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BOS asked to

rescind auditor's suspension

By Mike Geniella, October 31, ava.com

Mendocino County supervisors sat silent as they were chastised Tuesday for arbitrarily removing elected Auditor Chamise Cubbison from office without a hearing.

Chris Andrian, a noted Sonoma County lawyer, ripped board members for denying Cubbison due process on October 17, and damaging her professional reputation based solely on District Attorney David Eyster's decision four days earlier to file a felony charge against her for "misappropriation of public funds."

Andrian charged that the board's unusual action underscores how the Cubbison case is "more political than legal."

The supervisors' controversial move, said Andrian, poses a threat to independent oversight of county finances. In 54 of California's 58 counties, the auditor-controller is an independent, nonpartisan elected office established to provide various accounting and property tax administration services to the county government, special districts, schools, and cities.

Read more of Cubbison

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Annual count finds 23% fewer homeless persons

Submitted by Mendocino County Social Services

The Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care has released its results from the 2023 Point-in-Time Count, an annual count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in Mendocino County.

More than 30 volunteers took part in this year's Point-in-Time Count, which was held on the evening of January 27, 2023. The data collected on that night is organized and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is typically approved and released back to the community in late summer.

In 2023, the total number of persons experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness counted in Mendocino County was 633 individuals, a 23% reduction from the prior year.

Although a Point-in-Time count is important to establish some dimension of the problem of homelessness in our local communities, the method is

Read the rest of Homeless

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Above, from left: A sweet tribute to a baby, Frankie M., who passed away in 1891 at the age of 22 months. Jane Camp, one of the Stone Story speakers, stands with the DeCamp grave she chose to explore due to the similarity in name. A headstone for James Frost, a member of one of Willits' two long-time feuding families, similar to the Hatfields and McCoys, rests just across from a member of the opposing family, the Coates. Below: Norma Hanson smiles next to the headstone of one of her Stone Story subjects: Nellie James, a feisty Willits resident who not only divorced her husband, won custody of her children, but also was an ace shooter, frequently taking out coyotes. She was born in 1881 and died in 1926.





Above: A trio of headstones from the James

family, the earliest William C. James, father of

Susie, left, and husband to Mary, right, passing

away on October 23, 1876. Below, left: Three of

the "Stone Stories" participants, Norma Hanson,

kneeling at left, Jane Camp, standing at left, and

Carol Cox, right, smile around the headstone

of Samuel Baechtel at the Little Lake Cemetery.

Below, right: A headstone from the local Broaddus

At left and at left, below: Carol Cox, left, Norma Hanson, and Jane Camp, right, look at the only grave in the Little Lake Cemetery that is oriented north and south, as opposed to east and west, like the others, due to the nature of its owner, L.E. Kenworthy. The marker reads: "Civil War. Dec 4 1904. Buried North-South because he had cared for wounded from both sides."

'Stone Stories'

Learn about historical persons from Willits' past, now interred at Little Lake Cemetery

Nowhere is history more tangible than it is standing face-to-face with a headstone bearing the name of your hometown, the street you live on, or one whose name is the same as your own. While not many people

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think to spend time pondering the lives and stories of those buried in these graves, there are rich tales, dramatic turns, heartbreaks, and lasting legacies associated with so many

and lasting legacies associated with so many of the names engraved on the stone monuments, you just have to find some time to learn about them.

You could pop onto the internet, do research at the library or museum, ask elders in your life, or you could spend an afternoon learning about many of those buried at the Little Lake Cemetery by attending the "Stone Stories" event, put on by a team effort of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, the Mendocino County Library, and the Mendocino County Museum

While the second-annual, rain-or-shine event is free of charge this year, thanks to the chamber's sponsorship, reservations are still required to attend. The event will start at 3 pm on Sunday, November 5, and will be held in three sections of the Little Lake Cemetery. Standing room and some chairs will be provided, but everyone is encouraged to bring an umbrella! Librarian and Genealogist Benjamin MacBean will guide guests though the cemetery as about 10 actors share stories about 10 to 15 of the historical persons buried in the cemetery and share details about their lives, families and legacies.

Museum volunteer Carol Cox started researching the stories last year and conferred with Mendocino County Museum Administrator Karen Mattson, who included possible additions, and then started deeply researching the narrowed group over the summer.

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National company to buy

Willits garbage hauler

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Solid Wastes of Willits owner Gerry Ward informed the Brooktrails Township board at their October 24 meeting that a national garbage outfit was buying out his local company.

The **Brooktrails** Community Services District received notification letter from SWOW advising of Ward's intention to sell to Waste Connections, Inc. Staff is in the preliminary stages of gathering information on the Brooktrails franchise agreement with SWOW to bring forward its transfer to the board for consideration.

Brooktrails General Manager Tamara Alaniz said: "This is something that is coming before you tonight as an informational, introductory item. SWOW is selling to WCI, Inc., and WCI would like to assume the franchise agreement with Brooktrails.

"The other company seems to be established," Alaniz said. "Its subsidiaries are numerous and are throughout other areas.

Read the rest of Garbage

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BOS approves county hiring freeze

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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved an immediate hiring freeze at their October 31 meeting, "except for core mandated services in Public Safety departments and other exceptions on a case-by-case need supported by data."

The item, brought by Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams, also instructs departments to "remove allocated positions" and to "take action to reduce the number of management positions in departments where the management-to-staff ratio is less than 1-to-6 and other reductions in staffing."

The freeze also means overtime "is not to be authorized" except for core mandated services.

The item also authorizes the County of Mendocino's Chief Executive Officer Darcie Antle "to initiate departmental structural changes to increase efficiencies and cost savings."

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Retired Teachers Week

To the Editor:

Each year the California Retired Teachers Association, aka CalRTA, highlights retired teachers' contributions by celebrating Retired Teachers Week. This year's event from November 5 to 11 marks the 25th year the celebration has been held during the organization's 94 year history.

After years in the classroom giving back to their students, California's retired teachers continue to give back through more about our group or to join! their passion for volunteerism

A recent survey of Mendocino County's 400+ members of Division 55 of CalRTA shows at least a half-million-dollars' worth of time donated to schools, libraries, hospitals, grandkids, and multiple other tasks that helped others.

CalRTA's members are part of that pool of retirees whose pension checks help stimulate California's economy. Members of CalRTA statewide also donated more than \$750,000 in grants, scholarships and donations to schools and current and future teachers last year.

This week would be a good time to call or send a card to that teacher who had a strong impact on your life.

