Open house collects input

on East Commercial plan

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Review Design Open House was held on October 18 at the Willits Community Center gather public input for the East Commercial Street Corridor plan. This project is on track to be funded by Caltrans' Clean California Local Grant Program for "Beautify Willits" Willits' project.

Read the rest of Plan

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Airplane crash kills 2 in Covelo

By Sgt. J. D'Orazio, for MCSO

On Friday, October 20 at 6 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a reported airplane crash at a rural location in the 21000 block of Airport Road in Covelo.

A short time later. deputies were informed the airplane was on fire and the fire was spreading into nearby vegetation.

Personnel from CAL U.S. Forestry FIRE, Service, California Highway Patrol, and Round Valley Tribal Police Department responded to the crash scene as well.

Once the fire was contained, deputies began

Read the rest of Crash

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Building permit amnesty starts November 1

Submitted by Mendocino County Planning and **Building Services**

On September 12, 2023, Mendocino County the Board of Supervisors direction to provided Planning and Building Services to establish a one-year amnesty program that waives all violation / penalty fees related to building permits submitted after work has already commenced been or completed, which are not associated with a confirmed code enforcement case.

The amnesty program applies to all residential and commercial building permits, subject to the following limitations:

• The permits are not associated with a confirmed code enforcement case.

Read the rest of Amnesty

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Brooktrails Fire Department's Fire Chief Jon Noyer, center, smiles with firefighters Lindsey Schively, left, and Jordan Kirkpatrick, right. They are all excited to see the community for the Trunk or Treat Halloween night event.

Happy Halloween

Emergency services and law enforcement agencies provide free Halloween candy circuit for local community

The Brooktrails Fire Department, the Little Lake Fire Department, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the County of Mendocino, the California Highway Patrol, and the California Department of Fish and Game are excited to offer a fun event for kids this Halloween.

From 5 to 8 pm on Tuesday, October 31, the participating agencies will all offer candy during drive-through or "stop and visit" events at the three different locations.

The fire departments will be hosting their candy givea-ways at their respective locations; Brooktrails Fire is located at 24860 Birch Street and Little Lake Fire is located at 74 East Commercial Street. The other agencies will be disbursing candies from the Sheriff's Office substation located at 470 East Valley Street.

Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer noted his excitement for



this year's upcoming event.

"There's really no easy way to trick or treat in Brooktrails, so we're nappy to be offering our station as a stop for an option," said Noyer. "We're happy to be on the circuit for the Trunk or Treat event again this year, and wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!"

- Maureen Jennison



Where is Willits?

The only freeway sign that includes the word 'Willits' to direct traffic into town at the south off-ramp is still missing

Where's our sign? The exit sign indicating Willits' existence which was located just south of the south off-ramp was collided into by a single vehicle on August 18, and has yet to be replaced, leaving motorists with no great indication that the town of Willits lies just to the west.

As shown on the Google maps screen grab, above, at top, the sign helped motorists clearly know this was the exit to take to come into our hometown.

Presently, the only sign on Highway 101 noting Willits' existence before the south offramp at all, is one located by the Redwood Valley overcrossing, south of the Ridgewood Grade, indicating Willits is 14 miles ahead. That's it, and that's not great. The "Exit 568" sign is still standing, but it is located part way down the already-dividing offramp, likely not allowing motorists time to take the ramp, even if they somehow knew that "568" = "Willits."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak has reached out

to Caltrans to see what the status is in getting the vital sign replaced.

"Thank you for bringing this to my attention," said Haschak. "I have contacted Caltrans. The sign needs to be replaced for many reasons. Caltrans has been helpful with signage, and I expect drivers to soon be directed into Willits with a new sign."

Late-breaking update: Supervisor Haschak reports that the Caltrans District 1 office told him they had a request in for a quote from a sign manufacturer to replace the damaged "Willits" sign, but that replacing the sign "is taking more time than would be ideal." So the plan now is to ask "our District 3 office to make the sign for us, in order to expedite replacement," with an approximate replacement date expected by next week.

- Maureen Jennison

North Street resident warns council of drug

activity

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A City of Willits resident spoke out during the "Public Communications" part of the Willits City Council's October 11 meeting about the situation on his block, the 300 block of North Street.

As reported in a Willits Police Department press release in Willits Weekly's October 5 edition, "WPD investigating unattended death on North Street," after receiving a walk-in tip,

Read the rest of Activity |

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Willits Police Department September Report

By Interim WPD Chief James Conner

Willits Police Department's report for the month of September was included in the Willits City Council's agenda packet for their October 25 meeting.

The list of "Monthly Achievements & Activities" reported statistics from September 2023, compared to September 2022. WPD received 49 911 calls in September 2023, compared to 44 911 calls in 2022. Calls for service last month were listed as 395 calls, compared to 659 calls in September 2022.

The number of cases in September 2023 was 42. down from 90 in

Read the rest of Report

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Prescribed burn planned for Shamrock Ranch

Submitted by **CAL FIRE MEU**

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn Laytonville's Shamrock Ranch this weekend.

This prescribed burn will treat approximately 600-acres of grasslands, chaparral, and understory vegetation within oak woodlands and mixed conifer habitats, creating a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned habitat.

The Shamrock Ranch is located in the northern portion of Mendocino County, east of Highway

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Flowers no longer at risk

To the Editor:

Flower update: Caltrans has kindly offered us a no-fee permit under the Adopt-A-Highway

[Editor's Note: In a letter to the editor in Willits Weekly's October 12 edition, Christina McCluskey explained that Caltrans had asked the Church of the Nazarene to pay an expensive encroachment permit, due to the garden planted you can count. in front of the church at the south end of town, across the street from Brown's Corner.]

We'll be back with more beauty come spring. Thanks to all for the donations. They will go towards next year's flowers and bulbs. Please know when you see the garden that you helped it come

Any future help towards the cause may be sent to: Donations, P.O. Box 993, Willits, CA 95490. It's not easy with only two people paying for it all. Thanks again for your support.

Christina McCluskey, Willits

September 14

To the Editor

On September 14 we announced the upcoming closure of Willits Furniture Center. Margie and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of our friends and longtime customers for all of their amazingly positive comments and encouragement. Every day we hear from our customers how appreciative they are of our store and what an important role Willits Furniture has played in our community. We really appreciate

For us, retirement is kind of a bittersweet reality. We are so happy to be able to retire and at the same time we are very sad. We are sad that Willits is losing one more family-owned business. We are happy that we were able to provide "first jobs" for some of very successful careers.

We are happy that Willits Furniture has been able to make countless contributions to local nonprofit organizations. We are happy that we were able to

The Rules: LETTERS

once every four weeks.

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of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of

provide quality furniture that lasts a lifetime. We are sad to see the nationwide decline of hometown family owned retail businesses which are the heartbeat, soul and character of every community.

Margie and I would like to encourage everyone to support your local businesses. Visit them. Ask how things are going. Spend a few dollars in their store and leave knowing you may have made a difference. Every dollar you spend locally supports the community in more ways than

Thank you for allowing us to be part of making your home special. We take pride in hearing, 'Almost every piece of furniture in our home came from Willits

With much love and appreciation, Mike and Margie Smith,

IFK assassination talk, November 3

To the Editor:

Veteran JFK assassination researcher and political theorist Paul Kangas will be speaking at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse on Friday, November 3, at 7:30 pm. The title of his talk is "Why JFK Was Killed."

