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Harvest Moon event to close Main **Street**

Posted by City of Willits

Dear Willits community: We're excited to share some important news about an upcoming event that's set to light up our beloved Main Street! The City of Willits, in collaboration with the Little Lake Fire Department and our local merchants, proudly presents the Chamber of Commerce's Harvest Moon Celebration.

Harvest The Moon event is set for Saturday, September 30, from 2 to 7 pm in downtown Willits. Main Street will be temporarily closed from noon to 9 pm, between Wood Street and Commercial Street during this event.

Detour route: Don't worry, we've got your detour covered! Follow the clearly marked signs guiding you onto East Valley Street, which will then lead to Madden Lane. This route is designed to accommodate all types of vehicles, including large trucks, trailers, and commercial fleet vehicles.

Local traffic access: While the closure may cause a little inconvenience, we've made sure to keep the section of Main Street between East Valley Street and Wood Street accessible

Read the rest of Event Over on Page 11





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Above: Water collects on thirsty produce and foliage Monday afternoon when the rains started to fall, including the leaves of a lupine, left, and a lilac, right, and a still-green tomato, center. Below: A few chocolate cherry tomatoes received a sprinkle of rain, washing off their dust, exposing their lovely red hue. At bottom: One of the neatest things about lupine plants is how the droplets of water collect into the center, and onto the tiny hairs of their star-shaped leaves.



Wonderful Wet Weather

Willits receives first official fall sprinkle Monday, September 25 to the delight of grateful plants, humans and animals alike



Council **OKs MOU** with tribe on water

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The Willits City Council approved a nonbinding memorandum of understanding with the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians regarding a possible extension of water service at their September 13 council meeting. The vote was 4 to 1, with Councilmember Larry Stranske voting "no."

Before casting her "yes" Councilmember vote, Saprina Rodriguez stated that she wanted it noted in the resolution that any future water service agreement was to be restricted for use for housing or parks, not for gaming. Councilmember Gerry Gonzalez agreed that he would support a potential water agreement for housing.

The potential extension of service that would be explored under this MOU would provide potable water to a 15- to 20-unit residential development at Mitomkai Way, off Eastside Road in the valley, and also a proposed community center in the vicinity.

Working Tribal Chair Josh Gravier addressed councilmembers at the

Read the rest of Water

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Public Health advises on RSV season

Submitted by Mendocino **County Public Health**

September 26 - Now that we have made it through the summer heat, it is time to think of this fall's seasonal respiratory diseases. We used to call it "the flu season," and it still is. But we know many other germs cause respiratory symptoms. Most are mild. But some may be more severe and, for some, even life-threatening.

What is happening now?

Many people are reporting increased COVID-19 cases in the last few weeks. There have been more COVID-19 related hospitalizations. surveillance Wastewater shows an increase in COVID-19 detections around the state. This increase was predicted and is now confirmed. This is not an emergency because of the increase in immunity from vaccines and prior illness. We have the tools to care for ourselves with vaccines and medicines.

Some uncertainty about the future still exists. New variants are circulating. We have not seen any significant spikes in

Read the rest of RSV

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Done with Deliveries

USPS's Tim Porter retires from carrying mail after 26 years

Tim Porter was a familiar face to those on Willits City Route 1 who experienced firsthand Porter's dedication to the job, efficient processes. and dependable deliveries bringing packages and letters to his customers through his job at the United States Post Office's Willits branch.

Of his 26 years with the USPS, Porter spent 22 of them working in Willits, and finally decided it was time to retire in summer of 2023. Porter's retirement was honored at a community party at the Rec Grove Park last Sunday, where family, friends and customers gathered to share stories, food, and memories of the dedicated carrier, wishing him well as he looks to spend more time with family in Nevada in future.

His co-workers and Willits Postmaster Scott Butler wanted to present Porter with a special gift at the party, so the group enlisted the help of Matthew Harbour of Harbour Quality Redwood to create a miniature redwood mailbox complete with an antique glass combination-lock door on the front.

A plaque was also added to the box which reads: "Tim Porter: Over 26 years of exemplary service. Thank you & Happy Retirement, Your USPS Family."

"Tim was absolutely one of a kind," said Butler. "He never missed days or deliveries, he was a robot in the best way, and a poster child for the United States Post Office! I always joked that he should be the one on those job-application fliers, he is everything the position should be! He will be missed, and we wish him well in his retirement!"

- Maureen Jennison

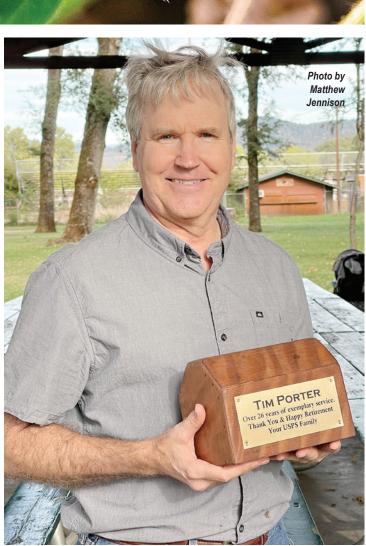




Photo by Scott Butler

Above: Tim Porter. a city letter carrier for the United States Post Office's Willits branch, retired this summer after 26 years delivering the mail.

At left: A custom redwood mailbox featuring an antique combolock glass door was given to Porter to commemorate his years with the post office and new retirement at the Sunday party.

Grants available for farm to school programs

By Madge Strong, for WELL

WELL's Building Community series is hosting an event on Sunday, October 8 with guest speaker Pamela Lee from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Farm to School program. Lee will describe an exciting new \$60 million program, grant with opportunities for schools, farmers, distributors, and the community-at-large to improve kids' health and local food systems in Willits.

Lee will be joined by a panel of folks doing this important work locally, representing local schools, distributors, and farmers.

For everyone who cares about good food, a healthy future for kids, and our community; please come to learn more and participate: Sunday, October 8, at 4 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Come early at 3 pm for a Cooking Demonstration led by Blue Zones Project and CalFresh Healthy Living Program

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Read the rest of Grants Over on Page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Blessing of the Animals

To the Editor:

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be offered at Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 7, at 11 am. The church is at the corner of Commercial and Main streets in Willits, and the blessing will be under the arbor in the parking lot on the north side of the church.

All animals are welcome to come for a blessing; in the past there have been all kinds, from spiders to horses. All animals must be on a lead or in a carrier, and must be accompanied by a human who can keep them safe. Children who do not have a live pet at home are invited to bring a favorite stuffie for a blessing. Animals who don't do well with strangers can stay in their cars, and we will come and bless them also.

The short service will begin at 11 am. We'll say a few prayers, give thanks for the animals, and remember those who we've lost, and personally bless each one.