Ed TePas, president, Division 55 of CalRTA, Willits

What's missing?

To the Editor:

As you look at the photos published in the Willits Weekly Issue of October 26, 2023, page 10, they present some of the new concepts for the East Commercial Street Plan enhancements, which is all fine. However, obviously something has been overlooked or is being ignored in the future concepts.

Did anyone else notice that something extremely important is missing? Gone from the front of the Mendocino County Museum are the United States flag and the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) flag. Is that what we want to see on East Commercial Street, no more flagpoles and no flags? Since when?

I would hope and expect that somewhere in the budget of \$2.77 million there is enough money for a couple of flagpoles and flags. If not, please send me the bill, and I will pay for all of it myself, including the installation costs.

However, there is one condition: They are located next to the Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam War Veterans Memorial. It would be proper and fitting to place them there. We need to do this. In fact, having the memorial without a flag nearby is a glaring omission. All veterans and responsible citizens will immediately notice this oversight. Therefore, I strongly suggest this gets fixed. Respectfully,

Dennis Miner, major (retired), US Army, Willits Editor's Note: Dennis Miner let us know that when he talked to planners at the City of Willits, they said the missing flags in the graphic of the Museum was an oversight.

Thank you

To the Editor:

We want to shout out a BIG thank you to those community members who attended the recent Willits Chamber Mixer at the North County Center on Friday, October 20, to support our local Mendocino College students. The North County Friends of Mendocino College, hosts of the Chamber Mixer, want to thank those that made this evening special.

Donations to the auction were provided by Willits Furniture, Cooley's Firewood, Metal F/X, Northern Aggregates, John

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Tom Allman was outstanding in his role of Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer. Bidding was very enthusiastic. We want to thank those that participated in the auction and the fund-a-need program. The funds raised during this fun evening will go directly to North County students to purchase additional calculators and update their lending

A large thank you goes to our college staff for all their valuable help. Scoops Deli did an excellent job providing a delicious assortment of refreshments. We also wish to thank members of the Willits Chamber for their help with

The North County Friends of Mendocino College is a group of volunteers assisting in the education and service programs benefitting students in the North County. Please contact Tim King at tmking@savingsbank.com to learn

> Tim King, president, North County Friends of Mendocino College

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, November 2: Polish Sausage, Peppers & Onions over Rice

Friday, October 3: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Roll Monday, November 6: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Roll

Tuesday, November 7: Spagnetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread Wednesday, November 8: Fish Tacos, Rice &

Thursday, November 9: Teriyaki Chicken Stir-Fry

Friday, November 10: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Bread, Corn Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm.

Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday.

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

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. 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.

Little Lake Fire September Report By Little Lake Fire Protection **District Board of Directors**

Little Lake Fire Department's report for the month of September was included in the Willits City Council's agenda packet for their October 11 meeting.

Calls to service: We had 49 calls during the month of September. Six fires, 27 rescues / emergency medical calls / traffic collisions, three calls for service, and 13 false alarms. Little Lake also provided mutual aid to a structure fire in Redwood Valley as well as a wildland fire in Ukiah.

Around the Firehouse

We have been working hard on some grants. We are in desperate need of SCBAs (breathing apparatuses) which run about \$8,000 per apparatus with cylinders, face pieces, etc. The state is constantly changing requirements, which makes it difficult for small departments to keep up with new regulations. Since we have been running on the same operating budget for 23 years, we depend on grants to keep up with regulations.

Staff is planning on handing out Halloween candy in the bay here at the new firehouse this year until 8 pm. Unfortunately we were not able to get enough volunteers to put on the drive through this year. With all the fire calls, trainings, and family obligations, it is getting difficult for our volunteers to put in more time.

Burn ban has been lifted as of October 11.

Our training officer, Jeff Donaldson, recently attended a lithium-battery training seminar. Lithium batteries (EV cars, etc.) are extremely dangerous for first responders. The class was taught by a firefighter who survived a lithium-battery explosion and Donaldson will be training volunteer firefighters with the information he has learned.

We have three firefighters that will be attending a hazardous-materials class. Four will be attending a driver-operator class (driving engines) and our fire marshal has been attending an inspector series class in the Sacramento area the last few months and will continue until the end of the year.

Equipment

We are still training on our new Type 6 Brush Truck and our new Type 3 Engine 5469. We are hoping they will be in service soon.

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Cubbison

From page 1

shortages, an exodus of ex-

perienced employees, soft-

ware program malfunctions,

and relentless requests

from some board members

for statistical information

that has been difficult to

Board members led by

Supervisor Ted Williams

and Supervisor Glenn Mc-

Gourty have pushed to

further consolidate office

operations into a new "De-

partment of Finance." which

would be more closely

associated with the board

office and the county Exec-

Neither supervisors nor

DA Eyster are publicly

discussing their reasons

behind criminally charging

Cubbison, and then sus-

pending her without pay,

and appointing a deputy in

the county executive office

to be acting auditor/treasur-

Cubbison supporters say

the controversial appoint-

ment brings the board one

step closer to abolishing the

combined offices into the

new finance department,

removing the oversight of

experienced county finance

Sara Pierce, the new act-

ing auditor/treasurer, made

an appearance before the

board Tuesday morning

and suggested she was

surprised to learn "outside"

banking accounts existed

within the newly combined

offices. That and other con-

cerns have led her to refuse

to sign off on a draft "ACFR"

[Annual Comprehensive

inancial Report] for fis-

cal year 2021-2022, said

Pierce's comments were

immediately dismissed by

experienced county finance

In fact, the California

Government Code allows

outside bank accounts, for

example, to be set up by

county personnel for payroll

tax payments, acceptance

of credit/debit cards, and

Under Code 53682, a

county treasurer may de-

posit funds in safe and

secure outside accounts

if there is a "public advan-

Former county Treasurer

"Money does not take

care of itself. Experience

and expertise matter," said

Schapmire, who spent a to-

tal of 40 years in the county

Schapmire warned that

"during this Auditor's Of-

fice takeover, there will be

many, many items that are

discovered and simply are

not understood by those un-

familiar with the operations

of a county Auditor's Office.

"I sincerely hope this

lack of understanding is not

used as a weapon to unfair-

ly discredit Chamise Cubbi-

son," said Schapmire, who

served 15 years as county

Attorney Andrian said the

Pierce report to the board

earlier Tuesday was mis-

guided and made in a bid to

"Ms. Cubbison was on

top of this, and after taking

over, began to review and

seek statements from the

banks handling the outside

accounts. There is nothing

Pierce responded at the

"The concern is not re-

treasurer-tax collector.

suggest wrongdoing.