Kangas believes that the 35th US president was killed by a cabal of US intelligence agencies and members in good standing of the military-industrial complex. He will be showing nearly 100 slides from his vintage collection, which he has accumulated over the past 50 years. "My slide show contains all of the evidence that has not yet been released," he said. "All of the banned, censored and suppressed evidence, finally, for the first time in history, has been put together in one place, by me. Some of these pictures are quite shocking," Kangas said.

Commemorate the 60th anniversary of one of the most far-reaching political crimes of the our local high school kids and to 20th century by attending this talk see that most have gone on to on November 3. Admission to the talk is \$10.

> Mike A'Dair, Willits Read the rest of Letters

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Senior Center menu for the week

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

Thursday, October 26: Carnitas Burrito, Wet w/Green Sauce

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

Monday, October 30: Monterey Chicken Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

Tuesday, October 31: Goulash, Veggies

Wednesday, November 1: Turkey Tetrazzini, Veggies, Roll

Thursday, November 2: Polish Sausage

Peppers & Onions over Rice Friday, October 3: Ham & Scalloped

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

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

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

day before needed to schedule home meal

delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

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-

Wreaths Across America Willits planning for December 16

Submitted by Willits Wreaths Across America

On December 16, 2023, at 9 am, the Willits FFA and Willits 4-H group will assist our local American Legion Post 174 to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our local fallen heroes. The wreath placement starts immediately following a 9 am ceremony at the Willits Cemetery on Highway 20.

Wreaths will be placed at all three cemeteries in our district and at the Vietnam Veteran Memorial in front of the Mendocino

County Museum. welcome everyone attend and help lay the Remembrance Wreaths.

Every wreath placed will be done while saying the name of each veteran

Currently we have 504 graves of veterans that need to be covered. We are hoping to have all the Remembrance Wreaths sponsored. Any wreath that is sponsored above our target number will be rolled over for next year's ceremony

Our local fundraising group, Willits Wreaths Across America Group ID: CA0199/Location ID: CAWCDR is set up so that 100% of the funds go toward wreaths. This allows us to offer the 3 for 2 option, which means that you get three wreaths for the price of two!

What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? It means you are supporting a yearlong mission to "Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom."

This is an invaluable community service project that Willits FFA and Willits 4H participate in each year. For more information on Wreaths Across America, or to order wreath sponsorships, scan the QR code or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org or email willitswaa@gmail.com for an order form, or call Location Coordinator Natalie Spackman at 707-841-7214

Thank you so much for supporting our local fallen heroes and Willits Wreaths Across America

HazMobile in Willits November 4

HazMobile, a service of the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority, is scheduled to come to Solid Wastes of Willits Transfer Station. 351 Franklin Avenue, on Saturday, November 4.

Items accepted include: motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, gasoline, solvents, paint thinner, oil-based paint, latex ballasts, acids, bases, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals and medication.

Free to households, with daily load limit of 15 gallons per vehicle per day. There is a charge for compressed gas cylinders.

Not accepted: explosives, radioactive wastes. medical compressed gas cylinders larger than 5 gallons.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call the Recycling Hotline at 468-9704 or visit www.MendoRecycle.org

Do you have something to say? Write a letter to the editor!

Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor.

Please email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com

Weekly organic waste pickup in November for Willits residents

Posted by City of Willits The City of Willits announced on

Facebook that Solid Waste of Willits and owner Ward "is once again accommodating our residents by collecting mixed organic waste carts every Friday for the month of November. Thank you Mr. Ward and the Solid Waste crew!"

2023 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Willits Food Bank will host the 2023 Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Willits Senior Center on Thursday, November 23. The meal will be served from 11 am to 3 pm, inside the dining room, and from 1 to 3 pm, for take-out meals to go.

There is no cost, and the dinner is provided for everyone to enjoy. Please mark your calendars.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal and with serving and clearing tables. Please call 459-3333 to sign up to help.

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into place high atop the 20-foot poles. Above, left: Thomas Gallups, high up in the cage, aids the crew in placing the pole in the proper position. Above, right: Kenan O'Shea of Willits Public Works, artist Cjay Roughgarden, and sponsor Jane Camp



'Lacy Pinwheels'

Large stainless steel art sculpture is installed in park along Fort Bragg-Willits Road

"The modern world can be so full of uninspiring places meant for people to pass through quickly on their way to somewhere else," said Cjay Roughgarden, the creator of a new art installation in Willits. "So Mathew Caine much of the world is hurrying to this

other time and place, but how often do we arrive there? My purpose is to create something to slow down and enjoy, while life is

"We are hardwired as humans to appreciate the beauty in living systems, in harmonic ratios, and in the form of things that function elegantly," said Roughgarden. "The world needs all forms of art. The kind I make is designed to inspire a feeling of being at home. That wherever someone is going and whatever else they have to do in a day, for a moment, they can feel they have fully arrived."

Roughgarden's sculpture was made for Willits, thanks to the generosity of Jane Camp of Camp and Sons, the City of Willits Public Works, the City Council, and Gary Martin of the Willits Center for the Arts.

The project, a year in the making from concept to fruition, has been an example of beneficial cooperation between these entities to create the first of several such installations in the long park next to the Fort Bragg-Willits Road (Highway 20). The sculpture consists of three approximately 20-foot stainless-steel poles, atop of which are three large lacy pinwheels which spin in the wind.

"Cjay and I started trying to figure out the specifics of this project quite some time ago," said Kenan O'Shea, Willits City Public Works superintendent. "It's been about a year since the donation was made and she was commissioned spec and code.

"There's seven yards of concrete in that footing," said O'Shea. "It's been a bit of a learning curve. This is the first public art installation that our department has been a part of at this level in the city.

"The artist has been really good about working with us," commented O'Shea, "as far as getting a public art policy established and getting all the legal ramifications out of the way. I believe that there is now a city policy for art installations. Cjay was the test pilot for these regulations and something of this size in the city."

"This is marvelous," said Jane Camp, who funded the project along with the City of Willits, which provided the

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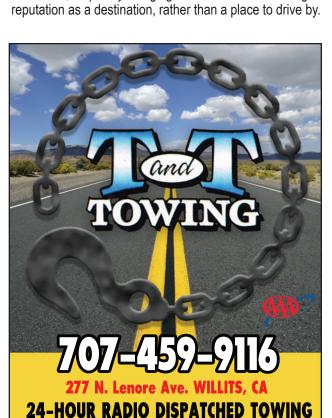
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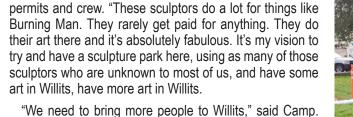
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"Willitsians will love to see these as they drive by, and tourists on their way to the coast will see that we are an arty community, and that's a good thing. We need more art

"This strip of grass is not doing anything," continued Camp. "We have ideas for more installations here. This all came from an idea that I saw in the Art Center. One of the artists that Gary Martin has at the Center had sort of silver flowers on a black background. I thought that would make a good sculpture. If the flowers were pinwheels and they moved, that would be even better. That's how it all began. Then I hooked up with Cjay and she has amazingly done

Willits City Manager Brian Bender was on hand for the installation of the sculpture, called "Lacv Pinwheels" by the artist. "We worked with the Public Arts Commission, explained Bender. "Kenan's been working with the artist to make sure everything works, that we had the footer done correctly, we had the exact location. We have a rather large canvas that we can put a lot of items into. The idea is to create an art park. We figure these larger pieces will get the attention of people traveling on Highway 20."

