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DA files criminal complaint

against county auditor

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

October 17 — Mendocino District Attorney David Eyster filed a criminal complaint of misappropriation of public funds, a felony, in Mendocino County Superior Court on October 13 against Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Chamise Cubbison and former County Payroll Manager, Paula June "PJ" Kennedy.

In a public meeting of the

Read the rest of Complaint

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Brooktrails board hears update on access roads

Barbara O'Reardon
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The Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board meeting on October 10 was short, just under 30 minutes, but was, nevertheless, informational. The full board was in attendance along with Township Counsel Chris Neary.

General Manager Tamara Alaniz announced: that CAL FIRE announced it would lift the burn ban restriction by the end of the week, October 14. "So," Alaniz said, "unless circumstances, such as wind or heat that could exacerbate fire conditions that could cause runaway burn piles are prevalent, the

Read the rest of Brooktrails

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DA Eyster addresses BOS during public comment

Posted by Mendocino County DA

October 17 – Good morning, Mr. Chairman, board members, CEO, and county counsel:

"There is a false narrative being circulated by some who have pursued an agenda of misinformation and by others who circulate this false narrative without having enough information to know better.

"In the short time I will be at this podium, I intend to provide a little background information that will hopefully encourage lawabiding citizens (1) to not be influenced by the misinformation, (2) to not engage in non-factual speculation, and (3) to let

Read the rest of Address

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At top, from left: Apples are readied for the grinder, loaded in, pulverized, squished, and juice bottled all in a matter of a few moments. Above: Tom Allman smiles with a freshly pressed 2.5 gallons or so of fresh apple juice. At left: These apples were picked from the tree and bottled into those same gallons not more than 24 hours apart.

**Tom: Allman enjoyed juicing apples and

Tom Allman enjoys juicing apples and sharing the fruits of his labor with family, friends, community – and the cows

What to do after you retire? Well, if you're Tom Allman, one of those things includes diving deep into apple-filled adventures, including pressing juice for the enjoyment of family and friends, and doing so with a fancy new industrial machine for the 2023 fall season.

Maureen Jennison
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"This is my 12th year juicing apples," explained Allman. "Every year, I think to myself, 'can I make it better?' It's a very labor-intensive process, and this

new machine employs automation at its finest. We are getting much more juice [no, there's no previous years of 'Lucy and Ricky' stomping the apples with their feet in large vats] our older press was not really one-man job. With this new machine, it really can be! The press works with hydraulic pressure and food grade oil – says it'll do 500 psi, and I think that we're really getting about 95% of the juice out of the apples. The leftover mash is really dry when it comes out!"

And that mash? It's made Allman's neighboring cows deem him their favorite person.

Read the rest of Apples

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At left: Veteran juicing friend, Kevin Copperfield, helps pour the pressed juice into the funnel-bottomed bottling pot. Below, left: Tom Allman gives the apples a quick wash before grinding. Below, right: The grinder makes light work of pulverizing the fruit and separating the juice from the pulp. At bottom, left: Allman and Copperfield share a toast of freshly pressed juice, straight from the machine's collection pan, with a grateful photographer. At bottom, right: Allman pours the juice into a bucket with a finer-mesh bag before transferring the double-strained juice into the bottling pot.









BOS suspends county auditor

due to criminal charge

By Mike Geniella, October 18, MendoFever. com

On Tuesday, Mendocino
County supervisors
suspended embattled
Auditor Chamise Cubbison
without pay although the
elected county official has
yet to have a chance to
enter an expected not guilty
plea to a felony charge of
misappropriation of public
funds filed against her by
District Attorney David
Eyster.

Read the rest of **Cubbison**

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Fire board opposes

2024 ballot measure

Annie Evarts
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Initiative number 21-0042A1, "The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act," was on the agenda for last Tuesday's meeting the board of directors for Little Lake Fire Protection District. The board and Little Lake's staff members are not alone in their concerns that the act, which has made it onto the ballot for November 2024, would have significant negative impacts on local city government finances and services, putting at risk

Read the rest of Measure

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Missing Eureka woman found deceased in towed van

By Captain Gregory L. Van Patten for MCSO

On October 8, 2023 at approximately 3 pm the California Highway Patrol was notified of a reported traffic collision in the area of Sherwood Road and Birch Terrace in Willits (Brooktrails Subdivision).

After the collision, the driver of one of the vehicles, a Toyota Sienna van, fled the traffic collision scene.

The reported traffic collision prompted the response of CHP officers and Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies to assist as needed.

Upon arrival, CHP officers interviewed the one motorist

Read more of Deceased

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Flowers beautify Willits

To the Editor: I read the WW October 12th edition. Page 1 had an article about Caltrans giving Clean California grants to many communities, including \$2.7 million to

the City of Willits. Hurray!

On Page 2 I read a letter entitled "Flowers at risk" by Christina McCluskey in which she states that her flower garden on South Main Street encroaches on Caltrans' right of way. Now Caltrans must receive an encroachment permit fee, or they will remove the flowers.

I see the zaniness of this situation. Can't Caltrans? Perhaps Caltrans can issue a free encroachment permit or a variance to abide by their intention to help beautify Willits.

Marc Komer, Willits

But flowers? To the Editor:

I am responding to Christina McCluskey's letter titled: "Flowers at risk." It was disheartening to know that

plant flowers on their/our space. If Christina was wanting to close the highway to produce a film I could see that as an encroachment. But flowers? Caltrans has an 11-page manual titled "Encroachment Permit Manual" with some rabbit holes. To plant "wild flowers" one has to go to "Adopt-A-Highway Program." I guess "tame flowers" is a different rabbit

Caltrans also has an hourly fee to process encroachment permits. Another rabbit hole. I am an aging senior, 82 next week, fixed SS and VA disability income but donating \$25 to Christina for a very worthy cause, although I think the fee is excessive.

As a reminder: Send donations to "c/o P.O. Box 993. Willits. CA 95490." Get your dusty checkbooks out and write Christina McCluskey some donations. We don't want bulldozers killing beautiful tame flowers.

Bob Wilkinson, Willits

Just trying to get home To the Editor:

Dear Blue Car and White Car: Both of you are f&#*ing m&#*ns.

On Wednesday, October 4, 2023. at about 10 am, you two were locked in a ridiculous road battle on Sherwood

Road and Daphne Way.

White Car: Trying to pass on either of those roads is probably one of the dumbest things I can think of. Bad enough that motorcycles do it, but at least they are small and can zip a \$1,000 fee is required by Caltrans to back into the lane. You however are a large car that takes time and space to get back over, and those roads have so many blind curves and corners, understand why Blue Car was trying to prevent you from doing it. (Not to mention it's a double yellow line and you're not supposed to pass anyway) However, Blue Car, once you saw

that White Car was a nutter and

did not care about their own safety,

let alone yours (or innocent third

parties, wildlife, private property, etc.), attempting to stop him from passing you by getting into the middle of the road for the entire drive, gunning it when he did finally pass you in an attempt to speed in front of him, and then parking diagonally on Casteel Drive to prevent him from driving, just so you can say your 'F&#* yous" and whatever else bad-mouthing you did, was equally as dumb.

Not that either of you obviously care, but not only did you put your lives at risk, but you also put my life in danger (a third party who was seriously just trying to get home). You also missed a flock of turkeys by about 2 inches, a doe with two fawns, and nearly took out a mailbox. Which I'm sure neither of you saw or knew about because you were too busy being ridiculously

White Car, don't be an a&#*ole, we all just want to get home, and you driving like a maniac will only get you there maybe a few minutes earlier, all while putting your life in danger (and others but you clearly don't care about anyone but yourself).

Blue Car, next time someone is willing to put themselves at that much risk, just let them; write down their license plate, take video, do whatever else you think might help and make you feel better, but trying to stop them is just not worth it.

Signed, Sliver Car who was just trying

Name withheld by request, Willits

Big news in Willits the 'Beautify Willits' project Posted by City of Willits

Hold onto your hats, Willits - something extraordinary is on the horizon! Our "Beautify Willits" Project, awarded \$2.77 million, is set to transform our city beyond your wildest dreams!

Willits was selected for the Clean California Local Grant Program Cycle 2 award from a pool of 230 applications, with only 42 projects chosen!

Here's a sneak peek of the incredible features coming your way:

- Streetlights and Banners!
- · Adventure-Ready Playground and Basketball
- Art Days and Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
- A Park Paradise with New Amenities and a Park

 A Cleaner Tomorrow New receptacles, Community Cleanup Days, Litter Abatement Workshops ... and so much more!

This initiative will enhance public spaces, improve downtown accessibility, and revitalize parks and key city corridors. Goals include aesthetics improvement, safety enhancement, litter reduction, community engagement, and educational outreach. Project completion is expected by September 2026.

We're taking the concept of "transformation" to a whole new level!

Our selection for the Clean California Local Grant Program Cycle 2, among intense competition, is an immense honor. We can't wait to embark on this thrilling journey of revitalizing our beloved city.

This project is about more than improvements: It's about a fresh identity for our city. We'll keep you updated every step of the way as we embark on this epic adventure. Stay tuned for the incredible transformation of Willits!