Shari Schapmire scoffed at

the new concerns.

Treasurer's Office.

online bill payments.

gather or with no history.

A somber Cubbison stood silently by Andrian's side in board chambers Tuesday as he pressed her case.

Andrian zeroed in on the board's reliance on Eyster's charging decision given questions raised about the DA's public entanglements with Cubbison and other elected auditors over his office's own spending, including travel reimbursements and use of asset forfeiture funds to cover expenses.

Andrian described Eyster's criminal case against Cubbison as "very weak," and complicated because of the DA's bias against Cubbison and his documented effort to block her appointment two years ago as interim auditor.

"She will defend herself in court," said Andrian.

Andrian's legal wrath on Tuesday was directed at board members for their highly unusual move against an elected county official without a hearing.

"You acted as judge, jury and executioner," declared

Andrian addressed the board under a special item on Tuesday's board agenda offering Cubbison an afterthe-fact opportunity to defend herself. He said he is consulting with specialists in California law governing removal of elected officials.

"Your action has damaged her," said Andrian.

Andrian argued that county supervisors should have had facts and not accusations before removing an elected auditor from office. He reminded the board that there is no allegation in Eyster's criminal complaint that Cubbison personally benefited from \$68,000 in extra pay made to the county's former payroll manager during the COVID pandemic. or that county money was at risk.

Supervisor John Haschak was the only board member to speak after hearing from Andrian, and about a half-dozen Cubbison supporters.

Haschak questioned an outside San Francisco attorney advising the board on Cubbison's suspension about whether she had "any problem" with the board suspending Cubbison two weeks ago without a hear-

Morin Jacob, the San Francisco lawyer advising the board on the Cubbison suspension, refused to answer publicly.

"That is a question I am happy to respond to in a confidential setting, but I won't do that in an open setting this afternoon," said Jacob.

DA Eyster, who has battled with three auditors over his office spending and travel reimbursements during his 12-year tenure, publicly targeted Cubbison when retiring Auditor Lloyd Weer recommended that she be appointed interim auditor to fill out his term. Eyster was successful in blocking her appointment but after the board of supervisors forced the consolidation of the Auditor/Controller and Treasurer/Tax Collector offices over the objections of senior county finance officials and civic leaders, Cubbison ran for election and won to become department head.

Cubbison's victory celebration, however, was short lived. The combined offices have been plagued by staff

lated to the fact there are accounts held at another

new here," he said.

end of the day.

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Cubbison

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Above: Parents watch their kids perform various songs about ghosts and bats. At right, top: Heather Miya gets assistance from a young dragon in picking winning lottery tickets. At right: This little devil is not as evil as she looks. At far right: Savannah Norton teaches fourth and fifth grades at the Sherwood School. At right, below: Jay, from the fifth grade class, tells some pretty hilarious jokes about the holiday.

Fall Festival

Sherwood School students sing songs for parents and play games at Halloween gathering

"There was a ghost on Halloween; he really made the ghostly scene. He was the boogie-woogie ghost. He was the ghostie with the most And when the kiddies came around, he'd give out a ghostly sound He'd ao Boooo ...

So went the song sung by most of the littles at the annual Sherwood School Fall Festival, put on by the Friends of the Sherwood School Inc.

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"They're pretty much our parent-teacher organization," explained Heather Miya, secretary / registrar of the

school. "It's mostly parents of students that we have here, but we actually have retired teachers that come out and join. We have a couple community members who aren't especially associated with our school. They just want to help out and support the kids. They do an immense amount of fundraising for us, which allows us as a school site to do so much.

"We're a part of Willits Unified," said Miya, "but with the support of FOSSI, we're able to do a field trip every month, instead of once or twice a year as at the other schools. We're able to pay Nancy New to come in and teach music to our children. They paid for additional art supplies. They paid for us to go to the pumpkin patch to get the pumpkins we use for our pumpkin-carving contest. They are a critical part of our school."

Most of the 43 registered students, from kindergarten to fifth grade, were in attendance with colorful and wellthought-out costumes. Ghostbusters, SWAT-team members, witches, goblins, princesses, dragons, and a multitude of other fantastical characters raced about and frolicked on the playground equipment in the cool early evening air, while waiting for the lasagna smorgasbord (with about 10 different lasagnas brought by parents).

As soon as Miya rang the dinner bell, both kids and parents lined up to grab their fill, before digging into the myriad of desserts which were available for donations. They could also purchase some hot cocoa or apple cider to warm their bellies.

After dinner, all the kids and parents assembled at the stage for presentations by the various classes. The fourth and fifth graders, under the direction of their teacher, Savannah Norton, sang the aforementioned "Boogie-Woogie Ghost" song, accompanied by Nancy New, who also volunteers her time at the school, on

who were shepherded in by their teacher, Annapurna call 707-984-6769, or email heathermiva@ Steffen, and sang the same song (with a little more willitsunified.com.

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help). Lastly, the kindergarten and first-grade classes sang a song about bats, with help from their teacher, Trisa Hall. As a special treat, after the singing was over, a young comedian, Jay, took the stage and delighted the crowd with some timely Halloween stand-up comedy.

Once the musical acts were completed, the students were invited to their choice of three classrooms. The first was a spooky haunted house, created by the older students. Another was the room where raffle winners were being selected out of a rolling bin. The final choice was a game room where the students could win some fun prizes by playing Plinko, a fishing game, and a game where they could pull out sticks which released balls and the last ball standing won.

The Sherwood School, situated past Third Gate off Sherwood Road, although remote from Willits, has been in existence since the mid-1800s.

"There used to be a town here which was started by Mr. Sherwood," explained Miya. "He's actually buried over at the cemetery. He settled here as a rancher. More and more people came here and in the mid-1800s, the logging began and this became a logging town. It had a post office. There are some buildings

"In the '50s there was a big fire which wiped out most of the town," said Miya. "Mr. Sherwood's wife, who came here from the East Coast, saw the need for a school for the loggers and the Sherwood Rancheria reservation. She wanted a school for the children of the community and the children of the reservation. There has been a school at this site for over 150

"Our current administrator is Dr. Crossman who is also the principal at Brookside Elementary. We also work very closely with Mark Beebe, our superintendent of schools for Willits Unified. One thing about being way out here is that we don't have our own admin because we're so small, so sometimes we rotate through admins, who all work through Mr. Beebe's directive. He has wanted our school to be just as much a part of the Willits Unified as the schools that are closer to town," said Miya.