The poles will sway up to seven inches but the sculpture is rated for a 100-mph wind," said Roughgarden, commenting to provide the artwork. Then came all the permitting and on the safety of the project as well as the artistic ingenuity engineering and making sure that everything was up to that enables artists to create without a huge budget. "It's 1/4-inch thick steel tubing. It's a compromise of sway and aesthetics. To test these, I built a small stand in the back of my pickup truck and drove down the road at 65 mph, so I know they're safe up to 65."

> This project, along with the recent grant awarded to the city to beautify and create safer streets, could be the beginning of the city becoming a place for the arts to flourish, hopefully bringing in tourists and creating a

Jane Camp, artist Cjay Roughgarden, Public Works Supervisor Kenan O'Shea, and a Willits Public Works employee share a light moment. Above: The Willits Public Works crew takes precautions to make sure the grass and the park are not damaged during the installation.At right: The City of Willits Public Works crew

> titled "Lacy Pinwheels. Photos by Mathew Caine

fits the first pole into

Roughgarden poses

next to her creation.

place. Below: Artist Cjay





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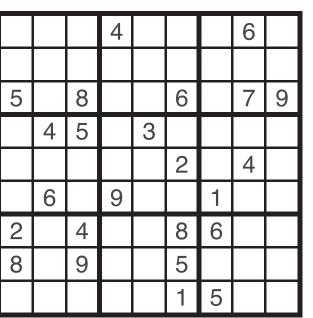
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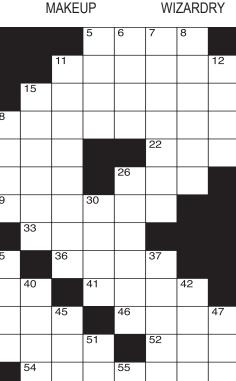
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September 26

10:56 pm: Officers responded to a

Walnut Street and issued a warning.

9:42 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Baechtel Road and issued a

6:44 pm: Officers responded to a report

of vandalism in the 100 block of North Main

9:51 pm: LEGGETT, Renee Dominga (43) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon other than

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

September 25 to October 1

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police September 28

Department handled 42 incidents in this

September 25

7-day reporting period.

1:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

8:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South

9:41 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

10:13 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Street and Laurel Street and issued a warning.

8:44 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

disturbance in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

September 27

8:35 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Holly Street and Magnolia Avenue and issued a warning.

9:27 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and

3:26 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

10:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

September 29

10:16 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1000 block of Locust

4:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Alder Court and issued a warning.

4:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:02 pm: SANDERS, Jason Robert (42) was contacted in the 1100 block of Locust Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

5:50 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:48 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South

10:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

September 30

5:43 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of McKinley Street and issued a warning.

10:30 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 21000 block of Locust Street and issued a warning.

10:43 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Hazel Street and issued a warning.

12:07 pm: ANDERSON, James Calvin (68) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:06 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Valley Street and issued a citation.

4:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

Skeletal remains found in Covelo

By Captain Gregory Van Patten for MCSO

On Saturday, October 21, at Sheriff's Office searchers. approximately 6 pm, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched to contact a person who had located potential human skeletal remains in Covelo.

Upon contact the deputy learned the person had been hunting on his property located in the 45000 block of Bauer Ranch Road in the vicinity of Mendocino Pass

While hunting the property, the person discovered the presence of several suspected human bones scattered on a

rural portion of the property. The person also found out-of-state photo identifications belonging to an adult male.

which was in the general area of the bones. Due to darkness and an impending rainstorm, it was decided a search of the property would be delayed for the safety of

On Tuesday, October 24, at 10:22 am. deputies and members of the Mendocind County Search and Rescue Team conducted search efforts for the bones. This resulted in the discovery/recovery of several human skeletal remains.

Investigations into the identity of the human skeletal remains are ongoing at this time and investigators have requested the assistance of the Anthropology Department at California State University, Chico in an effort to determine a cause and classification of death.

Anyone with information that may assist investigators in this Coroner's Investigation are urged to contact the Sheriff's Office Tipline by calling 707-234-2100 or the WeTip Anonymous Crime Reporting Hotline by calling 800-782-7463.



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

October 26: National Chicken Fried Steak Day, National Financial Crime Fighter Day, National Transgender Children Day, Worldwide Howl At The Moon Night, National Mule Day, National Pumpkin Day, National Mincemeat Day October 27: Navy Day, National Black Cat

Day, Boxer Shorts Day, National Mentoring Day, Sylvia Plath Day, World Occupational Therapy Day, National American Beer Day October 28: National Chocolate Day, Statue Of Liberty Day, Honoring The Nation's First Responders Day, International Animation Day, National Immigrants Day, Separation Of Church And State Day, St. Jude's Feast Day, Vote Early Day, Wild Foods Day

October 29: National Cat Day, International Internet Day. National Oatmeal Day. **National Hermit Day**

October 30: National Candy Corn Day, Buy A Donut Day, National Treat Your Pet Day, Pumpkin Bread Day

October 31: Books For Treats Day, Carve A Pumpkin Day, National Doorbell Day, National Knock-Knock Jokes Day, Sneak Some Of The Candy Yourself Before The Kids Start Knocking Day, National Caramel Apple Day, National Magic Day November 1: All Saints' Day, Author's

Day, Día De Los Angelitos, Extra Mile Day, International Scented Candle Day, National Authors' Day, National Brush Day, National Calzone Day, National Cinnamon Day, National Cook For Your Pets Day, National Deep Fried Clams Day, National Family Literacy Day, National Pâté Day, Prime Meridian Day, Vinegar Day, World Vegan



College Mixer

Auction, appetizers, and 'friend-raising at North County Center event

"We're sort of a ragtag group of people who took an interest in the local campus and want to get involved," explained Tim King, chair of the North County Friends of Mendocino College.

Mathew Caine

"We've been around for about six years," said King. "We're here to support the campus and the faculty and the students. Some of our past projects include a bulletin board out here in the quad, a water cooler, a fully staffed lending library which students can use

Along with the Willits Chamber of Commerce, the North County Friends of Mendocino County organized a mixer / fundraiser at the North County Center in Willits, last Friday, the purpose of which was to raise funds and to raise awareness of the presence of this asset

if they can't afford textbooks. If you have an interest in local education, we'd love to have

"This mixer is basically an outgrowth of that group saying, 'Let's bring people to the center, together with the local chamber; bring businesses, bring individuals and families, so that they get a sense what it is, because some people who live here in Willits have probably never been here," explained Julie McGovern, executive director of the Mendocino

"So it's a 'friend-raising' to bring people here," said McGovern, "and a little bit of fundraising because we've identified some needs. The proceeds from tonight are mainly going to go to purchase some T-1 graphing calculators for students who are taking that math class. They are going to have a lending system where students can check them out for the semester. We are also going to purchase more books for the lending library. Anything above that will go into student support for students who can't pay class fees."