Questions? Feel free to reach out to the Community Development Department at any time. Let's embrace this exciting change together!

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.

Dumplings

Friday, October 20: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Veggies, Garlic Bread

Monday, October 23: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggie / Roll

Tuesday, October 24: Chicken a la

The Rules: LETTERS

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Weekly

Wednesday, October 25: Lasagna w/ Meat Sauce, Veggies, Garlic Bread Thursday, October 26: Carnitas Burrito, Wet w/Green Sauce

Friday, October 27: Turkey w/Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com.

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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 Thursday, October 19: Chicken & 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.

Correction

In the October 12

section, the

Center

Sparetime's

Willits Weekly Real

press release from

U-Haul about Sparetime

becoming a U-Haul

neighborhood dealer did

not list correct, updated

current business hours

PG&E offers free gas appliance safety checks

prepare their gas appliances for safe use during the cold weather months ahead, Pacific Gas and Electric Company offers free in-home safety checks. During the safety checks. PG&E also will relight pilot lights for customers who have heaters or other appliances that have been turned off during warmer months.

Free safety checks help ensure that gas appliances, including water heaters, furnaces and ovens, are operating safely and efficiently, reducing the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning within the home. Carbon monoxide is especially dangerous because it can't be seen, smelled or heard.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, more than 100,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 14.000 are hospitalized. Since the start of 2023, PG&E has responded to more than 6.100 incidents where the presence of carbon monoxide is suspected.

"One of the best ways to prevent carbon monoxide from reaching dangerous levels is to ensure your appliances are in safe working order. A free safety check can help identify any issues that would interfere with their safe operation. And while our technicians are there, they will also inspect your pilot lights and relight them if needed." said Joe Forline, PG&E senior vice president of Gas Operations.

to schedule an inspection by visiting they should immediately evacuate and www.pge.com/pilotlights. Scheduling your then call 911 and PG&E at 1-800-743-

North Coast — To help customers help you avoid hold times on our customer service line. Customers can also call 800-743-5000 to schedule appointments.

Helpful winter gas safety tips

Install carbon monoxide detectors to warn when concentration levels are high. All California single-family homes

are required to have carbon monoxide Carbon monoxide detectors should be

installed on every floor, near sleeping areas These devices should be tested twice a

year, and batteries replaced if necessary. Check the expiration date - most carbon

monoxide detectors have a shelf life of five Never use products inside the home

that generate dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, such as generators, outdoor grills, or propane heaters. Never use cooking devices such as ovens

or stoves for home heating purposes.

When using the fireplace to stay warm, make sure the flue is open so venting can occur safely through the chimney.

Make sure water heaters and other natural gas appliances have proper ventilation.

For more winter heating safety and savings tips, visit www.pge.com/en_US/ residential/save-energy-money/resources/ winter-tips/winter-tips.page.

If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home, you should get out immediately and Before the colder winter months when call 911. If a PG&E customer ever smells natural gas appliances typically see the the distinctive "rotten egg" odor of natural most use, PG&E encourages customers gas in or around their home or business

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BAD HABIT GRILL

Bad Habit Grill

New restaurant serves Mexican, Salvadoran and

American food for breakfast, lunch and dinner

"We decided that our food is going to be so delicious that it's going to become a bad

"We were looking for a shop so we could put in a baby clothing store for my wife and I, but we were also looking for another shop for my mom and myself," continued Nieto.

"She's an excellent cook. She's been cooking for 30-plus years and food has always been her passion. This was her goal, to get a restaurant. I was able to afford to give it to her.

Nieto has taken over the space where Roland's Bistro was located for many years, small

Bad Habit Grill, at the Evergreen Shopping Center. "We already

Nieto loves to give. He gives to his family and he wants to be in a

Grill

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habit for you to come here so often," said Eduardo Nieto, owner of Willits' newest eatery,

have a customer that comes every day.

position to give back to the community that has nurtured his drive to succeed.

Mathew Caine

She's in the back, cooking.'

cadre of loyal customers.

but able to provide quality Mexican

and Salvadoran meals to his growing Read the rest of





Above, from left: Bad Habit Grill is a family restaurant and Eduardo, Jasmine and Max Nieto can often be found there. Taquitos are a traditional favorite that are stuffed with meat and come with guacamole and lettuce. The menu, with its revolving variety of choices, is displayed above the order desk. At left: Bad Habit Grill is located in the Evergreen Shopping Center.







are similar to quesadillas but with seasoned meat. Above, right: Pupusas are an authentic Salvadoran food which can be stuffed with cheese or several other ingredients. At left: A 72-inch flat-screen TV is available for those who would like some entertainment or sports with their meal. Below: Gorditas are a crispy tortilla, similar to tacos, with chicken, sour cream and are sometimes vegetarian with beans

Above, left: Quesabirrias





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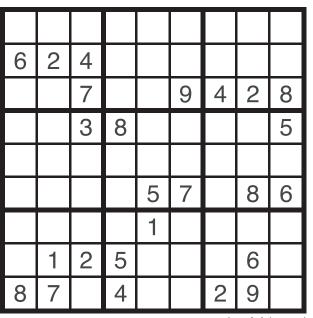
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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CLUES ACROSS

1. A device to disengage

without a key

8. Network of nerves

15. C. European river

16. Bowl-shaped cavity

18. __ Caesar, comedian

5. Subdivision

12. Lounge chair

19. Lyric poems

21. A way to develop

22. Cows collectively

26. Slightly disreputable

32. Food stall: __ pai dong

23. Areas close by

30. Made a mistake

31. One who cites

33. Narrow valley

Congo

39. More (Spanish)

47. Free from slavery

49. Thick piece of

44. Cognizant of

between hills

34. Members of people

living mainly in the

42. Classroom implements

20. Tia's sister

14. Ocean

BELMAC

CAMEO

CELLINI

CHIEFTAIN

CORTLAND

CRISPIN

DANDEE

DELBLUSH

DELICIOUS

something

50. Containing two

carbon atoms

51. Removed entirely

56. Late rocker Turner

58. Observation expedition

59. Opposite of subtracts

57. Appreciated

60. Unit of work

sea bed

63. Witness

61. Wreckage on the

62. Affirmative! (slang)

64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique

2. Japanese city

3. Spiritual leader

4. Second letter of

5. Musical term

7. Fortified wine

8. First year player

9. Moved in a circular way

13. Someone who serves

6. Ruled over

10. Adolescents

language

46. One who tells on others 11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic

Greek alphabet

nitrogen atoms between

DULCET

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FIESTA

FORTUNE

FUJI

JONAGOLD

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HOW TO

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!

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are

September 18

September 19

7-day reporting period.

investigation in the 100 block of West Commercial Street. September 20

of suspicious activity in the 800 block of

6:26 am: Officers initiated a theft

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

9:29 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:36 pm: Officers responded to a report

South Main Street.

September 21 3:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

7:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

September 22

Alder Court.

3:00 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

3:36 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

3:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop near Alder Lane and issued a warning.

The officers of the Willits Police the intersection of Madrone Street and

Department handled **37 incidents** in this South Main Street and issued a warning. 10:19 pm: Officers initiated a burglary

investigation in the 200 block of Margie

10:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

September 23

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

September 11 to September 17 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

> 6:28 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

8:01 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Creekside Drive and East Valley Street.

3:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:17 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

3:56 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:35 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of East Valley

September 24

4:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and



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NEWTOWN

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PEARMAIN

ROUVILLE

TAYLOR

TIOGA

in the armed forces

25. Having three sides

28. American WW2 leader

29. Stale atmosphere

35. US Treasury

38. Soviet Socialist

Republic

40. Places to play

41. Medical event

43. Fixed prices

Illinois

49. Stick around

53. Heroic tale

55. Eat

52. From a distance

54. Amounts of time

video games

42. When you hope to

44. Popular Boston song

45. Valley in Indiana and

47. Omit when speaking

48. German explorer of

the Congo Basin

36. Sound unit

37. They ___

17. Bring up

26. Annoy

27. Hustle

PIPPIN

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Mail thief on probation sent back to jail

Posted by Mendocino County District Attorney

October 6. - Defendant Kylee Michelle Wood, age 25, of Willits, was sentenced on Wednesday, September 27, in the Mendocino County Superior Court to 16 months in Realignment County Prison (aka the Sheriff's Low Gap jail facility).

Defendant Wood was convicted by plea in December 2021 of felony grand theft of a value greater than \$950.

In short, the defendant and an accomplice were roaming the streets of Ukiah in August 2021 getting into private mailboxes and stealing mail.

When Wood was arrested by the Ukiah Police Department, she had in her possession a paycheck sent by Mendocino County to DA David Eyster that had been purloined from his

Wood's male (no pun intended) accomplice eluded the police and was never caught.

Because the victim of the crime was Mendocino County's chief law enforcement officer, the prosecution of defendant Wood has been handled by Lake County District Attorney Susan Krones by assignment made by the Attorney General.

Originally placed on supervised probation for 24 months in December 2021, the defendant failed to take advantage of the help she has Kylee Wood, 25, of Willits. been offered.



Between December 2021 and August 2023 Wood has been found in violation of the terms of her probation five separate times, the last violation occurring in August 2023.