"One of the really wonderful things about Sherwood is kids have the option of working in higher level classes if they are ready to learn more. If a kid is having trouble with some of their skills, they can work with a class that best matches their level. We don't leave any student behind. We will accommodate any educational needs they have.

For more info, visit www.willitsunified.com/o/ Next up were the second and third-grade classes, sherwood, www.facebook.com/dragonsofsherwood,









At left: With so many lasagna choices, a young princess has trouble deciding. At left, below: A picture of A. E. Sherwood, for whom the school is named, is on display. Below: Harry Potter decided to show up for the festivities At bottom: The game room has a multitude of fun diversions and chances to win prizes and candy.







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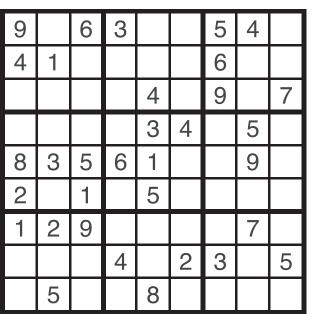
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formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers 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!

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Sudoku puzzles are

7:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued

7:23 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

the 1500 block of South Main Street and

The officers of the Willits Police

Summary of Active Investigations

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

October 2 to October 8

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Department handled 61 incidents in this the intersection of West Highway 20 and

issued a warning.

conduct (alcohol).

October 6

issued a warning.

Lenore Avenue

October 7

October 8

Creek Drive.

12:07 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

12:16 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

the 400 block of South Main Street and

1:37 pm: LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank (53)

of Willits was contacted in the 1600 block

of South Main Street. He was arrested

on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

5:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

11:13 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and

7:51 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main

10:35 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 100 block of North

2:52 am: Officers initiated a theft

11:52 pm: Officers initiated a theft

11:01 am: Officers initiated a fraud

11:20 am: Officers responded to a report

12:34 pm: BRITTON, Brendan

Christopher (28) of Willits was contacted

in the 1400 block of Willow Lane. He was

Rape), and on misdemeanor charges

of violation of a protective order and

contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Covelo Fire finds body

in burning car

On October 31, 2023 at 9:48 am, the

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was notified

by CAL FIRE of a vehicle fire in the area of

County Road 337L near the Covelo dump in

Personnel from the Covelo Fire Department

had responded to the fire and were in the

process of extinguishing the vehicle when they

noticed the presence of what appeared to be

A Sheriff's Office deputy arrived on scene

and confirmed the presence of human remains

inside of the severely burnt vehicle. Sheriff's

Office detectives were summoned to the scene

along with an arson investigator with the Ukiah

Sheriff's Office detectives are in the midst

of ongoing investigations and will be obtaining

assistance from forensic anthropology staff

This assistance will aid Sheriff's Office

detectives in the recovery of the human remains

and the search for any potential evidence

This investigation is currently being handled

Anyone with information that could assist

Sheriff's Office detectives in this case is urged

to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's

Office Tip-Line at 707-234-2100 or the WeTip

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as a Coroner's Investigation into what is

from California State University, Chico.

contained within or around the vehicle.

deemed a suspicious death at this time.

human remains inside the vehicle.

Valley Fire Authority.

782-7463.

Looking for something to celebrate?

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

at https://www.listofnationaldays.com/

By Captain Gregory Van Patten for MCSO

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of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Mill

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investigation in the 800 block of South Main

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100 block of South Main Street and issued

South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

7-day reporting period.

October 3

October 2

6:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of

8:12 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Walnut Street and Magnolia Street and issued a warning.

12:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

3:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of Street. South Main Street.

3:42 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Alder

9:42 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of Hawthorn

October 5

8:39 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

11:06 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Barbara

Covelo plane crash victims IDd

Submitted by MCSO

On October 27, 2023, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Division was able to identify, by dental record comparisons, the individuals who died during the October 20, 2023 plane crash in Covelo.

Those individuals were determined to be Vaughan Wesley Porter, a 54-yearold man from North Highland, Utah, and Jaime Danielle Rust, a 51-year-old woman from Payson, Utah.

National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the circumstances / cause of the crash.

Willits Skate Park closed for 7 to 10 days Posted by City of Willits

Willits community: The Willits Skate Park will be closed to the public starting on November 1 for approximately 7 to 10 days to install framework for a new shade structure. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve this facility.

The City of Willits will keep the community updated on the next phase of this project and further closure dates, see "City of Willits" on Facebook.

November 2: All Souls' Day, Be The Hair Day, National Redhead Day, American

Football Day November 6: National Nachos Day, National Team Manager Day, Saxophone

Chocolate With Almonds Day, National Hug A Bear Day, Notary Public Day **November 8:** National Camp T-Shirt Day,

National Cappuccino Day, National Country Day, National STEM/STEAM Day, National X-Ray Day, Talk Money Day, Tongue Twister Day, World Pianist Day, Save The World Day







display seems to say, "Please, come in. We have music and for the Arts has recently been infested with large spiders. Kelsey and Ashley Dow, dressed as Raggedy Ann and Andy, win third place in the costume contest. Bunny takes to the floor early to dance with her hula hoop.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Halloween Gala

Ornate, creepy decorations, live music, dancing, and creative costumes at Willits Center for the Arts

It was a place to see dead people, ghouls, pirates, Fifth Element goddesses, Raggedy Ann and Andy, and all sorts of creative, fun costumes. It's the one time of year that it is acceptable to dress up in order

Mathew Caine

to portray one's favorite cartoon or fantasy characters. The Second Annual

Willits Center for the Arts Halloween Gala was a place and time where the creepy crawlies could come out to play, to dance, and to enjoy the company of other likeminded fun-seekers.

Approaching the front of the building, it was easy to see that the WCA had been taken over by a host of eight-legged creatures, spinning their webs and turning the gallery space into an underworld full of music, food, costumes and laughter.

On the walk to the entrance at the back of the building, weird creatures from a demented graveyard lined the pavement and berated the passersby with warnings of their impending doom should they choose to enter this world. The ghostly hearse, filled with skeletal remains, guarded the entrance, as did the 12-foot skeleton with the glowing eyes.

Entering the back of the building, what used to be a classroom had been transformed into a buffet, a bar, and a silent auction, which offered goods and services from some very generous local businesses and individuals. The silent auction items offered included cheesecake, a gift certificate to Fish Out of Water, a Natural Pigments package, gravel, services from

Johnson tree service, and many other fun and artistic items.