An inviting array of tasty finger-foods, provided by Lisa Kvasnicka of Scoops Deli, greeted the attendees as they looked over the items which were to be auctioned by Tom Allman. Wine, gravel, lamps, and other valuable items were bid on, followed by a funda-need pledge in which people could donate a certain amount of money in descending amounts from \$100 down to \$25, although Tom Herman and Susan Mahoney (for the chamber) generously donated \$500 each.

The North County Campus of Mendocino College, located at 372 East Commercial Street, provides many low-cost classes for students and adults, as well as dual enrollment for high school students who wish to get a jump on their college credits. For further information, call 459-6224 or visit www.mendocino.edu/locations/north-county-center.







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At top, from left: Julie McGovern of the Mendocino College Foundation; Tim Karas, superintendent of the Mendocino-Lake Community College Board; Chuck Persico, chamber historian; and Jim Harden of the Friends of Mendocino College enjoy the mixer together. Tim King, president of the Friends of Mendocino College, thanks the attendees for their generosity. Jim Devine and Michelle Hutchins attend to add their support to the fundraiser and mixer.

Above: Delicious snacks were provided by Willits Chamber Board President Lisa Kvasnicka, of Scoops Deli. Below, left: Susan Mahoney, Willits Chamber of Commerce coordinator, welcomes the attendees. Below, right: This Tiffany lamp was donated by Mike and Margie Smith for the auction.

At left, below, far left: Tim Karas, superintendent of the Mendocino-Lake Community College Board, savs a few words about the North County Center. At left, below, left: Rose Mehtlan, North County Center operations supervisor, walks around with her granddaughter Hartley at the mixer.







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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

presentation describing her 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 www.mendolibrary.org or call

the Willits Library at 707-459-5908

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

Diggers Bar

Halloween Party:

Celebrate with a

Costume Contest,

with prizes for

best costumes.

Featuring a live

DJ, and guest

food truck, Turtle

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riday, October

27 at Diggers Bar,

244 South Main

Street, from 8 pm





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What's Happening Around Town

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

contributions from the Kelly House, the Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House, the Anderson Valley Historical Society, and the Mendocino County Museum collection. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov, or 707-234-6365.

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. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.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 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 or treating for younger children 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 rhythmic metal skalike punk." Also, local hip hop group Some of The Truest. Saturday, October 28, 8 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50 Main Street.

Sunday, October 29

Celtic 'Dumb Supper' Labyrinth Walk: Sunday October 29, from 1 to 2 pm, at 2351 East Hill Road (under the huge oak). "Bring items to make a personal altar to honor your loved ones who have passed on; bring a finger food or drink that reminds you of your loved one, for you or potluck style. We will share

our supper in silence to honor, and then walk the labyrinth. In addition, the labyrinth will be candle-lit from 6:30 to 8 pm if you'd like to come and walk the labyrinth at dark. Questions? Email mamere22@protonmail.com

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween at Willits Fire Station 54: 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.

stories from across Mendocino County with special WCA Halloween Kids Party: 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 Street.

> Sherwood Tribe's 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

Public Safety Halloween Trunk or Treat: Public Safety agencies in the area are doing "Trunk or Γreat" events this Halloween, October 31, from 5 to 8 pm. Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the County of Mendocino are doing "stop & visit" events at 470 East Valley Street in Willits. The California Highway Patrol and the state 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

Harvest Party at Agape Church: Come join the annual Harvest Party, Tuesday, October 31, at Agape Bible Church Fellowship Hall. 290 South Lenore Avenue, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. All is free. There will be games, candy, food and prizes.

Enchanted Pumpkin Path: Waldorf School of Pub, 50 South Main Mendocino County hosts its annual Enchanted Street. Pumpkin Path on October 31, from 4:15 to 8 pm at the Calpella campus, 6280 Third

Street. A magical alternative to trick and their families. A 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.

Wednesday, November 1

Twining Time at Brickhouse Coffee: John Wagenet and Anita Wagenet Blu of Twining Time perform at Brickhouse Coffee, Wednesday, November 1 (and the first Wednesday of every month), from 12 to 2 pm. Folk/ Country/ Mountain Americana Roots – new and old favorites and originals, with

two-part polished vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard. 3 South Main

Willits Song Circle: Every first Wednesday, this month November 1, from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church, School and Pine streets.

Led by Don Willis and Madge Strong, but anyone can lead (or request) a song. All genres of songs, rounds, popular songs, folk songs, simple part songs - anything that can be learned easily. Open to all. Instruments welcome. Free, donations accepted for the use of the hall. Info: dwillis@mcn.org or mstrong@ willitsonline.com

Thursday, November 2

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market

stays outdoors through November - note, through November! - on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot downtown. Thursdays from 3 to 5 pm: market will close at 5 pm in November. In December Farmers Market moves indoors to the Grange, 3 to 5:40 pm. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Friday, November 3

Talk on the JFK Assassination: Marking the 60th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kenney, investigator Paul Kangas will give a talk and slide show presentation, with more than 100 photographs associated with the assassination, at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse on Friday, November 3 at 7:30 pm. Kangas has followed the literature of the assassination closely since the mid-1960s and given more than 100 public talks. \$10. 37 West Van Lane.

Big Sticky Mess at Shanachie: trio funky originals: kaleidoscopic mix of extraterrestrial hooks. vibrant grooves and potent beats, purely for entertainment. Friday, November 3, 8 to 11 pm. Suggested donation on a sliding so all are welcome. Shanachie

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Saturday. November 4

or visit www.MendoRecycle.org Sufi Sound Medicine Experience: Musical prayers

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Grassomoxoa Shanachie: Bluegrass band loves the Dead - and much

South Main Street.

HazMobile in Willits: at Solid Wastes of Willits Transfer Station, 351 Franklin Avenue, on Saturday, November 4. Items accepted include: motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, gasoline, solvents, paint thinner, oil-based paint, latex ballasts, acids, bases, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals and medication.

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more beyond that

featuring Isaac Cantor, formerly of the Dusty Green Bones Band and The Grateful Bluegrass Boys, on banjo, with Bud Dillary on mandolin, Murph Murphy on bass, and Riley Hill on guitar. Saturday, November 4 at 8 pm. \$10 suggested donation. Shanachie Pub, 50

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Sunday, November 5

'Stone Stories' Cemetery Readings & Tour: The Mendocino County Museum, the Willits Chamber of Commerce, and the Mendocino County Library present an afternoon of dramatized readings at Little



though the cemetery Program attendance is free and open to all, but space is limited. For reservations, please call 707-459-7910.