As referred to herein, Realignment County Prisons were created in 2011 by Assembly Bill 109 as a way to shift prison inmates and the cost of felony inmate incarceration from 24. Factual written account the state prisons to the counties.

> Over 500 felony offenses were modified by the Legislature so that any defendant guilty of one of more of the 500+ is ineligible to be housed in a state prison facility and, instead, must serve his or her prison time in the local county jails.

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Looking for something to celebrate?

Learn more about these, or see a list of other celebrations and days at https://www.listofnationaldays.com/

October 19: National Seafood Bisque Day, Caps Lock Day, National Knee Day, Day, International Gin And Tonic Day, New Friends Day, World

October 20: National Suspenders Day, Chucks-N-Pearls Day, Community Media Day, Information Overload Day, International Chefs Day, National Chicken And Waffles Day, National Day On Writing, National Youth Confidence Day, Office Chocolate Day, National Brandied Fruit

October 21: Apple Day, Babbling Day, Back Tripe Day, National Food Day, National To The Future Day, Garbanzo Bean Day, International Day Of The Nacho, National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day, National Witch Hazel Day, Reptile Awareness Day,

National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day October 22: National Color Day, National Nut Day, Eat A Pretzel Day, International

Dress Like A Dork Day, Evaluate Your Life National Make A Dog's Day, Smart Is Cool Day, Wombat Day

October 23: National Boston Cream Pie Day, National Canning Day, National Croc Day, Paralegal Day, National Mole Day,

October 24: United Nations Day, Black Thursday, National Good & Plenty Day, National Kangaroo Awareness Day, Take Back Your Time Day, World Development Information Day, World Polio Day, World Bologna Day

October 25: National Greasy Food Day, International Artist Day, National Fine Art Appreciation Day, National I Care About You Day, National Merri Music Day, Punk For A Day Day, World Pasta Day, World Pizza Makers Day







At left: Twelve-hour artists show their stuff. Above, left: Willits Center for the Arts welcomes Draw 'Til You Drop to Willits. Above, right: Miles Mattson creates a series of "were-monster" drawings at this year's Draw 'Til You Drop marathon fundraiser.

Photos by Margi Gomez Guhde

Maker's Marathon

Artists asked to 'Draw 'Til You Drop' to raise money for local art programs

A challenge was put out recently to area artists to participate in a marathon session of drawing, painting, and working in ceramics, crochet,

Margi Gomez Guhde Features Writer willitsweekly@gmail.com

paper construction, and mixed and digital media as a way to raise money for some of the most prominent arts programs and organizations in Mendocino County.

They stepped up in heroic fashion to partake in the Draw 'Til You Drop marathon. Community members and businesses donated food and prizes, while others sponsored artists by the hour to support the Mendocino County Museum, the Willits High School art program, and the Willits Center for the Arts.

Famed Mendocino County mosaic artist and Draw 'Til You Drop organizer Elizabeth Raybee related that the first art marathon she ever put on was at the Southern Exposure Gallery at Project Artaud in San

"When Art Center Ukiah first formed, I started putting on [Draw 'Til You Drop] as an annual event," said Raybee. "A few years in, we began alternating the event between Willits and Ukiah." Raybee can't remember how many of these unique events she has led, but she said there have probably been at least a dozen, and probably more, over the years.

Twelve artists total participated in Draw 'Til You Drop 2023, including Bakewell. Carolyn Bertsch. Read the rest of

Nancy Christy

Carlton.

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Above, left: Prizes and meals for Draw 'Til You Drop artists were graciously provided by local merchants. Above, right: Willits High School art teacher Carolyn Bakewell is feeling chipper on Saturday morning, Below, left: Retired doctor Sharon Paltin from Laytonville created this tile mosaic during Draw 'Til You Drop 2023. Below, right: Karen Mattson painted this sunflower on cardboard at Draw 'Til You Drop.







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Halloween at Willits Fire Station 54

This year for Halloween Little Lake Fire will have candy for the kids at the new Station 54 on East Commercial street, from 5 to 8 pm. "We will hand out candy in the engine bays - just follow the signs - and we can't wait to see your costumes!" Accepting candy donations at Station 54, Monday through Friday during business hours.

Sherwood Tribe presents Halloween Trunk or Treat

Halloween Trunk or Treat event, presented by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians. Music, food, games & prizes, Tuesday, October 31, from 3 to 6 pm. Get your Halloween night started with fun for everyone! Casino Parking Lot, 100 Kawi Place in Willits. To RSVP your Trunk or Treat spot, call Tina Vansickle at 707-459-9690, before





What's Happening Around Town Thursday, October 19

The weekly Farmers Market outdoors through October on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, D 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.

'LoKoYoKoL' at Shanachie: Songwriter performer from the Northwest coast of

with thumb picking rhythmic acoustic guitar and vocals. Thursday, October 19 at 7 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

Willits Farmers Market:

Friday, October 20

North County Center College Mixer: Join us for an evening of community, connection, and celebration at the North County Friends of Mendocino College and Willits Chamber Mixer! Friday, October 20, from 5 to 7 pm at the North County Center, 372 East Commercial Street. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, libations, and a chance to win raffle prizes; mingle, network, and enjoy

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supporting Mendocino College 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, October 20 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

Saturday, October 21

Street.

Mendo Crafts Autumn Market: Mendo Crafts monthly market of local crafters and vendors is set for Saturday, October 21 from 11 am to 5 pm. Imagination Station parking lot, 11 North Marin Street, by the park.

Halloween Craft Saturday at the Library: Join us for festive, spooky fun! There will be music, games, candy, and prizes. Supplies provided; all ages welcome. Superhero Capes: October 21, 11 am to 12 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908.

2MuchFun! at Szechuan: Musical duo Paul Haley and Dave Pierce returns to rock the the hits of the '60s and '70s at Szechuan Asian Restaurant, 47 East Mendocino Avenue. Saturday, October 21, from 6 to

> Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie: Folk-based country and blues and unique vocals and harmony by Sonoma County based multiinstrumental duo Hilary & Christiane – harmonica, ukulele, dobro, mandolin,

and banjo. Shanachie Pub on Saturday, October 21 at 8 pm. 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, October 22

Grange Pancake Breakfast: "Join your friends for the last Grange Breakfast of the year, Sunday, October 22, from 8 to 11 am. All you can eat pancakes: Choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, or Gluten-free. With Beeler's Quality Bacon; Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs; Real Butter; Juice; and Organic Coffee or Tea. \$10; \$9 for seniors; \$5 for children under 10. Extra sides of Organic Fruit, Amish Organic Maple Syrup, Fresh-Made Fruit Syrup, Extra Beeler's Bacon can also be purchased for \$1 or \$2. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of Main Street).

> Carolyn Wonderland and Friends: A benefit for the Grange Building Fund. "Alligator Records artist Carolyn Wonderland is on a J.S. tour, and Willits is fortunate to have her! Come out, dance, and enjoy this great blues music." Opening act is Ronnie Lee, singer/ songwriter bluesman from Mendocino County. Cosmic Pickle Productions presents this all ages show. Sunday, October 22, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Doors open 5 pm; music at 6 pm. Tickets: \$30 on Eventbrite.

Wednesday, October 25

Dave Pierce at Brickhouse: Writer/Guitarist/Vocalist Dave Pierce is back with more "music for most occasions," at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Wednesday, October 25, from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Thursday, October 26

'A Touch of Mendocino' at the Library: Local painter and sculptor Rebecca Johnson talks about the influence of Mendocino landscape on her art. She will give a

process of how she creates her intriguing bas-relief barn constructions. Thursday, October 26 from 11 am to 12 pm. "A Touch of Mendocino County" series takes place on the last Thursday of the month at the library meeting room. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street Seating is limited. Info: visit

presentation describing her

www.mendolibrary.org or call the Willits Library at 707-

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Mike Ehlers at Shanachie: acoustic performance by Northern California guitarist / songwriter Mike Ehlers: "moves from folk-rap to pop, from alt-country to mellow grooves" Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Friday, October 27

Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library: Willits Library announces the start of a book discussion group on the last Friday of every month, Friday, October 27 this month, from 1 to 2 pm. All adults welcome. Join us for lively conversation and discuss books, authors, genres, and more. In the meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or call the library at 707-459-5908

Sherwood School Fall Festival: Sherwood Elementary School and Friends of Sherwood School host this annual festival Friday, October 27, from 5 to 8 pm. Lasagna and salad dinner at 5 pm; student performance at 5:45 pm followed by games and prizes, a haunted house, and a live raffle with prizes from many local businesses. All kids get a goodie bag. Children and adult costumes are encouraged! 32600 Sherwood Road, 707-984-6769.

Party: Celebrate with a Costume Contest, with prizes for best costumes. Featuring a live DJ, and

Iendocino County Museum

guest food truck, Turtle Island Tacos. 21+. Friday, October 27 at Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street, from 8 pm to closing.