Upstairs in the Great Room, Sienna Reno had a station to sell South American beaded and artistic specialties. The Willits Photo Club, under the direction of Craig Gardner and Dorothy Asbury, had a spooky photo booth where, for \$10, attendees could get their photo taken in a graveyard

Two bands played through the evening. The local group Cosmic Family Band opened the show, followed by Death and Taxes Swing Band, which consisted of some members of Dirty Cello. Between the two performances, some of the board members of the Willits Center for the Arts ran a costume contest which allowed people to show off the time and creativity they had put into becoming their favorite

First place in the costume contest was won by a blue ice queen by the name of Suuze Rateliff, second place by pirate Dean Bauman, and third by Raggedy Ann and Andy, Kelsey and Ashley Dow.

First prize for the costume contest was \$100 cash. The second prize winner got a \$50 gift certificate to their choice of Brown's Corner or The Munchery. Third prize received the gift certificate remaining after the second place winner made their choice.

WCA board members Lexi Halleck and Eric Hart spearheaded the look of the event.

Gala Over on page 11



Above, left: Rose flew in with her mossy wings to enjoy the festivities. Rebecca Roudman of Death and Taxes and Dirty Cello sings swing music for the people to dance to. Below, left: Second-place winner Dean Bauman has been piecing this costume together for several years. Below, right: Ice queen Suuze Rateliff takes the stage to accept first place in the costume contest. At bottom: Two members of Death and Taxes run a swing dance lesson for the attendees.

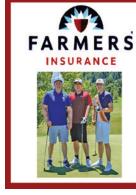












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- 53. Tax collector 54. Lease 56. Not out
- Impact Day, Cookie Monster Day, Día De Los Muertos, National Deviled Egg Day,

November 3: Cliché Day, Give Someone A Dollar Today Day, Japanese Culture Day, National Accessory Day, National Housewife's Day, National Sandwich Day,

World Jellyfish Day **November 4:** National Candy Day, National Chicken Lady Day, National Easy-Bake Oven Day, National Use Your Common Sense Day, Roast Dinner Day

November 5: Bonfire Night, National Chinese Take Out Day, National Donut Appreciation Day, National Love Your Red

November 7: National Bittersweet

Girls Day, National Harvey Wallbanger

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Ongoing Events

Willits Tennis Club: Meets Mondays and

Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am at the Willits High

School courts. New members welcome. Free. Show

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every

week on Mondays, 6:30 pm, at the Muse in Willits, 30

East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth

Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods

Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info:

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Sack lunches served

at the City Park (or across the street in case of rain)

every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. Come early to be

assured a lunch! Provided by various churches and

Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired

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

at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams of two, winner

takes the pot! We'll have the games on all day. Beer,

wine, pizza, we've got everything you need!" Flying

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twice-monthly

drive-thru food distribution in Willits, second and

fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking

lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11

am. Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the

second and fourth Friday of every month, with host

and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then

get down until closing!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 3

pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym:

Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers a free karate

program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym,

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm. for new students

ages 7 and above. Use the back doors to enter.

Special small child (Lil Dragons) classes only on

Thursdays at 6 pm, ages 3 to 6. There is an annual

\$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). For

more info call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-

354-0565. Program is continuous year-round. Body

Shanachie Pub

Ongoing Events

musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass

Association, "so you never know which members

from out of the area may drop in!"

street from the Willits Skate Park. Info:

Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street

Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main Street.

seniors 60 or older), and diapers.

up or call 707-484-3385

Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

community organizations.

Thursday, November 2

Willits Farmers Market:

market continues on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot downtown. Thursdays from 3 to 5 pm. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Schedule update: Farmers Market stays outdoors through November 16, takes a break for Thanksgiving Thursday, then moves indoors to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on November 30,

Friday, November 3

Chamber Mixer for Flourish and Flow Mendo: Willits Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting and mixer for the new wholistic wellness and fitness studio, Flourish and Flow Mendo, is set for Friday, November 3 from 5 to 7 pm, at 1726 South Main Street, Ste B, the site of the former Thrive Yoga in the Evergreen Shopping Center.

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: Davis-based rio plays funky originals: 'A 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 scale, so all are welcome Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

FLOURISH & FLOW

Saturday, November 4

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, oilbased paint, latex ballasts, acids, bases, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals and medication. Free to households; 15 gallon limit. More info call the Recycling Hotline at 468-9704 or visit www.MendoRecvcle.org

Sufi Sound Medicine Experience: Musical prayers in five ancient languages, with anaar Azreik and Friends. "In Sufism, the root meaning of existence is ecstasy.' Saturday, November 4 from 7 to 8:30 pm. The Muse, 34 East San Francisco Avenue. Sliding scale: \$10-\$30. Please RSVP: Mana

Grassomoxoa at Shanachie: Bluegrass band that loves the Dead - and much 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 through November 16, takes a break for Thanksgiving Riley Hill on guitar. Saturday, November 4 at 8 pm. \$10 suggested donation. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

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 Lake Cemetery, on Little Lake Cemetery Road, off East Hill Road in Willits. Sunday, November 5, at 3 pm. Local actors will bring stories about the lives and legacies about those interred at the cemetery to life, with dramatized obituary readings. Librarian and Genealogist Benjamin MacBean will guide guests though the cemetery. Program attendance is free and open to all, but space is limited. Carpool if possible as parking is limited. For required: https://santarosa-edu. reservations, please call 707-459-7910.

Wednesday, November 8

Living Jukebox at Brickhouse Coffee: Richard "Tootreese" Jeske and Don Willis are the Living Jukebox, playing songs you ought to know, Wednesday November 8 from 12 to 2 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 Main Street. "Whether it's R&B, rock, country or folk, they have it

'The Bermuda Triangle - Urban Legend or Scientific Anomaly?': part of the Paranormal and Beyond discussion series, second Wednesdays at the

Willits Library, Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Library staff present a unique look at the mysterious phenomenon known as "Bermuda Triangle," complete with slide show and candid discussion as to the origins, history, and possible explanations for this dangerous region of the Atlantic Ocean. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 707-459-5908.



WAIT UNTIL DARK

BY FREDERICK KNOTT DIRECTED BY MATHEW CAINE

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and make informed decisions regarding their future education." Willits Branch Library meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm; November 10. Light refreshments will

> 1966 play debuted in its widely popular film version in 1967, starring Audrey

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November 9

Manaar Azreik and Friends

Saturday, November 4

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Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market continues on Main Street at the old Rexall parking lot downtown. Thursdays from 3 to 5 pm. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Schedule update: Farmers Market stays outdoors

Harnessing Your

FREE Zoom Event

Thursday, then moves indoors to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on November 30, when hours will be back to 3 to 5:30 pm.