We do this each year at this time in memory of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on October 4. Francis saw all the animals and all of creation, including all people, as his brothers and sisters, and joyfully proclaimed God's love for all.

For questions, call Betsy at 707-459-3390.

Betsy Bruneau, St. Francis in the Redwoods

Correction

Due to an editing error,

the headline in Willits

Weekly's September 21

story, "Brooktrails to follow

up on Primrose sinkhole.'

misstated the location of the

sinkhole, which is on Peacock

Drive. Willits Weekly regrets

the error.

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 Sentember 28: Reef Chow Mein

Thursday, September 28: Beet Chow Mein

Friday, September 29: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Roll, Cranberry

Monday, October 2: Cheesy Broccoli Chicken Bake. Garlic Bread

Tuesday, October 3: Turkey Tetrazzini, Veggies, Roll

Wednesday, October 4: Chili Relleno Casserole, Rice & Beans

Thursday, October 5: Meat Loaf, Veggies, Roll

Friday, October 6: Chili Burger, Chips

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday.

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, Seasonal road and campground closures in JDSF

By Erik D. Wahl, manager, JDSF Roads & Recreation Program

Due to forecasted rain and onset of the wet season, effective immediately (September 25) except as noted below, roads within Jackson Demonstration State Forest will be closed to unauthorized public vehicular traffic in accordance with Sections 1431 and 1438, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

The road closure prohibits the use of all unauthorized motorized vehicles, including motorcycles and ATVs. Roads may still be used for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. It is always unlawful to operate unlicensed vehicles (including offroad vehicles with or without green stickers) on State Forest roads. Off-road travel with motorized vehicles is not permitted on the State Forest.

This seasonal closure protects forest roads from damage during wet weather. Please do not drive on roads that are wet and have soft surfaces, even if they are not formally closed. Road and stream damage can occur from rutting and erosion. It is not safe to drive on roads with slippery surfaces. Please help us protect your forest resources.

EXCEPTIONS: The following roads will generally remain open throughout the winter, but may be closed periodically without further notice depending on road and weather conditions or timing of forest management activities:

• Road 200 • Road 250 (closed at Road 1000/far north end) Road 350 (access to Camp 1 Day Use Area)

• Road 500 Road 700 (to Mendocino Woodlands State Park)

• Road 810 • Road 900 (only to Road 810)

Effective on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, all State Forest campgrounds will be closed. Roads and campgrounds are expected to re-open in the spring of 2024, with the exception of area closures associated with forest management activities. To view a map of JDSF roads and current area closures, view the Closure Maps at https:// www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demonstration-stateforests/iackson-demonstration-state-forest

For any guestions, contact our office at (707) 964-5674.

Jennifer Bosma joins Savings Bank board of directors

Submitted by Savings Bank of Mendocino County

The board of directors of Savings Bank of Mendocino community through school organizations, Rotary, and the County has appointed Mendocino Coast businesswoman Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce. Jennifer Bosma to serve on its

board. Jennifer Bosma, vice president of Cypress Holdings, Inc., is filling the position on the board previously held for 23 years by her father, Tom Honer. Honer will transition to a senior director.

"We are thankful for the contributions that Tom has provided to Savings Bank during his time as a director and we're excited to welcome Jennifer to the board," said Stacy Starkey, Savings Bank president and CEO. "Jennifer's business experience, energy and commitment to the community will serve the bank well."

Bosma visited Mendocino Jennifer Bosma of Fort Bragg is the newest member County many times while growing of the Savings Bank of Mendocino County Board of

Harvest Market, a family-owned business started by Tom Honer in May 1985, began as a single, traditional grocery store and has evolved into three stores: Harvest Market. Harvest at Mendosa's. and Mendocino Hardware. These stores reflect a unique blend of conventional, specialty, organic, domestic, international, and local products.

Over the past several years, Bosma has taken the reins in transitioning the leadership from her father to herself and her husband. Their focus has included community support and sustainability practices.

"Jennifer has many of the same qualities as her dad," said Charles Mannon, Savings Bank chairman of







Above, from left: Attendees listen to a speaker at the opening ceremony of the 2023 California Indian Days in Round Valley. Children visit the painting booth at California Indian Days. A young boy tries his luck on the mechanical bull-riding attraction. At left: Astronaut Nicole Mann fields a question from 4-year-old Elena Davila during a recent visit to Round Valley. Below, left: Tori McConnell, the 2023-24 Miss Indian World, poses for a photo with admirers. McConnell is of the Yurok and Karuk tribes and lives in Humboldt County. Below, right: Mann tells the rapt crowd her stories of space during her visit to Round Valley





Wailaki tribal member and astronaut Nicole Mann tells kids about outer space at California Indian Days in Round Valley

By Chris Smith, for Willits Weekly

Youngsters living on or near the Round Valley Indian Reservation should long remember gazing up at the bright star that is Nicole Aunapu Mann, the tribal member who a short while back traveled in space for almost six months and 66 million miles.

To connect with and inspire the children was central to Mann's mission when she visited Round Valley on September 23, during the tribes' California Indian Days festival at Covelo's Hidden Oaks Park.

The history-making astronaut's ancestry links her to the reservation's Wailaki tribe. Dressed in a bright blue NASA jumpsuit, Mann declared to the Native and non-Native kids who gathered at the park's stage with several hundred adults that education is fundamental for anyone who

When it was her turn to address the

have a moon rock.

the stage to ask her questions.



any aliens?" "How do you become a Above: Nicole Mann addresses the California Indian Days crowd. Below, left: Following a dancing spaceshipper?" One lad said he'd like to exhibition, Mann was presented a handmade shawl by Sharlisa Santio, a member of the Ute tribe from Utah. Below, right: Nicole Mann's parents, Howard and Vicki Aunapu of Penngrove, attend the Round Valley festival with their daughter



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	p and later moved to Fort Bragg <i>Directors.</i> uring her high school years. She ttended the University of the Pacific where she obtained a achelor of Science Degree. After working in several different industries in quality ontrol, Bosma and her family returned to Fort Bragg in 005 to continue the family tradition and expand the vision of Harvest Market. She immediately became involved in the	It's key, said Mann, who is celebrated as the first Native American woman to go into space, "that you stay in school and study in school so that you have these opportunities when you grow up." The Petaluma native and alumna of Rohnert Park's Rancho Cotate High School shared moments from her recent, out-of- this-world adventure. As commander of
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The crowd at the Covelo park roared its

approval when Mendocino County Third

District Supervisor John Haschak stood

to the mic to announce that the board

unanimously declared September 23

"Nicole Mann Day" in Mendocino County.

One of most entertaining and endearing

parts of the astronaut's presentation came

when preschoolers with Round Valley Head

Start, then other children, stepped up onto

Among their queries: "Are there

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Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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brarians when the toolkits Above: Morgan Nolan of Willits explores the library's Climate Corner.