Saturday, October 28

'Her Side of the Story' at the Museum: Mendocino County Museum presents "Her Side of the Story: Tales of California Pioneer Women, opening Saturday, October 28 and running through December 23. With 30 first-person accounts collected from women who traveled by land or sea to settle throughout California prior to January 1, 1854. Tales of California Pioneer Women" was developed by the Society

Pioneers and through Envoy. The exhibit will be enhanced with the addition of women's across Mendocino of the Story County with special contributions from the Kelly House, the

Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House, the Anderson /alley Historical Society, and the Mendocino County Museum collection. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/ museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov, or 707-

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, October 28, 11 to 11:30 am. Happening every last Saturday of the month. All ages welcome. Info: www. mendolibrary.org or 459-5908.

Halloween Dance Party at the Library: Join us for festive, spooky fun! There will be music, games, candy, and prizes. All ages welcome. Halloween Dance Party: October 28, 3 to 4:30 pm, outside in the east parking lot.

> mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908. Art Center's Halloween Gala Fundraiser: the Haunted Ballroom returns, featuring live music from Death and Taxes Swing Band (with members from Dirty Cello) and local favorites Cosmic Family Band. Celebrate the night and support your Arts Center at one of its biggest fundraisers, with a

Enchanted Pumpkin Path

in Calpella, October 31

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County

390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.

spirited Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28, from 7 to 11:30 pm. Also: Depraved Drinks curated by Sloan and Scott, a Frightful Feast, fortune tellers, costume contest, a spooky photo booth with Willits Photo Club photographers to capture your special look, a silent auction, and more! 21+. Gala tickets are \$50 or two for \$90 and are available online at willitscenterforthearts. org or at the door for \$50.

Shanachie Halloween Party: The Pub's annual Halloween Party features Soulevity, a four-piece Mendocino County band born from members of Willits' famed band Tubesteak Jones, who in the 2000s branched off to become Rhyme Related.

playing: "soulful rock and jazzy funk with Also, local hip hop group Some of The Saturday, October 28, 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50









WCA Halloween Kids Party, October 31

Willits Arts Center presents a Halloween Party for Kids on Tuesday, October 31, starting at 4 pm. With music, games, crafts and candy. 71 East Commercial



HALLOWEEN GALA

Oct 28th | 7 - 11pm

An eerie evening for all 21+

save the date

Bar Bites

Costume Contest

Live Music

Silent Auction





Public Safety Halloween Trunk or Treat events

Public Safety agencies in the area are doing Trunk or Treat" events this Halloween, October 31. from 5 to 8 pm.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and Department of Fish & Wildlife Warden are doing drive-through events at the same 470 East Valley Street address.

Little Lake Fire is doing a "stop and visit" event at the Station 54 Firehouse at 74 East Commercial Street. Brooktrails Fire is offering drive-through treats at 24860 Birch Street.

hosts its annual Enchanted Pumpkin Path on October 31, from 4:15 to 8 pm at their Calpella the County of Mendocino are doing "stop & stars as the school campus is transformed visit" events at 470 East Valley Street in Willits. into a magical alternative to Trick-or-Treating The California Highway Patrol and the state for younger children and their families. A

campus, 6280 Third Street, Join us under the cafe, a fire pit, and local music are part of the fun! Tickets, \$10 per person, are available at mendocinowaldorf.org/events, or at the Waldorf School office, 707-485-8719. Tickets for entrance to the Enchanted Pumpkin Path are sold in 15 minute blocks starting at 4:15 pm and running through 8 pm.









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Five Nights at Freddy's

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Movie Times for Oct. 20 thru Oct. 26

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SHERWOOD SCHOOL

FALL FESTIVAL

Lasagna and salad dinner at 5:00, student

performance at 5:45 followed by games and prizes,

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many local businesses! All kids get a goody-bag!

Children and adult costumes are encouraged!

Friday October 27

5pm - 8pm

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Above: Winners of the Apple Pie Throwdown take the stage: Tamara Adams - Best Overall Pie, Davina Sentak - Perfect Crust, Kylie Yokum - Delectable Filling & Next Generation, Linda Miller - Most Aesthetically Pleasing, Diane Smalley - People's Choice, and (not shown) Tia Lawrence – Most Creative. Photo by Fran Appling Gardner





Poetry and Pie Apples, spice, and rhymes are the perfect recipe for an entertaining afternoon

It's difficult to decide which was the most fun, the mouth-watering Apple Pie Throwdown or the cowboy poetry and music. In either event, those who made the trek out to Emandal - A Farm on a River, for the 10th Not Just Cowboy Poetry event were treated to a mellow afternoon in a beautiful place with lovely weather and creative apple pies with homemade vanilla ice cream.

at Emandal's Not Just Cowboy Poetry event

Mathew Caine

In addition, the fundraiser benefitted several of the area's fine altruistic organizations: Willits Daily Bread, Peregrine Audubon Society, Willits Kids Club, S.P.A.C.E., Friends of the Willits Library, Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, and Willits Harrah Senior Center, who ran the silent auction full of colorful baskets loaded with various

goodies, tools, and fun items. Several artistic vendors had booths during the event. Laura Fogg, a well-respected

fabric artist, although not present, showed several of her intricate creations. Another fabric artist, Ursula Partch, was also in attendance with a lovely piece.

Marcia Tichenor brought some very fine examples in which she applied natural materials to a background and created animals and scenes. "These are botanicals," she explained. "I love the forms that are in nature. I press all the flowers from our land. I use hydrangea petals, herbs, maple leaf, augmented with rice paper and some of my watercolor."

Bobbie Yokum was on hand with her artwork and her sister, Cathy Decker, brought very detailed French beaded flowers. Angela Perry of Morninglight Farms on Tomki Road specialized in dried flower arrangements, including small pumpkin creations.

"We last had a Cowboy Poetry event in 2019, before COVID," said Tamara Adams, owner of Emandal. "Today, first off, we're going to have the Apple Pie Throwdown. At 1 pm, we're going to let people start tasting. They can have six tastes of their selected pies along with ice cream, if they want. We never know how many pies are going to be brought for the competition. One year we had about 10 and one year we had 40-some. It's really hard to pick a best.'

This year, there were 13 entries and a couple pies from which to sell slices. The pies were judged by an eclectic panel of disparate tasters who sat around a $\ensuremath{\,^{\text{Read}}} \ensuremath{\,^{\text{the}}} \ensuremath{\,^{\text{rest}}} \ensuremath{\,^{\text{of}}}$

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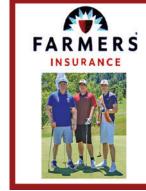
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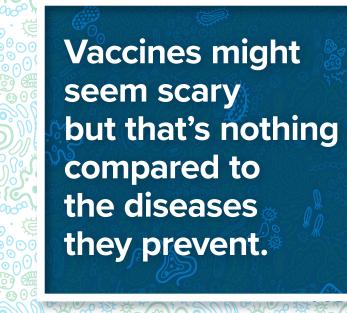




At top, left: Andy Hedges, cowboy poet and singer, came all the way from Texas to entertain. At top, right: Tamara Adams of Emandal - A Farm on a River cuts samples of the pies and places them on numbered tray for the judges. Abpve, left: The pie-contest judges receive last-minute instructions prior to beginning the tasting. Above: Approximately 75 attendees sit outside in the pleasant afternoon to listen to some cowboy poetry and music. At left: Cindy and Rod Panzer created a caramel apple date Dutch crunch pie. Below: Robert Armstrong provides the eerie saw music to back up his partner, Sourdough Slim, in a rendition of "Ghost Riders in the Sky."

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN W. FIGG-HOBLYN AKA JOHN WESTROPP FIGG-HOBLYN, SR. CASE NO. 23PR00169

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: JOHN W. FIGG-HOBLYN AKA JOHN WESTROPP

A Petition for Probate has been filed by GERRY FIGG-HOBLYN in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that GERRY FIGG-HOBLYN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: November 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State

If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk Attorney for Petitioner: Alexander C. Rich, CARTER RICH PC, 305

N. Main St., Ukiah, CA 95482 Telephone: 707-462-6694 Publication Dates: October 19, 26, November 2, 2023

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. D-503-CV-2023-00408 **EDDY COUNTY** PETROLEO, LLC, Plaintiff

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING DECEASED PERSONS: CLARENCE M. GORMLEY, TOMMIE LEE AUSBURN aka TOMMIE B. AUSBURN, GRACE L. BARNES KANE, FERN POPE, LaMOINE CORNER, FRANK W. CORNER, and AGNES RINKER; and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS; Defendants

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING DECEASED PERSONS: CLARENCE M. GORMLEY, TOMMIE LEE AUSBURN aka TOMMIE B. AUSBURN, GRACE L. BARNES KANE, FERN POPE, LaMOINE CORNER, FRANK W. CORNER, and AGNES RINKER: and ALL LINKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS GREETINGS: You and each of you are notified that there has been filed in the District Court of Eddy County. New Mexico. the above-entitled cause of action wherein Petroleo, LLC is the

Plaintiff and you are Defendants. The object and purpose of said suit is to quiet title to Plaintiff's undivided onehalf (1/2) interest in the following: An overriding royalty interest consisting of the following percentage interests in the oil and gas produced under United States Oil and Gas Leases LC 062410 and

by the United States of America, as Lessor, to Clarence M. Gormley, as Lessee, recorded in Book 42, Page 204 of the Oi and Gas Records of Eddy County, New Mexico (collectively the "Oil and Gas Lease"), insofar as it covers the following described lands (the "Lands") in Eddy County, New Mexico, as follows: Township 25 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M. 1/3 of 1%