'Harnessing Your Happiness Hormones': a free Zoom talk by Avenues to Wellness, featuring Nick Lawrence, an entertaining informative, and empowering national speaker and trainer, who is the director of Tools for Life, Inc. This talk focuses on the individual and their unique hormone levels, including an evidence-based quiz to determine their personal hormone "picture" and how well they are functioning. Thursday, November 9, from 6 to 8 pm. Go to this link - no password zoom.us/j/4843059069. Avenues

to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard at the Mendocino County Foundation. Visit www.avenuestowellness.org to view Museum. video archives of previous talks. Commercial Street, More info: 707-456-9676.

Friday, November 10

So You Want to Go to College: One of a series of classes offered by the Willits Library to all high school students and their parents that will "help high school age people understand the terminology and process of applying for college

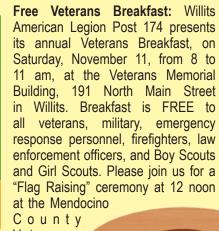
be served. Info: 707-459-5908 'Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Famed psychological thriller opens at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, November 10. The

Hepburn, Alan Arkin, What's Happening Around Town and Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. Directed by Mathew Caine, the WCT production features veteran WCT actors Steve Marston as

> Roat and Sarah France as Susy. Also appearing are Joshua Sternberg, Talisman Marshall, Garrett Moore, Zoe Robertson, Emmalia Pyle, Austin Peterson and Ben Wilson. Plays through November 26, at the WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, with shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm (except Sunday, November 19). Tickets are \$20; available online at www.wctperforminartscenter.org or

> Wolf River Band at Shanachie: Indie-folk duo from the Gulf Coast on tour in the West. Their sound blends Americana, Folk, Blues, and Bluegrass with strong harmonies and breakout electric guitar and fiddle jams. Friday, November 10 at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. 8 pm.

Saturday, November 11



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Sit-N-Sew: Second Saturdays

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at the Willits Library, , November 11 this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in – bring your sewing project and have fun. 390 East Commercial Street. org or 459-5908. Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Famed psychological thriller shows at 7:30 pm, Saturday, November 11. See November 10 listing for more details.

The Funkanauts at Shanachie: SF-based band "known for their unique blend of funk, soul, and hip hop, with a touch of Afro-futurism thrown in for good measure." Saturday, November 11 at 8 pm. \$10. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, November 12

'Wait Until Dark' at WCT: Famed psychological thriller shows at 2 pm, Sunday, November 12. See November 10 listing for more details.

My Thoughts: One might think that Mike has most-disturbing parental issues, but pretty blond **Call for Artists** The WCA is looking for artists for the annual Small Works Show Paintings, Sculpture, Fabric, Glass, etc Enter up to 5 works under 12" x 16" or no taller than 16" Email images of work you

Confession: lacked Freddy-

psychoanalyst.

moxie. I knew nothing (nothing!) about the FnaF World, or the creatures and ghosts that inhabit Five Night Freddy's abandoned restaurant. But the substantial Freddy-phile crowd at the 5:15 show were hip to the ragged nuances and (what seemed to me) incoherence of the plot. When the flick ended (with a promise of sequels), the audience burst into applause. That doesn't often happen.

Parents: The flick is rated 12 and up. Don't bring the younger ones.

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

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, ammunition, radioactive wastes, medical waste, and compressed gas cylinders larger than 5 gallons.

More info or to make an appointment, call the Recycling Hotline at 468-9704 or visit www.MendoRecycle.org

SPIRITUAL **PATHWAYS**

Ongoing Events at the Willits

Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Info: www.mendolibrary.org

Story Time: Tuesday through Friday each week,

10:30 to 11 am. "Start your morning listening to a

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am

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

room to discuss various topics while enjoying a cup

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

time at the library. Bring your imagination and start

Willits Walk and Talk: Join the Willits Branch

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

neighborhood. Come enjoy a little bit of exercise

as well as some pleasant conversation. All ages

are welcome. Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am;

meet at the front entrance to the library, 390 East

Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or

Games at the Library: First and third Fridays of the

month, 4 to 5:30 pm. "Calling all board, card and

tabletop role-playing game players! All ages and

player levels welcome. Bring your own games to

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library

from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Five Nights

at Freddy's'

Neurotic Mike (Josh Hutcherson) is hired to

be an all-night security guard at Freddy's

long-shuttered fun-time pizzeria. Mike is

haunted by guilt. He was distracted by a

kidnapped. Curiously

and significantly and

fixates on finding

the face of the

kidnapper, even more

than rescuing his little

Vanessa

Not

(Elizabeth Lail) has

a horrifying daddy

to judge, but in

terms of troubled

mental miasmas,

this movie's author

Scott Cawthon is

nakedly sharing his

"issues." He would

do well to spend

time on the couch

of a Freudian

relationship.

repeatedly.

Frisbee (WTF!) when his little brother was

Freddy's monsters wander the hallways - nasty

ghosts as well. The story features gigantic and

cartoonish animatronic animals, each of which is

addicted to homicidal butchery. Good luck Mike!

The Story: Cinematic addition to the "Five Nights

at Freddy's" video game(s) first released in 2014,

after which came spin-off novels, anthologies,

trilogies ... all known as FnaF World.

Dan Essman

brother. That's weird.

Hope you make it.

circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm."

call the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

story. Join us in the children's area of the library."

Agape **Bible Church**

290 S. Lenore Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship Adult Sundav School 9:00 a.m Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church

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

Church of Christ

What must we do to be saved Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023

Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study-7-8:00 p.m.

The Church of **Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints

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(707) 459-3106 St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday-5:30 p.m. Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English 10:30 a.m. - Spanisł Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252 https://stanthonywillits.org/ aintanthonywillits@gmail.con We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis **Episcopal Church** 1 North Main Street, Willits

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

St. John Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

Willits United Methodist Church abyrinth and Peace Garder

A place to find comfort where all are welcome Pastor Rosemary Landry bunday Worship at 10:30 am 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855 wumc@willitsonline.com

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this column please call: **April Tweddell** (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com

Forest Health Extravaganza in Laytonville November 4

The Eel River Recovery Project and multiple co-sponsors, including CAL FIRE, the Cahto Tribe, and the Institute for Sustainable Forestry, hold a comprehensive forest health meeting at Harwood Hall in Laytonville on Saturday, November 4 from 9 am to 5 pm. The meeting is aimed at helping the community to organize to maximize the benefits of forest health implementation, including tiered opportunities such as using wood generated for building construction or furniture. Another emphasis will be fire preparedness.