Photo by Suzanne Pletcher

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so this is a very handy toolkit," said Jessie. "As a follow-up to the significant action of adopting the resolution, the county and The subtitled video at the Willits library Sonoma Clean Power explored ways to Climate Corner uses the gorgeous inspire the public to take their own actions scenery of Mendocino County and local to reduce their carbon footprint," said ousiness testimonials to promote Sonoma Mendocino County Third District Supervisor Clean Power's EverGreen service, 100% John Haschak, who represents the Willits enewable electricity generated by local olar and geothermal energy. The County area. "That climate change awareness campaign became Climate Corners. They of Mendocino upgraded their eligible provide inspiration and lots of ideas, and acilities to EverGreen power in January the toolkits are a great way to take action 2022. The upgrade to EverGreen, which ncluded each branch of the library, was the in your own home."

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From far left: The bi-annual FOWL book sale is usually well attended with heartv sales for the bargain hunters. Denise Jessie, library branch manager, has been an energetic participant of the library programs. Ann Maglinte's grandkids, Sloan. Parker. and Maverick, check out books in the children's section. Below, left: Artist Ann Maglinte finds a book for her grandkids. Below, right: Two areas within the library have shelves of free books thanks to the Friends of the Willits Library.



Paper Gems

Rows and rows of bargains at Friends of the Willits Library bi-annual book sale

Books are history. Books are education. Books are adventure. Books can take one's imagination and intellect to anywhere in the world, or even to the far reaches of the galaxy.

Books contain ideas, knowledge, and are a stimulant to thirsty minds wanting to learn. The Willits Public Library contains a vast Mathew Caine eatures Writer amount of these vessels and is accessible to anyone. willitsweekly@gmail.com

The affiliated Friends of the Willits Library (FOWL) is dedicated to keeping knowledge and entertainment available to local library patrons. Twice a year, FOWL holds a book sale to raise money for this purpose. These sales offer tremendous savings and are fun to browse.

Last weekend, beginning on Friday, September 22, the classroom of the library was filled with books, arranged in categories, to be perused and purchased at extremely reasonable prices: hardback books for \$1, soft-cover books for \$.50, children's books for \$.25 to \$1, special books (coffee table and art) for \$3. The point of the sale was two-fold, to make some money to support the many library programs, and to get as many books into as many hands as possible.

To this end, the volunteers of FOWL often bent the price rules and made special deals dependent on peoples' ability to pay. On the last day of the sale, participants could fill a bag with books for \$3. People could be seen leaving the library with a box of books for the phenomenally low price of \$5.

"The Friends group, FOWL, who are not foul at all, support a lot of library programs. They pay for some of the summer reading shows we have. They sponsored Mr. Elephant, who came in and did amazing little songs with the children and got everybody, young and old alike, acting up with his songs. They help pay for supplies and some of our programming, craft supplies or the coffee klatch (Penny University) coffee that we serve every week. They support programming," said Branch Manager Denise Jesse.

In the process of getting books into the hands of those who love them, FOWL has created two shelves in the library where people can find books for free.

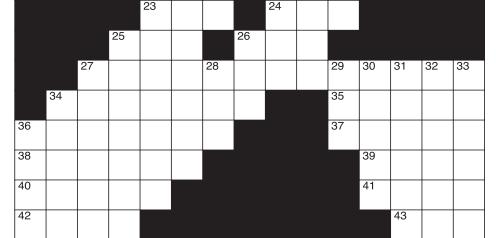
"My job is to deal with all the free shelves we have here, stocking them," explained Barbara Telich. "There's a gigantic free shelf out in the lobby. Recently, we established a free shelf for the children's section. Read the rest of



Above, left: Tom and Carlyn Woodhouse load up a box of reading material for only \$5 on the last day of the sale. Above, right: Chris Harper of The Book Juggler is one of the book sale's best customers. Below: Willits High School English teacher Katrina Hall finds books for the shelves in her classroom.







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Mini Storage Giant Yard Sale

Bring a wagon to carry all the treasure you will find! Multiple units participating. 261 Franklin Ave.









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Thursday, September 28 'Rocks or Meteors?'

at the Library: Join us for "A Touch of Mendocino County: Rocks or Meteors?" on Thursday, September

28, from 11 am to noon. Local expert Gary Mason of Beautiful Earth and Amazing Minerals (Fort Bragg) comes to the Willits Branch Library to teach us all about the wonderful world of meteorites. Part of the monthly "A Touch of Mendocino County" series which takes place on the last Thursday of the month in the Willits Branch Library meeting room. Willits Library 390 East Commercial Street. Seating is limited Info: visit www.mendolibrary.org or call the Willits Library at 707-459-5908

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.

> Willits Soroptimist Social at Rec Grove: Soroptimist International of Willits invites you to a social and informational event about our local service projects, scholarships and awards. Join us Thursday, September 28 at 5 pm, at Recreation Grove, corner of South Lenore



Boylan ... a modern take on a one-man band." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Friday, September 29

'Made in Mendocino, Art Quilts' at WCA: Last chance this weekend to see the diverse and creative work of 20 talented art quilters at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "Each piece has been carefully selected to demonstrate the diverse range of quilters' artistic visions and technical mastery, showcasing the vibrant diversity within the local

What's Happening Around Town

Sunday, October 1

(behind Shanachie Pub).

fun, on Wednesdays from 12 to 12:30

pm at the Laytonville Branch Library,

44960 Highway 101. Info: 707-234-

Willits Song Circle: Every first

Wednesday, this month October 4,

from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Methodist

by Don Willis and Madge Strong, but

MENDOCINO Library lively conversation and discuss books, authors, genres, and Willits Branch more. In the meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street.

Info: www.mendolibrary.org or call the library at 707-459-5908. 'The Odd Couple' (female version) at WCT: written by Neil Simon and directed by Maria Monti, continues at Willits Community Theatre through October 1. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Starring Sarah France, Meg Gardner, Gretchen Anderson, Tifany Leigh-Logan, Lisa Wilcox, Blare Elliott, Jeff Shipp, and Bhavvy Ducharme. Tickets, \$20, at:www.wctperformingartscenter.org/ or at

the door. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Tall Guy Short Songs at Shanachie: Tall Guy Short Songs is Scott Ireland from Bug Guts, who lives in NorCal "where he "fights crime, bullying, and poor eating habits," and composes songs less than 2 minutes long. Friday, September 29 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, September 30

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



Court features shave ice and gelato, street food trucks, tacos & BBQ booths, and many more. Main Street will be closed from Wood Street to Commercial Street to allow for the festivities.

Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Fired Pizza & Vinyl: "Sign-ups start at 4 pm.

organizations.

65 South Main Street.

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the door. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

willits Arts Party Saturday, Willits Arts Party at Rec Grove: Join the Willits Arts Party for a free, all-ages celebration of the arts at Recreation Grove, on Sunday, October 1, from 11 am to 5 pm. Artists will show and sell their work; musicians and dancers will perform; artists will present live art

> 11 am - 5 pm Recreation Grove, Willits, CA AN ALL-AGES ARTS HAPPENING | LIVE ART-MAKING & DEMO A HOOPS | ART VENDORS | CHALK PAINTING | DANCER ERFORMERS | FOOD TRUCKS | DANCE BAND & MORE!

7. Golf from 9 am to 1 pm at the

Golf Course, and Festival from 1 to 5 pm at Brooktrails Ohl Redwood Grove. \$25 admission includes 2 food and drink tickets. A benefit for the Willits Senior Center and Rotary's Student Debt Assistance Program. Live music by PoV band and the Flying Dog Bluegrass Band, games, artisan booths, Quarter Auction, Silent Auction, beer & wine, brats and pretzels. Free shuttle from Willits High School. Festival info: Ann Alumbaugh at 707-841-1315; Golf info: Jeff

vill be from 4 to 8 om with live music Church, School and Pine streets. Led by Hella Mendocino and beer, wine and cocktails by the Willits Lions Casino is located at 100 Kawi Place in Willits. More info: www.SVRCasino.

Willits Grapplin Pack Poker Benefit: Enjoy the WGP Hold 'Em Poker Tournament, Saturday October 7 at the Sparetime Supply Warehouse, 300 East Commercial Street. To benefit the youth wrestling program, with a Roaring '20s heme – best dressed to theme wins \$100 in meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of chips. \$100 per ticket, limited amount of tickets; Willits Weekly, and more. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales" doors open 3 pm, poker starts 4 pm, dinner around 6 pm. Silent auction after dinner. Tickets

available at willitsgrapplinpack. com or contact Steven at 707-354-3728.

Fargey. Runs through October 29. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Dellow at Shanachie: California based songsmith Dellow, in the vein of Bob Dylan and Tom Waits carries the tradition of wrapping the naked truth in a blanket of melody and prose uniquely familiar to the shared personhood of human experience." Saturday, October 7 at 8 pm.

the Redwoods:

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Rotary Sunday, October 8

presents Free Museum Admission for Indigenous Peoples Day: Mendocino County Museum the Redwoods & will honor Indigenous Peoples Day, coming The John Cross up on October 9, by offering free admission Golf to all visitors Sunday, October 8, from 12 to Tournament on 4 pm. Visit and view "Woven Worlds," our Saturday, October permanent exhibit which explores the history and celebrates the rich culture and heritage Mendocino County's indigenous people. Brooktrails More info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or contact the Mendocino County Museum,

> 400 East Commercial Street, at museum@ mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365. New Farm to School program grants: WELL's Building Community series hosts guest speaker Pamela Lee from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Farm to School program, who will describe an exciting new \$60 million grant program, with



epresenting ocal schools, distributors and farmers. Sunday, October 8, at 4 pm at the ittle Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Come early at 3 pm for a Cooking Demonstration led by Blue Zones Project and CalFresh Healthy _iving Program. Free but donation encouraged to help cover costs.

Schindig Reunion Party at Shanachie: special unday show to showcase the reunion of local ind Schindig, a band of homegrown Mendocino ounty boys playing a unique eclectic blend folk, rock, country, blues with a jolt of world nusic thrown in. Sunday, October 8 at 4 pm. hanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



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This facilitated 8-week group provides an opportunity to learn the mptoms of grief, as well as to recognize the individual nature of ts expression and duration. With a fuller understanding of the grief rocess and effective ways to cope, we can find meaning and mov orward.

Beginning Thursday October 19 Time: 2-4pm Willits Senior Center To register call: Suzanne Picetti-Johnson (707) 456-9676



Susana Wilson and Suzanne Picetti-Johnson Group Facilitators



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.

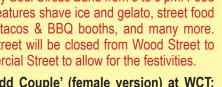


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Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market outdoors for the season on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious

459-5908. Harvest Moon Celebration: The Willits Chamber of Commerce and local merchants invite the public to the perfect start to the fall season, the annual Harvest Moon Celebration, Saturday

downtown Willits. Free to attend: features Aerial Silks, Kids Zone & Bounce House, curated vendor booths, store specials, and more. Live





September 30, 2 to 7 pm ir

music by Soul Circus Band from 3 to 6 pm. Food

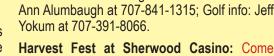
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Friday, October 6 Jen Howard at Shanachie:



Willits Community Theatre. Closing matinee today, Sunday, October 1, at 2 pm. Tickets, \$20, at:www.wctperformingartscenter.org/ or at the door. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane Wednesday, October 4

Yokum at 707-391-8066 Storytime at the Laytonville Library: Join us as we read books, sing songs, learn and have





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community." Free admission. Galleries open Friday-Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Book Lovers Discussion Group at the

Library: Willits Library announces the start of a book discussion group on the last Friday of every month, from 1 to 2 pm, starting Friday, September 29. All adults welcome. Join us for

Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie: Folkinstrumentalist. born based country and blues and unique vocals and harmony by Sonoma County based Prestonsburg, Kentucky – a multi-instrumental duo Hilary & Christiane - mix of Folk, Roots, Reggae and Sophisti-Pop. Friday, October 6 harmonica, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, and banjo. Shanachie Pub on Saturday, September 30 at 8 at 8 pm pm. 50 South Main Street.



for the Arts: Willits Art Center presents its October show, opening Saturday, October 7, with reception from 6 to 9 pm. With Paintings by Laura Fargey and Furniture by Starbuck 707-459-6826





Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets located in the parking lot of the soccer and every week on Mondays, 6:30 pm, at the Muse baseball fields, 9:30 to 11 am. Groceries to go. in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More senior basket (for low-income seniors 60 or info: 707-354-1866 older), and diapers. Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth "Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods

Ongoing Events

with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. midnight, then get down until closing!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street. Brown Bag Lunch Program: Sack lunches

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays served at the City Park (or across the street at 3 pm: The outdoor boules course is located in case of rain) every Saturday from 1 to across the street from the Willits Skate Park. 2 pm. Come early to be assured a lunch! Info: Provided by various churches and community

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym: Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood a free karate program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Games start at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams 6:30 pm. for new students ages 7 and above. of two, winner takes the pot! We'll have the Use the back doors to enter. Special small games on all day. Beer, wine, pizza, we've got child (Lil Dragons) classes only on Thursdays everything you need!" Flying Dog Wood Pizza, at 6 pm, ages 3 to 6. There is an annual \$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). For

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twicemore info call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707monthly drive-thru food distribution in Willits, 354-0565. Program is continuous year-round. Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. second and fourth Thursdays of the month,

Not JUST Cowboy Poetry at Emandal October 14

Emandal - A Farm on a River presents their Not JUST Cowboy Poetry event, Saturday, October 14 featuring poet, story-teller, and songster Andy Hedges from Texas, along with Sourdough Slim and Robert Armstrong, Old-Time Cowboy Poets and Musicians. Along with the concert/ readings/ storytellings, there will be an Apple Pie Throwdown, with the chance to win an engraved rolling pin; Art in the Garden, with multiple artists showing their works; an Artisanal Whiskey Tasting; and a Silent Auction to benefit Willits Senior Center. A full afternoon of fun and frolic! Tickets are available online at emandal.com/cowboy-poetry, or by calling Tam at 707-459-9252, or at the event! Proceeds to various local non-profits.