LC 062140-A, issued as a single lease under No. LC 062140

Section 21: S½ 1 - 1/3%

Section 27: W½NW¼ Section 28: N½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, NW¼, SE¼NE¼ 1/3 of 1% Section 29: NE1/4 1/3 of 1%

You, and each of you, are further notified that unless you enter your appearance within thirty (30) days after the date of last publication pursuant to NMRA 1-004(B)(2) and file a responsive pleading or motion within such time, judgment by default may be rendered in said cause against each of you so failing to appear and the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this Complaint to Quiet

Plaintiff is represented by Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP (Anna Brandl), whose address is P.O. Box 3580, Midland, Texas 79701 and whose phone number is (432) 683-4691. WITNESS my hand and Seal of the Court this 6th day of June

MARTHA HUEREQUE

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT Publication Dates: October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2023

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE The City of Willits hereby gives public notice of its intention to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLITS ADDING CHAPTER 8.10 MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION, TO TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE CITY OF WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SB 1383

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) directed the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("CalRecycle") to adopt regulations to reduce organic waste statewide by 50% from its 2014 baseline level by 2020 and 75% by 2025. SB 1383 also requires the regulations to recover, for human consumption, at least 20 percent of edible food that is currently thrown away. The purpose of SB 1383 is to reduce methane and greenhouse gas emissions resulting from landfilled organic waste, and the impact on climate change. The regulations promulgated by CalRecycle to implement SB 1383 (the "SB 1383 Regulations") were finalized in late 2020 and took effect on January 1, 2022. The SB 1383 Regulations require the City to adopt and enforce an ordinance to implement the SB 1383 Regulations (this "SB 1383 Ordinance").

The SB 1383 Ordinance will require all residents and businesses to subscribe to organic waste collection services and source separate organic waste from solid waste and recyclables. The Ordinance requires education and outreach to individuals and businesses who generate waste on how they can properly sort materials for collection, the implementation of an edible food recovery program, inspections to ensure compliance with the SB 1383 Regulations, and enforcement for non-compliance with the SB 1383 Regulations.

FIRST READING WILL BE ON: October 25, 2023 SECOND READING/ADOPTION WILL BE ON: November 8, 2023 LOCATION: CITY HALL 111 E COMMERCIAL STREET,

WILLITS CA 95490(COUNCIL CHAMBERS) TIME: MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.

Publication of this notice constitutes compliance with Govt. Code §36933. Complete copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk. Taylor Perry

Senior City Planner

Publication Date: October 19, 2023

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School board reporter?

Willits Weekly needs reporting local news. Interested in the local school board? Meets 2nd Thursdays, 5 pm at Willits City Hall, but can be reported from video posted of the meeting, too. Other opportunities available. Experience in news reporting a plus, but not a requirement. Pls. send letter of interest or resume to willitsweekly@gmail.

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As a result of the arrest

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The motorist provided a physical description of the driver of the Toyota Sienna van which was subsequently given to the Sheriff's Office deputies who thereafter located the driver walking on Birch Street.

A CHP officer responded to Birch Street and contacted the driver in connection with the traffic collision investigation.

This resulted in the CHP officer placing the driver, Root Harvest Birimisa (26-year-old male from Eureka), under arrest for DUI and hit and run resulting in

tine Ann Randolph (53-yearold female from Eureka). During the investigation officers and detectives in Humboldt County began to follow up on several leads in

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/s/ Jaclyn Cobbs Publication dates: October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023

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attorney that they had the authority

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in her place. Morin Jacobs of the San

Francisco law firm of Liebert, Cassidy

Whitmore cited a state labor code, but

county treasurer, and not specifically

auditor/ controller/ tax collector, the

combined positions that Cubbison was elected to hold. Jacobs and her law firm have represented the county as outside legal advisers before. Jacobs did not return calls for comment, nor procedures did individual supervisors after the

surprise vote on Tuesday, October 17. Cubbison's attorney Chris Andrian said Tuesday he had never heard of such an action being taken against an elected official without a hearing or

court adjudication. "Can an elected official really be suspended without due process?" he asked. Andrian said he is conferring with labor law attorneys on behalf of Cubbison. Cubbison declined to comment on the board's action, but her chief

deputy spoke on her behalf. "Chamise is without doubt dedicated county official who is known for her honesty and integrity," said

Kikie DeLong, chief deputy auditor. "The board's action is premature. We don't have any of the facts on the table Carrie Shattuck, a candidate for the board of supervisors District 1 in next vear's election, addressed the board

"I think the board is really jumping the gun. Ms. Cubbison has not even been arraigned yet," said Shattuck.

suspend Cubbison.

Shattuck said the move to criminally accuse Cubbison, and the board's quick move to suspend her suggests an ulterior motive— "It's very obvious now that we know why there was a contingency plan for a Department of Finance."

Cubbison supporters believe county leadership, including District Attorney Eyster, wants to forcibly remove the auditor so they can move ahead with a controversial plan to create a new Department of Finance.

Eyster addressed the board of supervisors Tuesday morning during public comment characterizing media coverage of the Cubbison case as misinformation" and "speculation.

Pushing back on claims that Cubbison's charges are the result of tension between the DA and the auditor-controller, Eyster said, "The single charge filed against each defendant flows from a criminal investigation that was not initiated by me or anybody else in the DA's Office."

In his comments, Eyster repeatedly referred to Auditor Cubbison as a "county employee" rather than the elected official she is.

During his statement, Eyster said he has no vendetta against the auditor despite repeated run-ins with her over his office's spending patterns. The district attorney claimed the investigation that led to the felony criminal complaint he filed against Cubbison Friday afternoon October 13, was instigated by "outside"

In fact, the county Executive Office was told to refer questions it raised about extra pay allegedly wrongfully authorized for Kennedy by Cubbison to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office for investigation. Cubbison has said she believed the extra pay agreement cited in the felony charge was agreed upon by former Auditor Weer. He has refused to return calls for comment.

Sheriff Matt Kendall said the county Executive Office referred concerns about the arrangement to his office for investigation. "I assigned it to a seasoned investigator, and we delivered a fair and impartial report," said Kendall. However, Eyster's own investigators conducted further inquiries, ultimately prompting the DA to press charges against Cubbison and Kennedy.

The tension between Eyster and the Auditor-Controller's Office has been well-documented as guarreling with three different auditors including Cubbison.

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In 2013, former Auditor Meredith Ford squared off with Eyster over his planned use of asset forfeiture money from largely drug-related cases to "basically pay for all of his office expenses." Ford told county supervisors then that her review of federal guidelines surrounding the use of asset forfeiture funds "does not say that they are to be used for everyday

Eyster subsequently engaged in sparring matches with Ford's successor, Lloyd Weer, also over the DA's use of asset forfeiture funds, and travel expense reimbursements that Weer said did not conform to county

When Cubbison became assistant auditor-controller, she too questioned what she characterized as Eyster's refusal to follow county reimbursement

For their part, county supervisors ignored warnings from Cubbison and other seasoned county department such as retired Treasurer-Tax Collector Sherri Schapmire that combining formerly independent elected offices into one would create chaos and remove vital internal controls over county finances. They floated the idea of a new Department of Finance during that fierce debate.

Cubbison eventually was elected head of the combined offices after the board forged ahead, but the departments have been swamped by an exodus of experienced employees, a years-old software system that is still not functioning correctly, and delayed financial reporting and audits. Some board members have seized upon the continuing problems as justification for directly after it voted unanimously to a new county Department of Finance.

> In 2021, Eyster vehemently tried to block Cubbison's appointment as auditor following former Auditor Weer's early retirement. He then worked behind the scenes with board members on a plan to consolidate the Auditor/Controller's Office with the county's Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office in hopes that move would eventually lead to a new Department of Finance as advocated by some

Cubbison ran for election to oversee the newly combined offices, and she won to the chagrin of Eyster and her board critics.

The solidity of the county's finances has been relentlessly debated for several years but the only thing to emerge this year has been more turmoil at the board level, and now a criminally accused auditor suddenly suspended without pay.

Tuesday was expected to be a routine court appearance for Cubbison and co-defendant Paula June Kennedy, the county's former payroll manager, but it proved to be a chaotic day with unprecedented

The tumultuous day ended with the board acting to suspend the auditor who did not appear before the board to speak on her own behalf.

Attorney Andrian said there is no evidence of criminal intent on Cubbison's part, nor did she personally benefit from any of the \$68,000 in extra pay the county gave to Kennedy for work done during the Covid pandemic.

Deputy Chief Auditor DeLong said the board should presume Cubbison is innocent until proven guilty of any

"They acted prematurely today. She has not even been arraigned," said

Entry of pleas from Cubbison and Kennedy on the single felony charge facing each was delayed until October 31. Kennedy sought the delay because she is seeking legal representation from the county's Public Defender

At this point, DA Eyster so far refuses to answer questions put to him by this reporter about his perceived bias against Cubbison, and whether he has a conflict given his record of sharp disagreements with the Auditor's Office over the span of his tenure as the county's chief prosecutor.