Happiness Hormones Thurs. Nov. 9 6-8pm

FREE Zoom Event Stress negatively affects our happiness hormones: Serotonin, Endorphins, Oxytocin and Dopamine, and one stress hormone: Cortisol. This workshop focuses on the individual and their unique hormone levels. Each participant takes an evidence-based hormone quiz to determine their unique hormone "picture" and how well they are functioning. This is an "eye-opening" experience for many people, showing the necessity for better and more consistent self-care. Nick will cover "how-to" guidelines for each participant to improve their nappiness!



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Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English

10:30 a.m. - Spanisł

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https://stanthonywillits.org/

aintanthonywillits@gmail.com

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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Killers of the Flower Moon

The Story: A generally accurate love story and blood-soaked historical drama of the not so distant past. It's the early 1920s, soon after WWI. Earnest Burkhart (Leo DiCaprio) is back from France, and still wearing his army fatigues. He's directionless. we'd call him "a lost soul." He gets off the train where he has family in oil-rich Osage County, Oklahoma.



Dan Essman

His uncle, William "King" Hale (Robert De Niro) is a rancher who seems ready to provide honest direction for his

young nephew. "King" Hale appears to be a solid citizen, a real good guy. But no, he ain't. Hale is truly a deadly dark soul – a soft-spoken psychopath who plans the murders of wealthy Osage Indian women and men for their oil money. Also, as time goes by, a few lowlife, ne'er-do-well white men get in his way. He kills them, too. All very tidy. My Thoughts: When Evil looks in the mirror,

it sees Money. This flick is an epic moral drama about how a generally decent guy's soul is polluted by greed. The issues raised by "Killers of the Flower Moon" are still at play. It's all there so clear: political corruption powered by love of money and imaginary power. Uranium mining on Navajo land. Oil pipeline through Lakota land. Salmon-killing dam sabotages Yurok fishing sites. A highway bypath stomps on sacred Pomo sites. It's eternal: Life is a moral struggle. Sometimes I fly, sometimes fall. This flick touched me deeply.

Parents: Not for children. Babies are killed. Mothers are killed. The historical resonance would go right over kiddies' little heads. Besides, it's over three hours long.

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

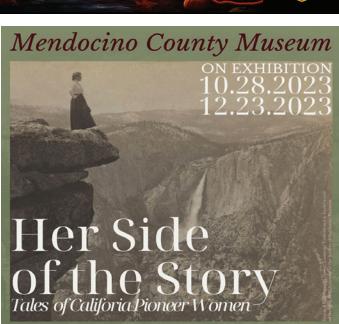












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To learn more about Simba or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www. appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 707- mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and 459-4900.

OBITUARY |

Carolyn Whitehorn

on www.petfinder.com.

Carolyn Whitehorn, ieweler, sculptor, and activist. passed on peacefully in her sleep on October 17, 2023. Lucian R. and Deloice Dalton, her former husband, Carl

Born in Santa Ana in 1936, she grew up in Burbank, and carved her first sculpture at the age of 3. She graduated from John Burroughs High School. Attending UCLA, she met Carl Dietz, whom she married in 1957. The family lived in Germany for four years, where two of her six children were born. She lived briefly in Yuma, Arizona, before spending 14 years in Laguna Beach, working primarily as a custom jeweler.

In the 1970s, motivated by a series of assaults on local girls, she became a feminist activist, serving on the police advisory committee and founding a chapter of National Organization for Women.

In 1978, Whitehorn found her heart's home in Willits, where she lived on Third Gate Road. She shifted from crafting jewelry

back to sculpture. She married Isis Coble in 2000, and was widowed in 2012. Whitehorn sold her art at feminist events and women's music festivals for decades, and had a career in web design and hosting when she retired from traveling. Her businesses included Sayansidi Jewelry. The Feminist Forge, The Forge, CWhitehorn Sculptor, Goddess Hosting, and Whitehorn Web Design.

Dietz, and her wife, Isis Coble. She Dalton, and great-nieces, numerous beloved

friends, and her two much-adored cats.

Whitehorn was preceded in death by her parents,

Chapo came to us back in July and is growing up with us.

We want nothing more than to find his forever home. Is

9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to come visit

us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at

"Chapo did so well with all the kids running around and

petting him today. He walks wonderfully on leash, has great

his little play date with Grace. He recognized she was quite

a bit smaller than him and knew how to play gently. He's

loved playing with my dogs that are about the same size as

him. He's shown little to no interest in all the kitties inside

and around the property. He knows basic commands,

is survived by her brother, Ronald Dalton; her children, Robert Alan Dalton (Daniele), Elsa DieLöwin-Albrecht (Christopher), Randolph Lewis Dietz (Toni), Kristine Angelica Russell, William Eric Dietz, and Jade Karyn Dietz Dance; grandchildren Tiffany Wagner (Charlie), Danilo Robert Albrecht, Adrian DieLöwin-Albrecht, Ryan Dietz (Kyla), Akemi Dietz, Cooper Dietz, Christian Sawyer, and Shannon Dietz; greatgrandchildren Katrina King, Jasper Albrecht, Robert Michael Albrecht, and Wyatt Wagner; nephews and nieces Richard Dalton, Lori Hooper, and Cole Dalton; four great-nephews

A celebration of her life will be held in November. For information contact Whitehorn.matriarch@gmail.com. Charitable contributions may be made to Project Sanctuary, NOW, Planned Parenthood, or Adopt-a-Native Elder.

Arrangements under the care of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

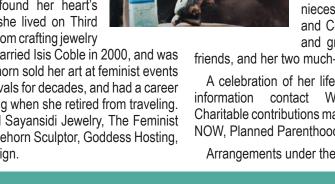


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adventure!

Oscar here is very sweet and wants to be close to whenever possible. When out of his kennel, he likes to follow manners in public settings, and rides in cars great! He loved you around more so than explore his other surroundings.



home with children. Oscar came to us as a stray cat, so although we may not know why his eves look a little crusty, he's healthy as a horse and ready to go home

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OBITUARY

Auden Schraeder

Auden Terraine Schraeder passed peacefully from our lives on September 15, surrounded by his adoring family. He was born in Willits on September 22, 1976, attended both Waldorf and public schools, and graduated from Willits High School.

He went on to a life of adventure, graduating from UC Santa Barbara and ultimately attending Samuel Merritt University in Oakland where he trained to become a physician's assistant and began his very successful career working in emergency rooms and urgent care settings in Santa Clara County and San Francisco.

Auden was known for his wry sense of humor, superhuman strength, unshakable courage, unfailingly positive disposition in the face of adversity, and having an insatiable thirst for adventure and activities. He had a broad smile, was open-hearted, courageous, and inclusive, and his ability to make – and keep – friends is legendary.

In 2020 he was diagnosed with glioblastoma and over the next three-plus years underwent multiple surgeries and treatments at UCSF. Despite dozens of rounds of radiation and chemotherapy treatments, Auden insisted on continuing to work part-time seeing patients and living his life to the fullest.

He traveled to many parts of the world, sailed in bays, oceans and seas around the globe, ran, cycled, played music daily, married the love of his life, Brieanna, and took the leap into pup ownership by adopting a Formosan mountain dog.