Artists Wanted for Draw Til U Drop!

Saturday, October 14

The Draw Til U Drop Art Marathon at the Willits Center for the Arts is a benefit event for the WCA, the Mendocino County Museum, and the Willits High Art Department. All participants commit to making ART for at least 12 hours starting Saturday, October 14 at 10 am, and going at least until 10 pm that night!

We encourage those who can to go longer! 18 hours? 24 hours? 30? Good food provided, fine entertainment, and prizes. Artists must find sponsors and bring art supplies. Now's your chance!

Current list of participating artists: Carolyn Bakewell, Nancy Bertsch, Christy Carlton, Margie Chandler, Ren Clark, Eva Cox, Ariana Daikin, Heidi DeGuzman, Mason DeGuzman, Sherrie Ebyam, Keith Hendricks, Karen Mattson, Miles Mattson, Loy O'Malley, Sharon Paltin, Elizabeth Raybee, Olivia Smith, Janae Stephens, Divora Stern, and Daniel Blair Stewart

To sign up, sponsor, or for more info: eray@ eRaybeeMosaics.com or 707-853-1898. Or call WCA 707-459-1726 or any participating artist.

Group Avenues to Wellness presents this facilitated 8-week group providing an opportunity to learn the symptoms of grief, as well as to recognize the individual nature of its expression and duration. With a fuller understanding of the grief process and effective ways to cope, we can find meaning and move forward. This group will start October 19, 2 to 4 pm at Willits Senior Center. Free of charge. Limited to 8 participants. Please call Suzanne to register or for more information: 707-456-9676. Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit: avenuestowellness.org





WCA is accepting entries for the 36th Annual Holiday Crafts Fair! All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty food entrepreneurs, who hand-make their own products should request application forms by email to Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com Or visit our website at willitscenterforthearts.org ubmissions can also be sent by mail to Bonnie Belt 2291 Buckeye Dr Willits, Ca 95490



9TH 10AM - 6PM

10TH 10AM - 4PM

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Agape **Bible Church** 290 S. Lenore Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services:

10:00 a.m. - Worship Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com **Amazing Grace** Assembly of God Church

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

Church of Christ What must we do to be saved

Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study-7-8:00 p.m. The Church of **Jesus Christ of**

Latter-day Saints 265 Margie Drive Willits, ČA 95490 ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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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

St. Anthony of Padu **Catholic** Church 61 W. San Francisco Ave.

Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday-5:30 p.m. Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English 10:30 a.m. - Spanisr Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252 https://stanthonywillits.org/ aintanthonywillits@gmail.co We welcome All Walks of Faith St. Francis Sound by Hal Wagenet. **Episcopal Church** 1 North Main Street, Willits Read the rest of 707-272-0177 Oktober Sunday Service - 10 a.m. In-person and on Zoom Willits Rotary Call for information. ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau Oktober Festival St. John Lutheran Church In The Redwoods いたいで Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 (707) 459-2988 John Cross 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME Memorial Golf Tournament Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church OCTOBER 7, 2023** <u>í</u> 707-459-5714 FESTIVAL 1 PM + 5 PM GOLF 9 AM + 1 PM Friendly, open worship BROOKTRAILS GOLF COURSE Saturdays Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. **ADULT ADMISSION \$25.00** Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. INCLUDES 2 FOOD * DRINK TICKETS Zoom Transmission Available. Wednesday QUARTER AUCTION * SILENT AUCTION Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 399 W. Mendocino Ave. **BEER * WINE * BRATS * PRETZLES** All are welcome! Willits United Methodist Church TO BENEFIT WHS GOLF TEAM WILLITS SENIOR CENTER STUDENT DEBT ASSISTANCE PROGR FESTIVAL INFO CONTACT ANN ALUMBAUGH 707-841-1315 ALUMBAUGH @ CMAIL COM 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 umo If you want to be included in this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com



Willits Soroptimist Social at Rec Grove. September 28 Submitted by SIW

Soroptimist International of Willits invites you to a social and informational event about our local service projects, scholarships and awards. Join us Thursday, September 28 at 5 pm, at Recreation Grove, corner of South Lenore and East Commercial, at the tables under the arbor.

All are welcome.

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Redwoods, October 7 Submitted by Willits Rotary

RSVP The excitement is building for the Willits Rotary John can plan Cross Memorial Golf Tournament & Oktober Festival in the space Redwoods on October 7, 2023! We are still receiving some refreshments. amazing donations for our silent and quarter auctions. As Leave a message always, our local county businesses have been generous in their donations, as have our Rotarians. You will love 9858 what we are auctioning off this year! us at siwillits@

There are still a few spaces available for the Golf soroptimist.net Tournament! Contact Jeff Yokum at 707-391-8066 or jeff@ We would also yokumsbodyshop.com be happy to visit personally by

Where: Brooktrails Golf Course and Ohl Redwood Grove phone, or email (directly across from Brooktrails Community Center, the with anyone interested. fire department, and golf course)

When: Saturday, October 7

Golf Tournament - Brooktrails Golf Course, 9 am to 1 pm Oktober Festival in the Redwoods - Ohl Redwood Grove, 1 to 5 pm

Why: A benefit for Willits Harrah Senior Center and the Willits Rotary's Annual Student Debt Assistance Program Live music, games, a quarter auction, and a silent auction with amazing items! Music provided from 1 to 3 pm by the PoV band, featuring Paul Haley, Jeffrey Brooks, Necole, CJ Perrine, and Keith Vidra. Music from 4 to 5 pm by the Flying Dog Bluegrass Band, including Chris Bartow, playing flat-pick guitar, Stephanie Sierra on fiddle, Anne Maglinte on mandolin, John Harper on banjo, and Phil Hosking on bass, with guest musician Tyler Balthrop. Over on page 9 BROOKTRAILS OHL REDWOOD GROVE LIVE MUSIC * GAMES * ARTISAN BOOTHS FREE SHUTTLE FROM WILLITS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF REGISTRATION INFO JEFF YOKUM 707-391-8066 JEFF@YOKUMSBODYSHOP.CO

Free admission October 8 to honor **Indigenous** Peoples

Day

Mendocino County Museum will honor Indigenous Peoples Day, October 9, by offering free admission to all visitors Sunday October 8, from 12 to 4 pm.