Editor's Note: Both Cubbison and Kennedy were arrested and booked into Mendocino County Jail on Sunday, October 15, each on 1 felony charge of misappropriation of public funds. Both women were released in about an hour. Bail amount was listed as \$0 for each.

Eureka Police Department with the assistance of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Fortuna Police Department, California Highway Patrol, California State Parks, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, and the Mendocino County

Investigators learned Randolph's family had become concerned for her safety after learning of Biri Misa's October 8 arrest. Birmisa was identified as being Randolph's son and that the pair were known to be traveling together.

On October 11, 2023, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office detectives assisted Investigators from the Eureka Police Department who had obtained a search warrant authorizing a search of the Toyota Sienna van in connection with the missing persons investigation

The interior of the Toyota Sienna van was packed with a significant number of belongings to include clothing, luggage and living supplies.

Investigators began removing the belongings, and subsequently located a deceased female adult who was located in a section of concaved

The rest of **Brooktrails**

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burn ban restriction will remain lifted.

Director Ed Horrick asked: "But, they will still need to get a permit in order to burn. Is that correct? And, they will need to get the permit from CAL FIRE, not from Brooktrails Fire Department?" Alaniz responded, "Yes, that is correct.

Brooktrails resident Linda Hill went to the podium to address the board. She stated, "First of all I want to say thank you to Tamara for helping me to get my water bill paid in full. My water bill which was \$7,938.00 was paid to Brooktrails on September 16th. So, I currently don't have any balance owed, and I would like the lien removed

Manager Alaniz responded, saying, "The lien has been removed." Hill was very grateful that everything was now in order, due to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. and she no longer had to be concerned about the

Third District Supervisor John Haschak stepped to the podium and said: "I wanted to talk about what's going on with the Brooktrails Emergency Access Routes. At the last board of supervisors meeting we were presented some options, and the board agreed to move ahead with using the licenses that we have with the homeowners along those routes of the Willits Creek Trail, the sewer easement, and the Firco Road.

"With that in mind," Haschak continued, "we have to redo the engineer's report a little bit, to update it because it's a year and a half old and LAFCO [Local Agency Formation Commission] had a process that they wanted us to do. The decision by the board was that we didn't really need to follow the LAFCO process. We could do this benefit assessment. So, we are going to go back to the engineer who did the original evaluation of it to make sure the numbers are still

"Then we will have it put out to a ballot and it will be a negative vote," Haschak said. "It will only involve Brooktrails residents and the subdivisions heading north who have developed properties. I received a unanimous vote of approval.

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Address

the local courts do their job and resolve these

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"Criminal charges were filed Friday against a current county employee and a former county employee. Like all of us, these two defendants are presumed to be innocent until the contrary is proven in a court of law. The in-court legal process to do this begins this afternoon at 1:30. [Editor's note: Arraignment was postponed until October 31.]

"The single charge filed against each defendant flows from a criminal investigation that was not initiated by me or anybody else in the DA's Office. No, the investigation was initiated and conducted by the professionals at the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

"As is the case with most criminal investigations, the Sheriff's involvement began when information regarding the commission of possible crimes was received by his office from knowledgeable sources outside of the local criminal justice system.

"Believing there was probable cause to proceed, the Sheriff assigned an experienced investigator to review timelines, gather and analyze documents, and interview percipient

"At the conclusion of the Sheriff's investigation, written investigation reports were prepared, along with a charging recommendation naming the current and former employees as the

"The Sheriff's completed investigation packet was then submitted to the DA's Office for review and for the consideration of formal charges.

"After going through an initial DA Office intake review, some additional investigation was conducted by experienced DA investigators both current and now retired -- to supplement some aspects of the Sheriff's investigation.

"The law enforcement investigation and DA review process just mentioned is the process

flooring which was concealed by the large number of belongings.

The female adult was identified as being Randolph, and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office assumed investigative lead into the circumstanc-

At this time there is an active coroner's investigation in an attempt to determine the classification and cause of Randolph's death

Anyone who might have information which could assist Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Detectives is urged to contact the Sheriff's Office Tip-Line at 707-234-2100 or the WeTip anonymous crime reporting hotline at 800-782-7463.

Editor's Note: As of press time, the jail booking log reports Birimisa as still being held on \$680,000 bond. Arresting agency is Ukiah CHP; felony charges include: Assault with intent to rape, specified sex offenses, lewd or lascivious acts upon a child, and misdemeanor charges include hit & run property damage, and DUI

believe there are 1,547 properties. So, it will go out for a vote, and if more than half vote 'no,' then it's rejected. But, otherwise it will be approved. We are looking at a cost more or less of \$30 per property per year.'

Director Horrick asked: "What will this access route do? What is the purpose of it?" Haschak responded: "There's been incredible work done on them, as you know, on the Firco Road. The money will provide for maintenance of the road. In case of an emergency, first responders will use the road. We're looking at a cost of about \$45,000 per year to maintain the emergency access route

Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea asked, "If this passes, will there be a mechanism in place that will make sure that the work is done?" Haschak's response was: "Yes, there has to be some kind of mechanism in place to assure that and to make sure that the money is spent properly. So, I think there will be some sort of advisory board formed. And, we will try to get the county to do the road

Director Joanne Cavallari asked: "Which county department will be the lead department for the work? Will it be Transportation? Will it be the Sheriff? Will it be Fire? Whose budget does the money go into?'

Haschak replied: "It would be a separate line item and a separate budget. It will be on its own. But, the Department of Transportation says they will do the work on the roads if needed.

Director Tyler-O'Shea thanked Supervisor Haschak for all of his dedicated work on getting the emergency access route to the forefront, and all of the board members echoed her thanks. Haschak said, "It's been a long haul but we're

The board then focused on the Consent Calendar and voted to unanimously approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$155,680.19.

The final agenda item: Consideration of the Holiday and Board Meeting schedule, also

followed in all 58 counties for interaction between law enforcement and the DA's offices.

"Locally, between 5,000 and 7,000 reports are submitted by law enforcement for DA charging review every calendar year.

Among other duties and given my many years of experience in doing so, I personally review reports and make the charging decisions 7-daysa-week on most of these local law enforcement reports so as to provide for charging consistency

"Now to be very clear, neither my staff nor I have used or will use our positions to pursue retribution or purported vendettas against any defendant – public sector or otherwise – here in Mendocino County

"Again, the case involving the two county employees is a Sheriff's Office investigation that now needs to be resolved in the local Courts pursuit to state law.

"Finally, while some don't like it, my staff and I will not publicly discuss facts and/or legal theories of this case (or any other case for that matter) outside of court unless and until there is

"If someone looking in from the outside tells you or writes that they have divined what is going on and why, don't believe it

"Our silence is an ethical, fair, and honest way to protect constitutional rights and to not inadvertently taint our limited pool of potential

"Those who have actually paid attention over time know this is how my attorneys and I have successfully pursued justice in Mendocino County since I became the DA in January 2011. "This is how my prosecutors and I will continue

to pursue justice in the Mendocino County "Thank you! I now have work to get back to

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Margie Chandler, Keith Hendricks, Karen Mattson, Miles Mattson, Sharon Elizabeth Raybee, Janae Stephens, Divora Stern, and Shawna

Lou White.

Raybee believes that many who tongues and upward turned noses participate in Draw 'Til You Drop are motivated by the opportunity to devote a whole day to making art, while others are driven by raising funds for a favorite local non-profit while enjoying a good

Artists are required to devote at least 12 hours of work to be eligible for sponsorship in this marathon fundraiser.

"My longest personal [Draw 'Til You Drop] art-ing experience, about 15 years ago, was 36 hours," shared Raybee. "Willow Jackson is the all-time Mendocino County record holder at 48

Artists who work the longest hours and raise the most money receive prizes generously donated by local merchants

Artists can take bathroom breaks when needed, but generally work until a break is declared, usually five minutes per hour. Once artists start keeping time, they are not permitted to sleep.

"Often artists choose to work for two or three hours and then take a 10 or 15 minute break for a meal," explained

Entertainers also donate their time to the effort. Draw 'Til You Drop had four former poet laureates: Armand Brindt, Michael Reidell, Dan Barth and Bill Churchill, along with Alan Phillips and Natalie Senter.

"Musicians included the Raging Grannies, the Uke Tones, Twining Time, the Slithy Toves played for us, along with singers Madge Strong, Helen Falandes and Fran Gardner, as well as a couple of young men who just happened to be in the neighborhood!" said Raybee.

Willits Center for the Arts manager Sasha Thomas kept a watchful eye on the three-day event, providing meals and problem solving as issues arose. She made no secret of her admiration for Raybee, for bringing county arts organizations together, and keeping this fundraiser going for decades.

"Elizabeth believes artists and arts institutions deserve to thrive in our community," said Thomas, "and she is willing to annually work her butt off to make it so. She knows our organizations need unmarked operating funds and money for community initiatives and programming. Her passion, work ethic, and persistence are legendary."

buzzed through the weekend-long marathon. She related that the visual collaborating, the constant stream of poets, story tellers and musicians, and the friendly competition among the was also great to see observers come in to sponsor or leave a donation.

together!"