The meeting starts with a welcome from the Cahto Tribe followed by brief remarks from Third District Supervisor John Haschak, followed by presentations from ERRP, Redwood Forest Foundation, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, the Northern Mendocino Ecosystem Recovery Alliance, and more. Also includes breakout sessions with Happy Day Farms and Laytonville Garden Club after lunch. Food will be provided all day, including 30 pounds of wild rockfish for dinner, donated by Pacific Choice and owner Gerry Ward "is once Seafood. No charge for admission or again accommodating our residents accepted. Info: EelRiverRecovery.org, 223-7200







Weekly organic waste pickup in November Posted by City of Willits

The City of Willits announced on Facebook that Solid Waste of Willits the Solid Waste crew!"

FIVE NIGHTS

AT FREDDY'S

Los Angeles Guitar Quartet November 5 in Ukiah

The Los Angeles Guitar Quartet plays the Mendocino College Centre Theater in Ukiah, Sunday, November 5 at 2 pm.

Famous, acclaimed, and legendary, these Grammy Award winners are master musicians in a host of genres, with charisma and creativity that make them superb entertainers as well.

Tickets for non-season subscribers are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the meals, although donations will be gladly by collecting mixed organic waste door. Advance tickets are available online and at Mendocino Book Company carts every Friday for the month of in Ukiah and Mazahar in Willits. Free tickets for youth 17 and under, and ERRPoutreach@gmail.com or call 707 November. Thank you Mr. Ward and for fulltime (12 units) college students. Reserve free tickets in advance by calling the UCCA at 707-463-2738 with name, phone number, and email.



OVER 21 CLUB -Luxury Recliners

Tightwad Tuesday Title for Nov. 7 is in RED. All tickets at just \$6!

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'Leap of Faith' Leia

Leia is slow to adjust to the shelter environment. She's one of those dogs whose personality may be different once adopted and comfy at home. We know she has a relaxed, playful side because we have seen it, as when Bev, our awesome kennel worker, comes into the room. Leia ADORES Bev! With others she is more reserved and

Leia does allow us to leash her up and take her out, and she is very happy on walks and has lovely on-leash manners. Leia is looking for that special adopter willing to take a leap of faith and trust that she will come out of her shell and be a happy and playful dog once comfortable and settled in.

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 application adoption available at www. mendoanimalshelter.

Ranch Dog Finn

No kids for Finn. He needs a predictable environment and to stay home with adults, and

mostly be an outdoor dog. Finn needs people with some land and with a lot of experience with Great Pyrenees as well as patience to let Finn adjust in a calm home environment. No hovering, hugging, pushing or pulling until a significant amount of time has passed for his comfort and adjustment.

SLOW and steady for Finn, he needs to build trust, he is a friendly, beguiling fellow, but has territorial issues, and some handling issues to where he doesn't like strangers hugging him and that kind of thing.

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area and people going about their days that he can follow around, engage, tail wagging and happy! He is intelligent, and knows how to "sit," "shake" and "down." He is good with other dogs, and loves to play.

To learn more about Finn or to view other adoptable animals, visit www. milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment

only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 707-459-4900.

Silky Love Bug

Love Bug might give you scared eves when you first meet, but he really is a softie. Like, really, really soft. His coat is silky to the touch and his personality is sweet, even if he is scared of meeting new people. We understand introverts and are happy to help him meet a person who fits him.

Love Bug is FIV positive but this should not stop him from finding a loving home. He is great with other cats, so he has no chance of giving it to a FIV negative cat. He needs to be indoors only to make sure he stays as healthy as he can be.

Love Bug's adoption fee has been sponsored by Wayne Menger so he can go home with you for free! If you have any questions about FIV (Feline

Immunodeficiency Virus), please call or email our cattery manager at catteam@hsimc.org or 707-485-0123 ext. 305.

Love Bug

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to come visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

and recommended screenings at each stage of life.







Above, from top: The poster for the upcoming show "Wait Until Dark" starting November 10 at the Willits Community Theatre. Three con men, from left, Joshua Sternberg, Steve Marston and Talisman Marshall come to terms with their sinister scheme in "Wait Until Dark.

Emmalia Pyle, left, and Sarah France are about to match wits with three con men and their sinister scheme in "Wait Until Dark."

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November 10

The famed psychological

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Theatre November 10

through 26. The 1966 play -

which debuted in its widely

popular film version in 1967.

starring Audrey Hepburn,

Alan Arkin, and Efrem

Zimbalist, Jr. - features a

sinister con man, Roat, and

two ex-convicts, Mike and

Carlino, who are about to

meet their match in a game

of wits with a blind woman,

The play is directed

by Mathew Caine, and

features WCT veteran

actors Steve Marston as

Roat and Sarah France as

Susy. Also appearing are

Joshua Sternberg, Talisman

Marshall, Garrett Moore,

Zoe Robertson, Emmalia

Pyle, Austin Peterson and

As the action heats up,

the crooks have traced the

location of a doll containing

heroin to the Greenwich

Village apartment of Sam

Hendrix and his sightless

wife, Susy. Sam has

apparently been persuaded

by a strange woman to

transport the doll across

the Canadian border, not

knowing what is sewn

The woman ends up

murdered, and the situation

becomes ever more urgent

for the con man and his

goons. Through a cleverly

they convince Susy that the

police have implicated Sam

in the woman's murder, and

the doll - which she believes

is the key to his innocence

is priceless evidence.

Susy refuses to reveal its

location, and with the help

of a young neighbor, figures

out she is the victim of a

The deadly game of cat

and mouse ensues as the

murderous Roat attempts

to intimidate Susy into

revealing the doll's hiding

November 10 through

26, with shows on Friday

and Saturday at 7:30 pm

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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,

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 n the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, th 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 Oil 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 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

LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council will hold a Public Hearing on November 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Chambers, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California to consider the following matter:

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

PROJECT TITLE: Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Introduction and first reading of ordinance adding Chapter 17.59 to the Willits Municipal Code entitled Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance relating to ensuring that the design, installation and maintenance of applicable landscape projects in the City meet State of California requirements.