He is survived by his wife, Brieanna Schraeder-Harvey; parents Jeanne FitzGerald and Tim Schraeder (Camille Schraeder); brother Justin Schraeder (Christa Randall); sister Victoria Kelly (Christopher Kelly); nieces Maya Schraeder, Eliana Schraeder, and Charlotte Kelly; uncle John FitzGerald (Libby FitzGerald); aunt Ellen FitzGerald; many cousins and friends; and by his beloved dog Bobo.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Auden's name to www.gbmresearch.org.



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The combination of images and text have the ability to bring events and ideas to

the public in a manner which both intrigues and informs, providing a basis with

which to make informed decisions about the community. This workshop will

include information about the history of photojournalism and hands-on

assignments in order to understand how the process works. Guest lecturers

include: Alisha Bales, past program manager of KZYX, Danilla Sands of Watch

Duty, Holly Madrigal publisher of Word of Mouth Magazine, and possibly more. Limited to 20 students

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

LEGAL NOTICES 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 FIGG-HOBLYN, SR.

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 of the decedent.

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 Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

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 person or by your attorney.

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

Section 21: S½ Section 27: W½NW¼ 1 - 1/3% Section 28: N½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, NW¼, SE¼NE¼ 1/3 of 1% Section 29: NE1/4

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

Fictitious Business Name Statement

CA 95490.

2023-F0441 The following person is doing Baking, 5100 Muir Mill Road Willits, CA 95490. Mailing

address: P.O. Box 805, Willits

Registered owner: Jaclyn Dolores Cobbs, 5100 Muir Mill Road, Willits, CA 95490. This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 12, 2023 FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 20

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

Willits Weekly can run legal notices including fictitious

business name statements. foreclosure

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

WW455 **BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District will conduct Public Hearings on revisions to the rates for Solid Wastes of Willits garbage collection and curbside recycling in Brooktrails effective January 1, 2024.

The public hearing will be held in person and remotely (hybrid meeting) at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Information on remote access to the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda at its publishing. At or prior to this time, any interested person, including all people owning property in Brooktrails Township Community Services District, may appear personally or submit a written presentation on any matter relating to the proposed

The General Manager will submit a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 based on an increase of 4.1% to the solid waste rates. The proposed increase is necessary based on the increased cost to provide services, to meet the requirements of recycling and organic waste disposal regulations, and to pay increased fuel costs.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for review during normal business hours at the Township Office, 24860 Birch Street, Willits, California or by request from btcsd@btcsd.

Tamara Alaniz Secretary to the Board of Directors Publication Date: October 26, 2023



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\$42,764 - \$57.324 **Juvenile Corrections Officer** \$50.710 - \$61.630

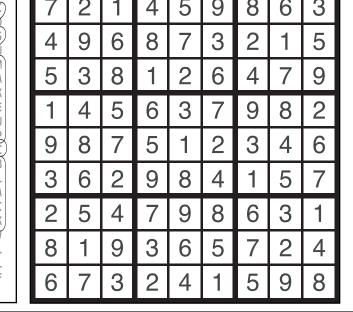
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Willits Food Bank Open Community

Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, with an increase in numbers served. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the front office at 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits CA 95490 - knock or leave in the locked mailbox in front. Food distribution is available at the back door on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to

4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333.

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November 11 & 18



Above, left: The East Commercial Street Corridor Plan proposes an amphitheater for Recreation Grove. Above, right: One proposed project is a 2,500 square feet pavilion for Bud Snider Park, designed to host the weekly Willits Farmers Market and other events. Below: This graphic shows the proposed expansion of the sports fields on East Commercial Street. At bottom: This graphic shows a potential new entry design for the Mendocino County Museum.

Graphics courtesy of Terrain Landscape Architecture







Rosann Cash

Rosann Cash, 80, of Willits passed away at home October 13, 2023. She was known as "Rosie" to her friends, and 'Grandma Rosie" to more kids than anyone could count.

Rosann was born April 25, 1943 in Ogden, Utah. Several years after being baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on June 6, 1954, Rosann pioneered for a year with a Spanish congregation in Southern California.

Rosann met the love of her life, Devereaux, at a multicongregation get-together, and they were married nine months later. Their first child was born on their third anniversary. A few friends can remember Rosann joking she would have rather gone to dinner.

Rosann and Devereaux moved to Willits in 1969 where Devereau build a successful flooring installation business. When an extra hand was needed in the office, Rosann would be there, even if she preferred and loved being a stay-at-

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The highly competitive grant – Willits was one of 42 applicants to receive a grant award out of 230 applications - will provide \$2.77 million in funding for streetscape, signage, litter abatement, improvements to parks, safety upgrades, and more. The East Commercial Street Corridor is slated to be an important focus of the newly announced grant funding.

The Design Review Open House presented an overview of proposed changes to East Commercial Street, including beautification elements, increased accessibility to downtown, improvements to public spaces such as Bud Snider Park, Recreation Grove, the Willits Library, Mendocino County Museum and the Roots of Motive Power areas, as well as the soccer and baseball fields. Refreshments were supplied by the Chamber of Commerce, and a number of city and county officials, along with project consultants from the landscape architecture firm Terrain, were on-hand to discuss the proposed developments and answer questions.

Large easels with detailed drawings of the various areas along East Commercial Street indicated both the current conditions and the enhancement and development proposals, attracting lively conversation and discussion.

Stickers and post-its were available to collect public input, and display boards quickly filled with a range of community comments, which included support for more shaded areas, more trees and benches, access to water fountains. safer sidewalks, better street lighting, and improved parking.

Senior City Planner Taylor Perry is part of the team who worked on the Beautify Willits Grant. which will fund the East Commercial Street Corridor project, and was on-hand at the Open House. "The Beautify Willits Project is "set to transform Willits," Perry said, with construction expected to begin by the summer of 2025. "The City has ambitious plans to utilize all of the allocated funding by June of 2026," Perry said.

Willits Mayor Greta Kanne also attended the Open House at the Willits Community Center. and expressed her gratitude to the community members who came to the public sessions to share their ideas and concerns.

"The more public participation the city gets during the planning process, the better the ultimate design will be," Kanne said. "And the most exciting thing about this plan is that because of the Clean California grant, we can expect to see some of this become reality as early as next year. It's a great time to get

The City of Willits plans to continue its outreach to Willits residents and its gathering of public input on the East Commercial project. The design boards will remain on display at City Hall for the next two weeks to allow Willits residents to familiarize themselves with proposed changes and submit comments, and there is likely to be another Open House session before the plan is completed.

To see the entire 58-page East Commercial Design Review, developed and compiled by City of Willits staff and Terrain Landscape Architecture, go to: https://cityofwillits.org/ DocumentCenter/View/1337/East-Commercial-Street-Community-Outreach-and-Program-Development

home mom. The days she was at home, when Devereaux would come home, he would give her kiss and take her in his arms for a waltz around the kitchen.

As a family, the Cashs would often go fishing. Devereaux enjoyed showing the kids all the tips and tricks for a successful cast, and Rosie would sit on the front seat of the family motorhome, feet up on the dash, crocheting. Rosann also loved exploring caves as an amateur spelunker. She would wake up of a morning and rouse the kids saying: "Get dressed. I've got my go britches on." She enjoyed every adventure they took together.