Elizabeth Raybee and veteran painter and mixed-media artist Keith Hendricks of Ukiah both held out for over 25 hours, with artist Shawna Lou White going strong for 19 hours.

The top three fundraisers for this year's Draw 'Til You Drop were: #1 Willits High School art teacher Carolyn Bakewell; #2 Nancy Bertsch, a speech pathologist who crocheted for 16 hours, and #3, Janae Stephens, best-known for her artistic organic cotton T-shirts, who worked on a stained glass mosaic window for 13 hours.

community effort.

"I really think it's the only thing much to my own dismay, it tasted that'll make the cows come running. so good, I just didn't care what

> rest of the juice falls into a pan below the press. The full pan is removed, leftover apple mash goes into the tractor bucket for the cows, and the to a pot with a funnel and tube on the transfer into containers for long- or short-term storage.

containers to the freezer.

One of the projects Allman enjoys doing with the juice is making hard apple cider, to give as gifts to friends, or to enjoy with his family.

great advice and help with not only apple pressing, but making the hard cider specifically. Fermentation is a scientific process and can be very complicated. Science wasn't my strong suit as a student at South Fork High," Allman laughed. "I have them on speed dial now! The cleanliness and the yeast you use all make different outcomes, and if you want to get a good consistent cider, you have to kill off the natural yeast on the outside of the apples and introduce new yeasts, like Champagne yeast or English cider yeast."

"I always joke and tell people that

doing it all for the love of the apple, and they always love getting the kind of 'Christmas spirit' I can deliver!"

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors today, the board voted to suspend Cubbison in light of these state and local services such as fire criminal charges, and appoint Sara Pierce as acting and emergency response. auditor-controller-treasurer-tax collector

"The charges highlight the need for strong integrity by our public officials and business controls within our departments to safeguard the public interest and funds entrusted to us. Thankfully, we have a CEO who has done just that," said Supervisor Ted Williams.

The District Attorney's investigation was prompted after the CEO's office found evidence of misappropriation of funds in September 2022. "I'd like to acknowledge and thank District Attorney Eyster and the Sheriff's Office for the thorough and professional approach their offices have undertaken with this investigation. We're looking forward to continuing to work cooperatively together so that the county can come out of this stronger than ever." commented Supervisor Williams. Pierce's acting appointment is a welcome addition, he said: "Ms. Pierce is highly respected and capable, and The final tally shows organizer we're looking forward to the stability and operational continuity that she'll provide.

> "After it became clear that further investigation was necessary, the Executive Office, Human Resources and IT worked together to further understand the extent of the issue and preserve evidence. We also brought on a forensic auditing firm in March 2023 to concretely assess the overall strengths and weaknesses of our internal controls," said Supervisor Williams

"While we don't know what the outcomes will be with the criminal proceedings, nor the results of the State Controller's audit that is also underway, we welcome the opportunity to understand where we can improve our systems and will be evaluating additional control measures," continued Supervisor Williams. "There's Draw 'Til You Drop lives on, with simply no place for this type of misconduct [alleged misconduct, added by editor] in Mendocino, and to the pulling together in this inspiring and fun extent our policies can reaffirm public integrity, that's what county leadership intends to do."

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are compressed in a nylon bag under the weight of the hydraulic press. The and the juice is poured into a finer mesh bag placed over a bucket to catch any smaller particles. The double-strained juice is then moved bottom, allowing for easy and clean

The unpasteurized, raw juice only lasts a short time in the fridge, but it can be easily prolonged by moving

"The Gowan family has given me

But overall, Allman loves apples, having great gifts to give, and giving himself something fun to do in his

"I love apple juice, and I'm really said Allman. "My family and friends really love it too, all this goodness makes for great Christmas presents,

"Tom and his generosity with his time, skill, and apple press is such a wonderful community asset!" praised a grateful Copperfield, hauling several jugs of juice back to his truck. "And you can quote me on that!"

Measure

billions of dollars that are dedicated to

The California State Association of Counties, a lobbying and advocacy organization that represents county government before the California Legislature, is one of organizations that have come out in opposition of the act, saying in a memo that it would, "Amend the California Constitution to restrict the ability of the state, counties, other local agencies and the electorate to approve or collect

taxes, fees, and other revenues." The CSAC memo also states: "This initiative would retroactively cancel other revenue measures passed by voters or approved between January 1. 2022, and the time this initiative goes into effect, if they do not comply with this measure's provisions, even if they complied with all laws in effect at the time they passed,

If the Taxpayer Protection Act goes through, those other revenue measures cancelled could include Measure P, which passed in Mendocino County on November 8, 2022, and increases the county sales tax by .25% for 10 years to provide funding for city services, including fire services. Little Lake Fire is counting on funds from Measure P, and not seeing that funding would, according to the board, be a huge financial setback.

Michelle Schnitzius, administrative assistant for Little Lake Fire, explained it in more detail saying: "We have been running off the same operational budget for 23 years. Twenty-three years ago, our gas bill for our engines ran about \$300; now, we pay about \$3,000 a month on that same budget Our workers comp runs about \$75,000 a year, and our insurance for equipment is about \$40,000. It just goes to show how items have increased that we have no control over. Every turnout set runs about \$5,000 if we are lucky, and that

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and discussing the virtues of the crust, filling, appearance, and overall goodness of each entry.

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After due consideration, the following winners were announced after the final cowboy left the stage: Tamara Adams (under a pseudonym for anonymity and fairness) Best Overall Pie. Davina Sentak – Perfect Crust. Kylie Yokum - Delectable Filling and Next Generation, Linda Miller - Most Aesthetically Pleasing, Tia Lawrence - Most

Along with the judges' choices, people could pay \$5 to be able to taste six of the entries (along with homemade ice cream to cleanse the palette between bites of pie) and then vote on their favorite. The winner of the People's Choice Pie was Diane Smalley

For those who didn't get enough pie and ice cream while sampling the entries, for another \$5 they could get a full slice of Emandal pie with a generous scoop of vanilla ice

After the ice cream gorging was completed, over 75 quests moved to the seats in front of Emandal's modular stage to enjoy the afternoon's entertainment while allowing the sweet pies and ice cream to digest

Adams thanked the crowd for coming and contributing and introduced Sourdough Slim and Robert Armstrong. The duo delighted the crowd with humor, yodeling, and (mostly) cowboy music played on accordion by Slim, and guitar, dobro, steel guitar, and banjo by Armstrong, who additionally made some eerie high-pitched sounds on his bowed saw, backing up Slim on "Ghost Riders in the Sky."

"The life of a yodeling, accordion-playing cowboy can be quite trying," lamented Slim. "A few weeks back, when we were up in Oregon, they put us up in a very nice hotel. I had some very rude neighbors that night. It kind of wrecked my experience. In the room on one side of me were a couple of irate ladies. They were ranting and raving. In the room on the other side of me was some vahoo pounding on the wall continually. I didn't let it bother me a bit. I just kept plaving

After Slim and Armstrong, the attendees were treated to the poetry and music of Andy Hedges, who came all the way from Texas to regale the crowd with mellow tones of his music and some original poetry:

"I was born full growed with nine rows of jaw teeth and

There were spurs on my feet, a rawhide quirt in my hand And when they opened the shoot, I came out ridin's

I rode a few things that was too rough to grow any hair

I rode everything with hair on it.

And ropin' the longhorn whales

liahtnin' Mountain lions are my playmates

I've rode bull moose, she grizzlies, and long bolts of

When I get cold and lonesome, I sleep in a den of

'Cause they always make me nice and warm." The Not Just Cowboy Poetry event, as always, was entertaining, tasty, and filled to the brim with pie and ice

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does not include SCBAs [self-contained breathing apparatus]. So, this money

> During the meeting the board voted in favor of a resolution to formally oppose The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, which made the later presentation of Little Lake's 5 new SCOTT Packs all the more poignant. SCOTT Packs are the self-contained breathing apparatuses firefighters wear during a fire (think

from Measure P is imperative for us.

mask and air tank). There was a time when no special equipment was worn by firefighters who went in to fight fires. Things have come a long way. The new SCOTT Packs are much more advanced. For just five of these packs, critical for firefighters safety, the grand total was \$40,000. Little Lake was able to afford them through a USDA grant. They're hopeful for 22 more SCOTT Packs through an Assistance for Fighters Grant, though

are still waiting to see if they qualify. Other agenda items included updates on if and when some necessary repairs will be made to the firehouse. The company Little Lake is contracted with, ACGC (Adams Commercial General Contracting) has yet to make the repairs, which have created a few safety and security issues for the firehouse. The Little Lake crew is hopeful those issues will be resolved

Little Lake will also open and decorate a fire truck bay at the firehouse on Commercial Street for Halloween, October 31. Firefighters will be there to hand out candy from 5 to 8 pm and would very much appreciate any donations of bags of candy brought to the firehouse before Halloween to help offset the costs of the event.