The Museum invites the public to visit and view "Woven Worlds," our permanent exhibit which explores the history and celebrates the rich culture and heritage of Mendocino County's indigenous people.

For more information, please visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or contact the Mendocino County Museum at museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365

READY TO BEGIN YOUR a new like

he Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education & raining Awards for Women program has bee helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to wa who are working to better their lives through dditional schooling and skills training You are eligible to apply if:



International of Willits was chartered April 3, 1971 by a group of local business and professional women. Men are welcome to



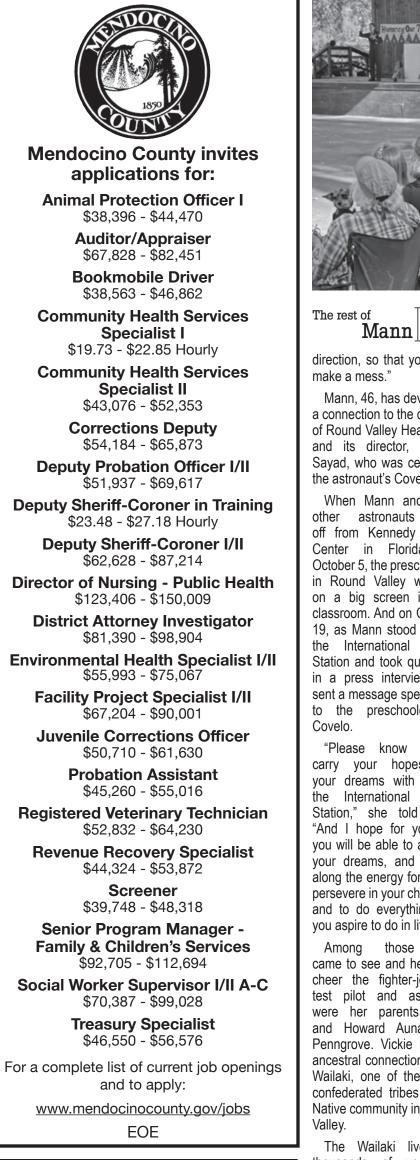
Soroptimist's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world through education, empowerment, and enabling opportunities. In

SOROPTIMIST order to accomplish this goal, the organization administers several

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international programs. The organization's Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in major project is the Soroptimist Live Your Oakland, California, at a time when Dream Awards, which assists women by women were not permitted to join service giving them the resources they need to organizations. Our name, loosely translated improve their education, skills and job from the Latin, means "best for women." prospects. As Soroptimist International Our "mother" organization. Soroptimist Willits, we do our very best to uphold this International, has clubs in more than 120 mission in our community.



CLASSIFIEDS From page 3 direction, so that you don't villages on the Eel River before being placed on the Round Valley Reservation. Mann, 46, has developed Mann grew up in Penngrove a connection to the children and Rohnert Park, but she of Round Valley Head Start is a registered member of and its director, Monica the Round Valley Tribes. Sayad, who was central to the astronaut's Covelo visit. She is also of Estonian ancestry from her father's When Mann and three side, and following the other astronauts lifted visit to Round Valley, she off from Kennedy Space prepared for a journey to Center in Florida last several cities in Estonia. October 5, the preschoolers in Round Valley watched In her talk at the park on a big screen in their in Covelo, Mann shared classroom. And on October details of some of the many 19, as Mann stood aboard experiments she took part the International Space in aboard the space station, Station and took questions most involving research into in a press interview, she the effects of microgravity sent a message specifically and weightlessness. to the preschoolers in She told of growing tomatoes and yogurts and "Please know that yeasts that might one day carry your hopes and help to provide fresh food to your dreams with me to humans living on the moon the International Space or Mars. She said some of Station." she told them. her favorite work aboard "And I hope for you that the "floating laboratory" you will be able to achieve involved 3-D printing your dreams, and I pass human cells. along the energy for you to "This past summer," she persevere in your childhood said, "they successfully 3-D and to do everything that printed a human meniscus." you aspire to do in life. "A future concept is that Among those who you could print a patch org came to see and hear and for your heart if you had a cheer the fighter-jet and heart attack, and maybe, test pilot and astronaut were her parents. Vicki someday, full human and Howard Aunapu of organs." Penngrove. Vickie has an The astronaut told her ancestral connection to the listeners she was happy to Wailaki, one of the seven come to Round Valley. The

30 words for \$15 for 2 weeks Bake an Apple Indoor Yard Sale Giant Indoor Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian Win an engraved Rolling Pin. Not JUST Cowboy School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, Poetry, Apple Pie (across from the Broiler). Throwdown, and Art in Saturday, October 14 the Garden at Emandal, from 8 am to 4 pm Saturday, October 14 www.emandal.com John Ford **Computer Help** Ranch Beef Need help with your Ford Ranch John PC computer? still has the 50 lb. Macintosh, Android and Rancher's Choice Box IOS devices. Repairs, for \$390.00 and the 25 configuration and Ib. Hamburger Box for tutoring: \$50/hr. Call \$170.00. Please contact Liam 459-2470 or email Debbie Arkelian @ 459uicearbhaill@gmail.com 5049. (Prices change effective 6/25/23) Counseling / Office For Rent Psychotherapy Office for Rent - 140 Accepting new MediCal sq ft. Waiting room, clients, Divora Stern central heat/AC. Off LCSW. sliding scale street parking. Utilities PHONE available. included. \$210/mo. 707-SESSIONS only: 707-354-2473 354-9911. No need for computer / travel, just call. 22-year private practice, CBT, energy **RV/Trailer Space** psychology, and for Rent alternative modalities. Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water For Rent & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call New, lovely 2 Bdrm, 2 Tony (707) 972-4696. Bath apartments. Kitchen See at http://www. includes all appliances. oaknvine.net/tp granite countertops and lots of cabinets... also a spacious pantry. Large Bedrooms with big School board closets. Laminate and vinyl floors. \$1800/mo reporter? (707) 489-1080 Willits Weekly needs help reporting local news. Interested in the local school board? For Rent Meets 2nd Thursdays, Willits Center for the Arts 5 pm at Willits City Hall, Great Room is available but can be reported for rent for meetings from video posted of and special events. the meeting, too. Other Room holds 175 people. opportunities news Contact Sasha at 707available. Experience in 459-1726 or manager@ news reporting a plus, willitscenterforthearts. but not a requirement. Pls. send letter of interest or resume to willitsweekly@gmail. Giant Yard Sale com. At Willits Mini-Storage, Saturday, September 30 from 8 am to 2 pm. 261 Spiritual Wisdom Franklin Avenue. Multiple on Life After units participating. Bring Death Join us in gaining new perspectives as we discuss seeing heaven efore you die, meetin





