Willits needs more places

"We were looking at purchasing another

restaurant, but when that - and their liquor

license – fell through, we decided to build

here, and look around for another license,

and thankfully were able to purchase the

one once held by the Yokayo Bowl," she

explained. "Originally we were just thinking of

a deli of sorts, sandwiches, ice cream, salads,

but when we were actually able to get the full

license, the game was on, and we switched

gears and started envisioning a place for

dinner and drinks, mimosas and brunch and

The Munchery is planning to be open

for breakfast, lunch, dinner - and Sunday

brunch – and will be closed on Tuesdays. On

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, they

will be open from 7 to 11 am for full breakfast

service, and then from 11 am to 2 pm for

lunches of salads, sandwiches and soups.

They will close for turnover and reopen from

4 to 9 pm for full dinner service, including

everything from steaks to pastas, and then

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#### The rest of Munchery

allowed family, friends and the public to share in the official cutting of the ribbon.

West Coast, visit www.watchduty.org.

"It is with great excitement that the Chamber-sponsored ribbon cutting event at the Munchery was a success," said WCC coordinator Susan Mahoney who addressed the gathered crowd at the event. "Everyone to eat!" is so happy that The Munchery is finally open for all to support and enjoy. Best wishes for great success!"

If the excitement shared at Thursday's event, and the even more exuberant support at the Friday Bar Bites event (with live music by Tastes Like Chicken on the outdoor patio) is any indication of the public's excitement and willingness to support Brown Martin's Munchery endeavors, it looks like the eatery is a welcome addition to the Willits scene.

"We just couldn't believe the amount of people who showed up," laughed an overwhelmed and grateful Brown Martin. "It was really nice to see everyone and we were thrilled to have the Chamber here for the official opening. They were so friendly and nice to work with! We were packed Thursday, and had literal lines out both the back and front doors on Friday, I got millions of hugs, it was amazing. My cooks joked that while we were planning Friday as the "soft opening" it was anything but. It was a full on service!"

Brown Martin and her family have been

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will also have bar bites at night.

the ball started rolling."

• Reduction in greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions organization to respond and follow-up with the household in need.

in about six months. To date, the project has responded to over 250 unique situations. At full capacity and with full participation, the team estimates that the demand and need is likely three or four times the current volume.

any grants or dedicated funding sources. All of the participating partners are doing so within their current scopes of funded work, and sometimes working

The Heads Up project is also designed to be truly collaborative in nature. No

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offers a variety of meals. "Feel free to bring the whole family!" said Brown Martin. "We're very child-friendly!"

The menu will be seasonally consistent

Main Street with parking on the north side of the building. The eatery offers inside and patio dining and eat-in and to-go options. Find them online at Facebook as "The Munchery" - where you can see posted menus and more, or call 707-941-0028 for additional



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