Lastly, Deputy Chief John Thomen reported that as of October 11, the burn ban has been lifted for Mendocino

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laughed Allman as he dumped the percentage of bugs were probably front loader of crumbly apple pulp over the fence to the outstretched a logical argument for bacon!] Once pulverized, the apple shreds of the sea of grateful black bovines on the other side of the fence. "They

sudden they appear at the fence and start excitedly anticipating. In addition to processing his own apples to make into juice, reduce into apple syrup for pancakes, and ferment into hard cider, Allman also has been helping about 20 families and friends turn their apples into the luscious liquid over the years.

"My buddies Brad and Aaron came over last Saturday, and we juiced 1,500 pounds of apples, which will get frozen to eventually turn into holiday cider!" said Allman.

hear that motor turn on, and all of the

"A 5 gallon bucket of whole apples is giving back about 3 gallons of juice," explained Allman. "Last year, that same bucket would only have given about 2.5 gallons of juice. really think all the rain over last winter has made a huge difference in the juiciness of the apples this year. Drinking 8 ounces of the juice is the equivalent of eating about three

Kevin Copperfield, a severalyear veteran co-juicer with Allman, brought about 40 pounds Monday afternoon, including some Braeburn, some Golden Delicious, and some Pippin varieties.

Copperfield's wife, Wendy. carefully dewormed, deseeded and de-stemmed their buckets of apples, a process which, makes the juice more ... vegetarian ... in nature. Copperfield said he thinks the preparation makes for a sweeter, and darker, juice, too.

vegetarian reporter's box of whole apples directly into the feeder tube of the machine [Vegetarian reporter's note: As the the beautifully colored golden liquid into the pan, I wasn't able to resist

this kind of raw apple juice has all

sorts of goodness in it, including

probably some insect protein, too!"

laughed Allman as he dumped this

grinder pulverized and pressed out a scoop and collective cheers with Dixie cups from Tom and Kevin, and, From page 1 Complaint

Thomas said she drew inspiration from the creative energy that continuously artists and artisans creating and artists was a joy to behold, adding, "It

Thomas also reminded the community that it's not too late for supporters to donate to the cause. "Please come into WCA during our weekend hours to leave a cash or check donation, or use the donate button at www. willitscenterforthearts.org. This is a way to show these tireless creatives that you support them, so we can all thrive

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Back Porch Trio

plays Willits Community Theatre, October 21

Submitted by Willits Community Theatre

The charm of local indie folk sounds will emanate from the Back Porch Trio at Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 pm. A fixture over the past six years in the Northern California scene, the trio features Rosie Wetzel on ukulele and vocals, Steve Hahm on acoustic guitar and vocals, and Jeff Taylor on bass.

From upbeat rockers to plaintive ballads, the trio presents a wide-ranging, funloving sound created from a combination of musical influences, folk to blues, classic rock, jam band, Americana, and bluegrass. The trio's sound starts with their unique original songwriting built on a blend of vocal harmonies and tasteful yet simple acoustic instrumentation from their three instruments. While they offer up a collection of their own songs, they also mix in clever concepts of popular cover tunes.

For the WCT show, the Back Porch Trio will be joined by a very special guest, Yvonne Boyd on percussion. While they bring their unique voices and instruments to the WCT stage, something funky and folky is guaranteed to unfold. Tickets are \$20 and available online at www.wctperformingartscenter.org and at the door.







Waldorf School's Enchanted Pumpkin Path, October 31

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is hosting its annual Enchanted Pumpkin Path on October 31, from 4:15 to 8 pm at their Calpella campus, 6280 Third Street.

This beloved offering to the community was founded 35 years ago to provide a whimsical and safe alternative to scary, over-stimulating Halloween activities. The school campus will be transformed into a magical alternative to trick-or-treating for younger children and

Each year the Enchanted Pumpkin Path presents eight short theater skits with treats, bringing to life backdrops and characters that captivate children and their caregivers alike. A host of local actors and actresses grace our stages with their presence and bring mirth, humor, and mystery to the production.

The school community and thespians see this event as an offering to the larger community. Dedicated volunteers are working at all levels to make the magic come alive!

Guests will be greeted by music and revelry, the blacktop will feature chalk drawing, minstrels and a fire pit. The Smoky Cauldron Café will be offering chili and soup, light snacks, homemade baked goods, Black Oak Coffee, apple cider, and hot chocolate.

Guests will be escorted through the path in groups to see skits. After traveling though the theater skits, guests are encouraged to linger for snacking and visiting with friends.

The cost of admission is \$10 per person. Tickets are on sale now at mendocinowaldorf. org/events, or at the Waldorf School office, 707-485-8719. Tickets for entrance to the path are sold in 15 minute blocks starting at 4:15 pm and running through 8 pm. The Café will

We hope you and yours can join us for an inspired, enchanted evening! See you all on





Her Side of the Story

Female pioneer exhibit opens at Mendocino County Museum October 28

Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

California Pioneer Women" will show at the Mendocino County Museum October 28 through December 23, 2023. It will feature 30 first-person accounts collected from women who traveled by land or sea to settle throughout California prior to January 1, 1854.

It will be enhanced with the addition of women's stories from across Mendocino County with special contributions from the Kelly House, the Grace Hudson Museum

"Her Side of the Story: Tales of and Sun House, the Anderson Valley Historical Society, and the Mendocino County Museum collection.

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

> "Her Side of the Story: Tales of California Pioneer Women" was developed by the Society of California Pioneers and travels through Exhibit Envoy.

Ar tight: Eduardo Nieto's mother, Maria Guadalupe Nieto, has many years of cooking experience and her own personal style. Below: Bad Habit Grill is now open for breakfast between 7:30 and 11:30







Grill

From page 3

Money is a means to an end for Nieto, not the culmination of his life. "I want to give back to my community. I don't want riches. What am I going to do with a lot of money? I always lived in a small family home. We'll fund what we should for Max [his infant son] with a college fund, etc. but we're not going to spoil him with money." Nieto came from humble but comfortable beginnings.

"I also want to give back to my community in the future when I can because the Willits High School community shaped what I am. I graduated at 17, one year early, and went to Sacramento State, which made me change what I was. I became more humble. I got to see every kind of life, from the richest to the poorest people.

His idea for the restaurant is to provide the basic traditional Mexican foods that his mother, Maria Guadalupe Nieto, has brought with her, while integrating his wife, Jasmine Elizabeth Avalos,' Salvadoran dishes, including pupusas, a round, breaded bun with various fillings and served with various sauces.

Other treats include quesabirrias, "like quesadillas but with seasoned meat inside them. There is a sauce that people either pour over the dish or just dip into," explained Nieto. They also serve gorditas. "They're like a tortilla crisp with chicken, sour cream, lettuce. There are different ways you can make it. Some people like the vegetarian gorditas with beans and cheese. Some people cook the chicken differently with more or less spice.

In addition to the Hispanic foods, Nieto will also be offering American food in order for the entire family to be able to enjoy a meal together. "We wanted to be able to please the entire family, so we have Mexican, El Salvadorian, and American food all in the same place. We have American favorites for the kids.

"Our main goal is to prosper, have affordable foods," said Nieto. "We are also trying to incorporate more traditional dishes and a different cooking style. We would like to be able to serve atolés, a hot drink that is served during the winter months, and different types of soups, my mom's homemade spaghetti, which is a tradition on her side of the family. I'd like to incorporate all the dishes she knows. She cooks a different kind of tamale as compared to everybody else. We plan to integrate that later on.

"I can't name all the food that we will be having because she hasn't told me all the dishes yet that she wants to cook. She's been a cook for many restaurants and she knows a little of everything. She even knows how to make sushi. We might integrate some sushi later. We're trying to expand our menu and see what works.'

The long-range plan is for Nieto to bring his family's tastes to underserved communities where it may be difficult to find good Mexican and Salvadoran food.

Nieto has recently opened Bad Habit Grill for breakfast, from 7:30 to 11:30 am with very affordable breakfast plates and burritos. Regular hours are: Wednesday through Sunday, 7:30 am to 8 pm; Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. Menus can be found on their Facebook page. To contact Bad Habit Grill, call 707-380-3861 or email Jasmine1558@gmail.com.

'Su Lado de la Historia'

La exposición se inaugura en el Museo del Condado de Mendocino el 28 de Octubre

"Su versión de la historia: Cuentos de mujeres pioneras de California" se exhibirá en el Museo del condado de Mendocino del 28 de octubre al 23 de diciembre de 2023. Contará con 30 relatos en primera persona recopilados de mujeres que viajaron por tierra o mar para establecerse en California antes. hasta el 1 de enero de 1854. Se mejorará con la adición de historias de mujeres de todo el condado de Mendocino con contribuciones especiales de Kelly House, Grace Hudson Museum y Sun House, la Sociedad Histórica de Anderson Valley y la colección del Museo del Condado de Mendocino.

Para obtener más información, visite www. mendocinocounty.org/museum o comuníquese con el Museo del Condado de Mendocino en museum@ mendocinocounty.gov o al 707-234-6365.

"Su versión de la historia: Cuentos de mujeres pioneras de California" fue desarrollada por la Sociedad de Pioneros de California y viaja a través de Exhibit Envoy.

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This photo titled "Nearly a Mile Straight Down. 1902) is part of a new exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum that features female pioneers of

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. mendoanimal

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