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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home real doll. Aurora lived her whole life in a Layla the Buddy home, so coming to the shelter made no

Layla is a sweet and sensitive girl, sense at all, she was very scared here but looking for a secure home with loving has already come such a long way!

adults ready to make her an important part Aurora is making friends and would of home life and daily activity! She does love to get back into the home life that great with training and would love a home she knows. She is house broken, crate that can provide her with mental stimulation trained, dog social, and a play group rock to keep her busy. She's a working breed so star! Aurora is 5 years old and one of our she loves to work for treats! Sweet Layla longest residents being with us now for will make an incredibly loving addition to 489 days and counting. Come meet Aurora and make her dreams of finding her special

place come true! Her foster home reports: "Layla is an

overall great dog. Dog and people friendly, The Humane Society for Inland potty trained, good on and off leash. She Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive is energetic but not hyper. Great recall, in Redwood Valley. Feel free to come plavful. loves long hikes, and enjoys visit us, no appointments needed! We are hanging at the coffee shop and at home. open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 Quick learner. Bonds easily and closely pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 with her human. Loves belly rubs! Perfect pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on

our website: www.mendohumanesociety. To learn more about Layla or to view com, on our Facebook page, and on www. other adoptable animals, visit www. petfinder.com. milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation

Thoughtful Lenny

is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-Lenny here is a tad shy when you first adoption application before requesting meet him, and he takes his time to get an appointment. You can reach the Milo to know you. Although he's shy, once he

warms up to you, he's like a whole new cat. We are suggesting no young kids in his new home due to his initial nervousness.

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

and to apply: <u>www.mendocinocounty.gov/jobs</u> <u>EOE</u> <u>CA Mentor</u> <u>is Seeking Caring Individuals</u> We offer a competitve stipend <u>approx.</u> \$1,300-\$6,000/mo. <i>Open your heart and home to an adult with</i> <u>intellectual/developmental disabilities</u> . We offer 24 hour support. To learn more contact CA Mentor Cathy (707) 324-9009 — Serving Lake and Mendocino Counties — <u>Narc Komer</u> Legal Document Assistant <u>An Affordable</u> <u>Non-Attorney Service</u> (707) 459-2775 245 South Humboldt St., Suite B, Willits <u>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</u> <u>Iam not an attorney, and can only provide self-help services at your specific direction</u> .	 confederated tribes of the Native community in Round Valley. The Wailaki lived for thousands of years in The rest of Oktober I From page 8 Food and drinks for sale will include brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, pretzels, apple cake, locally made gingerbread German cookies, local beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks, and much more! For your convenience, and because of limited parking at the event, complimentary transportation will be provided by the Willits Senior Center, from Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, to the home of the Oktober Festival in the Redwoods, Brooktrails Ohl Grove. This will make it easier to get to the event and back to town safely. The Oompah Shuttle to Ohl Redwood Grove is at 4 pm, and the last shuttle to WHS is at 5 pm. A big thank you to the generous sponsors of the Oktober Festival in the Redwoods: Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Frank R. Howard Foundation, celtic Heritage Destinations, and Mariposa Market. For more information, or to become a sponsor, contact Willits Rotarians Jenny Senter, 707-888- 	ing new as we heaven meeting loved rith grief, EE book Death. or just rary, 390 al Street. per 14th, restions? 707-972- red by Lake &
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Geraldine Munson

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of in the "green machine" Gator with her faithful German a wonderful lady and long-timer resident of the Willits shepherd companion, Sheba, by her side. Jeri and John community. Geraldine "Jeri" Munson. Jeri moved to Willits were well-known for having breakfast at the Grange Hall from Susanville with her and Senior Center with their

family and friends.

Jeri leaves her three children. Steve (Karen) Rose of Susanville, Robin Rose Cuthbert and son Cody of Willits, and Kenneth (Rochelle) Rose of Healdsburg/Forestville, along with four step-children, John (Jacqui) Munson, Janet (Mike) Helmar. Deona (Paul) Horton of Nevada, and Dede Munson and son Brett of Idaho. In her life she was blessed with seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

There will be a Potluck BBQ at the Willits Senior Center

Often she recounted, with humor, how she and John on October 21, 2023 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, anyone interested can make a donation to the Willits Branch (HMH) Home Health and Hospice Care.

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meeting, saying "We have no plans Bender called their concerns "spot at all for a casino for that property," on." but added that if the tribe and the City "There are concerns about our of Willits "actually proceeded further system." Bender said. "which is than just a non-binding MOU," that essentially ... an interconnected any agreement at that point would system between groundwater and have any restrictions on water usage the surface production facilities, the detailed in the actual agreement. reservoirs. We're looking at the ability Councilmember Stranske again to make sure, as we move forward, stated he was against opening up the that we're not over-promising our Citv of Willits water system to those capacity or production capacity, outside the current service area, and then, 'oh we have to tap into as he did when he voted "no" on a groundwater system to supply this non-binding resolution with the Pine end of the system,' so that's one of the Mountain Mutual Water Company in questions that needs to be addressed June as we potentially move forward.

"I'm not for it at all," he said. "We're "The second item," he continued, not going to get any tax revenue or "is there are concerns about our anything else from your existence out obligations to the state for biologic there. The county will get a little bit out functionality of Outlet Creek [ensuring of it ... but the city will not get anything sufficient water flows for fish]. That's out of it, and I just think that once you something that needs to be addressed open the door that you've opened the in full disclosure, and we're aware door not only for you, but for a lot of we're currently not meeting our other people, and so I'm just telling obligation, but that's something we you right up front I'm not for it." need to look at and, potentially, if the After some public commenters tribe can leverage funds and that we raised questions about whether the can tap into it to renegotiate with the City of Willits had enough water to state what we need to do, that's a

expand service, City Manager Brian

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good thing as well.

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"And then finally there were There are quite a few shelves for them.' comments about the ground flow

model that the council approved the

concept of. That has started in earnest

Bender said, "I received in my inbox

the proposal for the groundwater

quality study" that the council asked

to be added to the approved study

looking at the flows and quantity of

"So the point I'm trying to make,"

Bender continued, "is everything is

interconnected, and if you would like

to develop this relationship with the

tribe and work with them, they have

access to some good funding sources

that we don't have access to, and if

we can partner up with them, there's

of the potential development project,

"the Tribe will seek funding for the

water in the Willits area.

in this whole process."

its sole cost and expense."

and literally just this afternoon,"

Olga O'Neill, FOWL board member, wants people to have books. "There are a lot of people cleaning out their books," said O'Neill. "That's why we have so many donations. It takes a lot of sorting because not everybody is judicious about the instructions for 'gently used books.' We have our systems down and we're always looking for volunteers.