Devereaux predeceased Rosie in 1985. She was never

Rosann is survived by her children, Nathan and his wife, Rachel, Brennan, Dena, and Jana; and grandchildren Avery, Devina, Lenore, Jae, and Hayden

Services will be held Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1:30 pm at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 740 Highway 20. in Willits.

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with the department.

are located.

• The program does not apply to zoning

Amnesty building permits for residential

construction will be subject to meeting the

building-code standards for the year in which

we can verify the construction occurred. If no

construction date can be verified, they will be

Amnesty building permits must meet all

This program is limited to one year starting

November 1, 2023 and ending November 1

2024. All amnesty building permit applications

must be submitted on or before November 1,

All members of the public are invited to self-

report any unpermitted structures and legalize

improvements during this amnesty program.

2024 in order to be eligible for this program.

standards for the zoning district in which they

subject to current building-code standards.

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• The permits are not already under review

Letters

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Gateway to the Stage seeks proposals

To the Editor:

The Gateway to the Stage 2023 summer production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was an enormous success! The Willits Community Theatre would like to extend sincere gratitude to the community, parents, theater staff, volunteers, and Willits High School for championing this annual program. Your continued support helps provide our youth with an opportunity to explore theater and to shine on our community stage.

The Gateway to the Stage Steering Committee aspires to expand and further develop our youth programs in the future. Your assistance is appreciated in helping us find the perfect candidate for our next

The rest of

Activity

WPD found a deceased 60-year-

old man on the front porch, and

a 41-year-old male unconscious

and unresponsive on the floor of

In this week's report to the

Willits City Council WPD Interim

Chief James Conner confirmed

the 41-year-old male's condition

was the result of "an overdose,"

although no other details have yet

The North Street resident first

gave his name and address. "I'd

like to comment on some public

safety and public health issues

where I live," he started off. "I'm

sure many of you are aware of

the recent drug overdoses and

deaths that have happened at the

"It's not new," he continued.

"The four years that we've lived

there I've counted four people

who have died. There's a van in

the backyard someone was living

in it; she died in the motor home

in the driveway. A man died on

the front porch last week. Two

months ago my partner ... was

attacked with an axe in our front

yard by someone who frequents

"I want to thank the Willits

Police Department they swiftly

apprehended this suspect. I want

to thank the Mendocino County

District Attorney's Office, which

"Like you, I love Willits," he

said, "and I share your desire and

vision for it to be a better place

and I thank you for that, but it's

an issue we deal with constantly.

Traffic 24 hours a day – by foot,

by car, kids come by on their

skateboards - and there's drug

"We deal with rats constantly

There's no garbage service next

door; there's piles of garbage

and we're at our wit's' end. I've

had neighbors tell me they now

keep an armed shotgun at their

door. Two ladies who told me they

don't open their door or windows

at night - they're afraid to do

that in our neighborhood. This

is a problem that has not gotten

better, and it concerns me greatly,

Gonzalez suggested reaching out

to the city's Code Enforcement

Office. "I have done that," the

North Street resident said.

"I've sent pictures and emails

before," thanking Gonzalez for

his suggestion. Willits Municipal

Code requires garbage pickup

for every residential address

within city limits, and prohibits

Mayor Greta Kanne thanked

the speaker for bringing the

situation to the council's attention.

"I know most of us are already

aware of it. You know I live on your

block I'm very aware of it um and

uh hopefully we can find some

resolution for our community."

"accumulation" of trash.

and I appreciate your time."

Councilmember

activity going on.

that house.

College of the Redwoods believe did a commendable and

house next door to me.

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If you have specific questions regarding Our committee is seeking proposals for the process, please contact the Mendocino the Summer 2024 kids' camp production. County Department of Planning and Building This popular series usually has a cast of Services at 707-234-6650 or email pbs@ approximately 30 children. The camp and mendocinocounty.gov. show rehearsal period is six weeks long,

The rest of From page 1 Report

Special note

On September 28,

about 12:30 am, a woman

came to the lobby of the

WPD to report two men

"asleep" and unable to be

awoken. She described

the location of the incident,

but did not know the actual

address. She said she knew

one of the men by his first

name only and believed his

last name began with the

able to search records

and eventually identify a

potential location, to which

he dispatched a police

officer and contacted

certain that Dispatcher

Stainbrook's proficiency

with available databases

and records systems, and

his excellent investigative

work, allowed emergency

help to locate the 42-year-

old man in time to save his

life from an overdose.

Focus for next month

Recruitment

vacancies in both sworn

and non-sworn positions,

to meet unaffiliated recruits.

Trainee candidates, and

a Community Services

Officer candidate via the

background investigation

applicants for Dispatcher,

Police Sergeant, and

Conduct interview

current

process.

panels for

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vacancies.

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basic Police Academy class fair job.

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Dispatcher

Stainbrook was

From

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services.

information,

2022. WPD made 25 arrests in September 2023, compared to 45 in September 2022. Citations for September 2023 were listed as 14, compared to 45 in September last year.

Staffing items

· Our newest dispatcher, Anthony successfully completed the required 120-hour POST Dispatch Academy. During the three-weeks of academy training, Dispatcher Castillo returned to Willits on the weekends and worked dispatch shifts to ensure the rest of the dispatch team could get days off.

• The department has an ongoing recruitment to fill vacancies for Dispatcher and Community Service Officer, as well as Police Officer and Police Sergeant.

 Department staffing stands at about 50-percent of authorized strength; temporary augmentation to ensure we are providing around-the-clock coverage is still being provided via a mutual aid agreement Sheriff's Office

 Staff visited the Santa Rosa Public Safety Training Center to recruit unaffiliated students at the Dispatch Academy and met with unaffiliated Police Academy recruits as well.

 Disqualified several during the background investigation process, as they were not an appropriate fit for our

 Field Training continues for our senior officer-intraining; while non-field training continues for our Community Service Officer most recently hired officer.

The rest of Shamrock

101 near the town of Laytonville.

Burning will begin on Friday, October 27, and conclude on Sunday, October 29. Burning will start at approximately 10 am and conclude at approximately 5 pm each day.

This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at https://www.fire. ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-

This project burn will be conducted under strictly controlled weather and fuel conditions. Smoke and aircraft may be visible in the area.

Editor's Note: CAL FIRE MEU briefly announced then cancelled a plan to conduct burning of approximately 20 to 25 piles of vegetative matter, at CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters on Highway 101 south of Willits. The pile burns were scheduled to begin October 25 and continue periodically through November 4.

CAL FIRE's Patricia Austin confirmed the cancellation, and said she had no information about when that burn might be scheduled again.

and the show runs for seven shows over a two-week period. Camp sessions are three hours a day for four days a week. A generous stipend has been secured for the director position.

This year the steering committee is interested in a musical show but will also entertain proposals for a non-musical director or would like to learn more about being a camp manager, please contact Karen Mattson at willitsgateway@gmail. com for more information.

We look forward to working with our community again this year to put on a dynamic show. Once again we thank everyone for contributing your time, talent and generosity to this program.

Karen Mattson, for Gateway to the Stage, WIllits

Co-Housing Community meeting

To the Editor:

Save the date for all who are interested in learning about and/or helping to establish a senior-friendly, multi-generational

cohousing community in or near Willits. We will meet on Thursday, November 16 at 5:30 pm at the Willits Library. A light, plant-based dinner will be available.