"We're happy to be doing this and getting a lot of books in a lot of people's hands," O'Neill said. "All of the proceeds go to support the library and its programs. The next program will be in the spring. We haven't set the date yet but probably around April. We usually try to have a popup sale around Christmas, which is just two tables in the middle of the library. We keep that up for a week or two. We do that again in the summer."

The people who attended the sale were a varied crosssection of the Willits populace. There were teachers, like Willits High School English instructor Katrina Hall, who wanted books for the classroom.

opportunities that we can ... use "I'm shopping for my classroom, for 10th graders," some of that funding to address some explained Hall. "These will just go onto the book shelf but of these questions that are coming up there are a lot of books that my kids have requested and / or are adding on to stuff that they've already read. I'm The non-binding MOU approved excited about this one. This was in my Amazon cart, 'A by the council specifies that, as far House of Ghosts.' I was looking for a Halloween horror." as construction and implementation

In the modern age of Kindle, books still have a tactile analog appeal to many people. "I like the way a book feels in my hand," opined O'Neill. "There's something about project and implement the project at reading on a screen that just doesn't feel the same to me. Even a lot of little kids really like a book. I think you have the connection of a rather tactile thing. I don't think books are as harsh on your eyeballs. Think of all the memories you have locked into your brain of happy times of reading books and how they took you so many different places. That is constantly reinforced every time you pick up a book.'

> The Willits Library is located at 390 East Commercial Street. It is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. Call 459-5908 or go to www.mendolibrary.org/visit/willits to learn about the many programs offered at this branch.

The rest of From page 1 Grants

already provides two free meals per day to all school kids. This new funding opportunity goes much further, to provide them with healthy fresh food, good habits and skills (how to grow food), and it also spurs our local farm economy, with benefits beyond just schools.

The idea is to build support for the whole range of programs that funding would help put in place - for the health of our children, farmers and community. Grants may include:

Providing students with local, fresh foods in the schools

· Creating new jobs with cooking from scratch in school cafeterias

· Building connections between local producers and school district buyers, boosting our local farm economy

· Creating school gardens and direct-learning opportunities in growing and cooking food

· Making food cultivation and nutrition topics every child knows something about

Other ideas welcome!



harvested their hay crop each year. She got great pleasure watching their Angus cows roam the fields, while cruising

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children Robin and Ken in

She and John Munson

made a partnership and a

marriage of 47 years and

worked hard together on their

ranch in the Willits valley on

the Madrone Spring Ranch,

raising their families and

their cattle. Jeri worked at

many places throughout her

busy life in Willits, including

Napa Auto Parts, Redwood

Empire Cleaners, Brookside

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Access to side streets: We've got your convenience in mind! All side streets outside of the barricaded area will remain open for local traffic and event participants throughout the Harvest Moon Celebration. Our goal is to keep disruptions to a minimum while ensuring everyone's safety and enjoyment.

Join the fun: We apologize for any temporary inconvenience this road closure may cause, but we promise it'll be well worth it! Come join us for a day filled there!

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system.

pharmacy.

cases or hospitalizations in the U.S. or doors open when you can, or use an air conditioner, filter, or fan global communities where these variants were found. The current and upcoming monovalent vaccines and treatments should be very effective. 100% effective but helps. How do we prepare?

Influenza season usually starts in and water to prevent spreading germs. October, and RSV peaks in the fall/winter.

Last year, we saw COVID-19 surge at the same time as influenza and RSV seasonal surges, which threatened our healthcare

• Get the influenza vaccine at the a close contact, re-test in 48 hours to be Department of Public Health Clinics or sure. Wear a mask to protect others until your healthcare provider's office. COVID you are sure, or 10 days have passed.

vaccinations have been updated and • If a COVID-19 test is positive and you should be available in the next week or so. are moderately sick, ask your provider for These are recommended for everyone over a very effective treatment to decrease the 6 months old. RSV (respiratory syncytial duration, severity, contagion, and risk of virus) is another respiratory virus that is long COVID. most severe in older adults and infants. The · Earaches or sinus headaches that CDC has approved and recommended the continue or progress may indicate an new RSV for those over 60 years old. The

infection that may benefit from an antibiotic. FDA has approved a vaccine for women Aches can be treated with acetaminophen from 32 through 36 week of pregnancy or anti-inflammatories. Stay hydrated. Drink that will protect newborns for the first 6 clear liquids if nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea months. These should be available at your occur.

 Increase ventilation by staying outside • Call your healthcare provider if your (unless there is a lot of smoke or other symptoms are severe, worsen, or persist pollution). When inside, keep windows and for more than 7 days.

Need more info? Should you have any questions or require additional information about the road closure or the Harvest Moon Celebration, please feel free to contact the Willits Chamber of Commerce, 299 East Commercial Street, 707 459-7910 or info@willits.org We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as

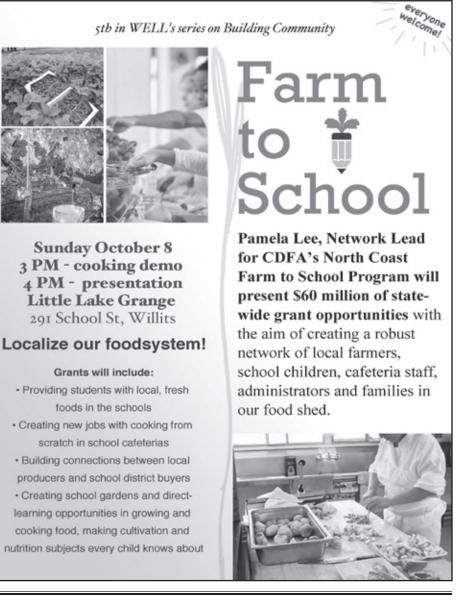
we come together to create a memorable experience for

our community. Your support means the world to us, and we can't wait to celebrate with you at the event! See you

Creating and maintaining these programs will take participation from parents, school administrators and kitchen staff, the school board, and the public, Learn more. ask questions, contribute your ideas, and identify actions to make it happen! Join us on October 8!

This is a continuation of a series of events to build community sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization), with the goal of connecting individuals and groups to collaborate, share information, and work for a more resilient and thriving town.

The event is free, but a donation is encouraged to offset costs to WELL and the Grange. Info: mstrong@ willitsonline.com.



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· Wash your hands and utensils with soap

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