Cohousing is all about community and living where everyone involved wants to be a good neighbor. It is a place where elders can age gracefully, and young families can feel supported. If there is more interest in the "seniorbe geared to elders.

As described at the very informative www.cohousing.org: "Cohousing is an intentional, collaborative neighborhood that

combines private homes with shared indoor and outdoor spaces designed to support an active and interdependent community life. Cohousing is not a financial or legal model, but rather a descriptive term that emphasizes the active participation of residents in

everything from design to governance." show. If anyone is interested in being a I envision this as a place where those of us who have homesteaded in the hills surrounding Willits can live with more ease and comfort and still feel connected to the land and feel supported by community. To see more about our vision, please visit www.greenleafcohousing.org.

It is important to RSVP so we know how much food to have on hand. Email: greenleafcohousing@gmail.com or text or call Janae at 707-354-2035. Thank you,

Janae Stephens, WIllits

Food Bank Appreciation Dinner

To the Editor:

The Willits Food Bank held an appreciation event on Sunday, October 22 at the Willits Senior Center to thank all who help keep the food bank open and running well. Forty people attended. A lovely meal was provided by the kitchen chef.

Awards and many compliments were bestowed on the food bank staff and volunteers. Board members were also thanked for their support and hard work.

The appreciation dinner tradition was started by former director Jim Marill in 1996 when he began his 20-year career leading the food bank. We skipped friendly" aspect, the community can several years during and following the pandemic crisis, but are now back on track, celebrating our outstanding helpers. Thanks to all who made it possible.

> Ruthanne Volz, executive director. Willits Food Bank

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by adding multi-factor authentication.

#BanksNeverAskThat anti-phishing campaign

Submitted by Savings Bank of Mendocino County

Savings Bank of Mendocino County and banks across the nation are educating consumers about the persistent threat of phishing a suspicious link or provide personal scams during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The FTC estimates that consumers lost \$8.8 billion to phishing and other fraud in 2022, an increase of more than 44% compared to 2021.

During October, Savings Bank is sharing information provided by the American Bankers Association #BanksNeverAskThat campaign on social media to combat phishing. The campaign provides tips to empower consumers to identify bogus bank communications. It's not just phone calls from suspicious numbers, or numbers that appear to be from a bank. It's also emails, and text messages masked to look like they're from your bank asking for sensitive information like passwords and Social Security numbers.

If you're contacted by phone, email or text and are asked for confidential information such as your account number, username, password, or PIN, this is definitely a red flag. End the call, delete the text, and trash the email.

The rest of From page 1 Crash searching the debris field. Deputies

located the bodies of two deceased individuals who remain unidentified at this time due to the conditions of their Deputies initiated a Coroner's

Investigation specific to aircraft accident protocols and contacted the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

The circumstances/ cause of the crash is currently being investigated by NTSB investigators who were making arrangements to respond to the crash scene upon being notified of the incident by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office Coroner's Division will continue the Coroner's Investigation in conjunction with the NTSB investigation.

Anyone with information that may the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Dispatch Center by calling 707-463-MCSO's public information officer,

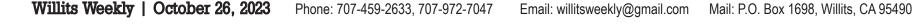
Captain Gregory Van Patten, had an update this week on the progress of the Coroner's Investigation. NTSB is investigating the circumstances of the crash. Van Patten told Willits Weekly:

"On October 21, a family member contacted the Sheriff's Office as they had been randomly tracking the flight of the plane on a cellphone app the previous day and believed the crash was associated with this specific plane. The Sheriff's Office was able to confirm identifying plane information with what the family member provided.

"We are in the process of attempting dental comparisons with the two deceased individuals found at the crash site," Van Patten continued. "Once this is completed, potentially by the end of the week, we will send out an updated assist investigators are urged to contact press release with the individuals' identifications.









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At far left: Krystle Coffman, with her friend and helper Tom Watson, created the ghoulish displays. At left: This year's goal of \$100,000 is close to being attained. Above: The yard is rife with scary creatures of the night, at least parts of them.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Lil 206

Giant skeleton haunts from beyond the grave, imploring residents to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

There is a giant on East Valley Street, a 12-foot-tall skeleton named Lil 206 (after the number of bones in the human body) that is chained to a giant bloody hand and surrounded by scary creatures of the night. Krystle Coffman is displaying this huge creature in order to bring awareness

to a campaign to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"This is our third year participating

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in the St. Jude's fundraiser," explained Coffman. "We just broke the goal which was a\$100,000. The last I checked, to date, with the previous two years, they've raised \$394,000. With this year's, we are really close to half a million dollars. You don't know how much each individual has brought in because the QR code is the same for all. The funds go directly to St. Jude's."

The first year, prior to Coffman's participation, the Skeletons for St. Jude was the project of one man, Jeff Robertson, who raised \$8,000 on his own. Since then, in the ensuing three years, the fundraiser has taken off nationwide, raising \$151,396 the second year and \$214,265 the third year. This year, the campaign has netted \$134,164 so far and is on track to possibly break last year's record.

Anyone can participate by decorating their house or

business and putting up a sign with a QR code which takes one directly to the Skeletons for St. Jude site where people can donate. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, named after Saint Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of lost causes, never takes money from the parents of sick children and provides excellent care and support for families, and shares its scientific discoveries with other facilities.

Coffman, although currently nine months pregnant and due in a week, put up all her decorations, with the assistance of her friend and co-worker, Joe Watson. Her Halloween night is an extravaganza of scares and candy, and sometimes even fire dancers. On East Valley Street, one block east of the post office, all are invited to stop by, meet Lil 206 and scan the QR code to contribute, or just to enjoy a fun Halloween, grab some candy, and see the smiles.

"You don't have to put up 12-foot skeletons, just decorations," said Coffman. "There are even businesses putting up signs. Anyone who decorates for Halloween can participate and put up a sign. It's fun to be part of the group and watch as we raise the funds. I've even talked my mom into putting up a sign."

To contribute directly, go to www.facebook.com/skeletonsforstjude or https://skeletonsforhope.org.



Above: Brookside Elementary School Students of the Month are honored at the October Willits Unified School District board meeting.

Brookside Students of the Month

Submitted by Brookside Principal Kathleen Crossman

At our most recent Willits Unified School District school board meeting, on Thursday, October 12, Superintendent Mark Beebe, along with our school board and each student's teacher, presented Brookside Students of the Month and their families with certificates.

The students were selected by their teachers for being safe, respectful, responsible and kind. They each have outstanding attendance and are achieving at grade-level or above.

The students who earned this designation are: Transitional Kindergarten: Shania Gimple, Priscilla Lara, and Kado Delgado; Kindergarten: Jaxon Williams and Aubree Adam; 1st Grade: Cali-June Alesi, Guillermo and Bautista Herrera; 2nd Grade: Debanhi Agular Ochoa and Amara Gallups.

Two staff members were also recognized by their peers. Special Education Teacher Devon Jones and Secretary Erica Buzzard were recognized for outstanding performance and collegiality.