ordinance is to adopt by reference the State of California's

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The purpose of the proposed

Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) and ensure that applicable landscaping projects in the City meet the requirements of MWELO. Further, this ordinance will promote the efficient use of water in landscaping applications consistent with the requirements of MWELO. Projects applicable to MWELO include new landscape projects with an aggregate landscape area equal to or greater than 500 square feet or rehabilitated landscape projects with an aggregate landscaped area equal to or greater than 2,500 hundred square feet, and which are subject to a building or landscape permit, plan check or design review. The City typically receives between 0-2 projects annually that trigger MWELO requirements. All documentation is available for review in accordance

with Agenda Scheduling Deadlines at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial St. Willits, Ca 95490. If you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Code Compliance Officer Phillip Davidson at 707-459-7112 or by email at pdavidson@cityofwillits.org.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City Clerk, at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490, or dpedersen@cityofwillits.org. In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM on Monday through Thursday. If you require special accommodations to participate in

the public hearing, please contact the City Clerk. The City of Willits promotes fair housing and makes all its programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, social preference, marital status, or handicap.

s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk Publication Date: November 2, 2023

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CITY OF WILLITS SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING FORMAL BIDS PROJECT NO. 2023-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled: **CITY OF WILLITS**

SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

PROJECT PLANS

2023 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2023-07

The work for this project includes grinding and repaving portions of Boscabelle and South Lenore Avenues totaling approximately 37,000 square feet and completing

approximately 11,250 square feet of asphalt digouts on Baechtel Road. It also includes construction of two sidewalk bulb-outs, six pedestrian ramps, 5 driveways, and approximately 2,032 square feet of sidewalk

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California

The work described in specifications books entitled: CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

2023 Pavement Preservation Project - Project No. 2023-07

CITY OF WILLITS - EXAMPLE AWARD PACKET

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino,

State of California, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council

Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California. THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS:

\$531,008.50 The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.

1/3 of 1%

Pre-bid Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. (Onsite – Intersection of E. San Francisco St. & S. Lenore Ave., Willits, CA 95490)

Final Questions from Bidders: Monday, November 27,

• Final Addendum Issued: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Bid Opening: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Project Start Date: Monday, January 8, 2023

Project length: 90 calendar days

Interested bidders should contact the following to obtain electronic copies of plans and other bid documents: **Brandy Sanderson**

bsanderson@cityofwillits.org (707) 459-7143

CITY OF WILLITS: s/Delores Pedersen, City Clerk Publication Dates: November 2, 9, and 16, 2023

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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

For Sale Set of twin beds, includes rarely used mattresses sheets, pillows. \$350.00 (707) 456-9338

Indoor Yard Sale Giant Indoor Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley (across from the Broiler) Saturday, November 11 from 8 am to 4 pm

is available at the back door on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333. Classified ads are just \$15

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 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**

The City Council of the City of Willits shall convene at a duly noticed council meeting on November 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Willits City Hall Council Chambers, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, to consider the adoption of a City ordinance adding Chapter 8.10 to the Willits Municipal Code entitled Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction.

The following summary of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code section 36933, which provides that a city council may publish a summary of a proposed ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the city council meeting at which the proposed ordinance is to be adopted. The full text of the proposed ordinance shall also be posted in the office of the Willits City Clerk for at least five (5) days

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE:

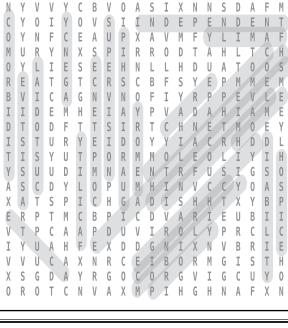
prior to the City Council meeting of November 8, 2023.

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 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.

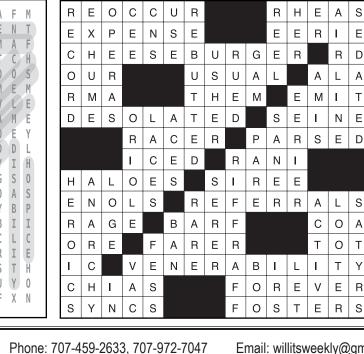
This Ordinance will require all residents and businesses to subscribe to organic waste collection services and source separate organic waste from solid waste and recyclables. The Ordinance requires education and outreach to individuals and businesses who generate waste on how they can properly sort materials 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.

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Above, left: Rachel Wagoner, emergency department manager, and Lauren Kornegay, ICU manager, help themselves to a meal of street tacos, with rice, beans and chips.

Above, right: The emergency department enjoys gelato from

At left: Administrator Linda Givens, right, and some of the Redwood Medical Clinic team get ready to eat some delicious food from Taqueria Ramirez.



Celebrating 11 total years without two prominent hospital infections at Howard Memorial Hospital

Submitted by Adventist Health Howard

Last week Howard Memorial was thrilled to celebrate a tremendous milestone for their team. They reached 10 years without a CLABSI infection in their hospital and one year without a CDIFF

CLABSI infections are a bloodstream infection related to central-line placement in the body and CDIFF infections are a bacterial infection in the colon. Both infections can be common in a hospital setting and take much care by the entire hospital team to ensure that they are diligently working to

Not only this, but they have a team of dedicated nursing professionals who have experienced training in best central-line placements that help ensure they are meeting each patient with excellent care and providing an environment with the least possible

These team members who lead the charge in this effort are Annikka Ramsey, Damon Frank-Niesen, Amanda Hovle, Wendy Kyncy, Lauren Kornegay, Katie Ott and Shelli Walker, all nurses ranging across all three departments in emergency, med / surg and ICU.

Along with this team, Howard Memorial is very grateful for the numerous team members who come in contact with each patient, providing medications and care, and assisting in keeping lines clean and accessible as they care for the community. Howard Memorial is also grateful for the amazing environmental services team that keeps the hospital clean and safe for all.

It really is a team effort to sure that they are raising the bar and keeping hospital-acquired infections to a minimum. So to have something like this as a 10year and one-year milestone for these two infections is something monumental. A big shout out to the entire team for making the hospital the best it can be each day.

In honor of these accomplishments, team members enjoyed a fiesta from Taqueria Ramirez, complete with delicious tacos, rice and beans, and all the toppings as well as fabulous gelato and sorbet from Rosella's Italian Ice & The Ice Box food trailer. It was the perfect way to enjoy time with the team, celebrating, and saying thank you for their incredible work!



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Adventist Health **Imaging at Howard Memorial**

Cubbison

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banking institution. The concern relates to numerous accounts being held outside of the treasury, or in other terms are not within the control or oversight of the auditor/controller-treasurer/tax collector as the designated signor. Additionally, as I noted in my comment today, the other concern is these accounts have not fully been disclosed to the outside auditors for review."

Earlier, a large group of Cubbison supporters filled a small courtroom when the embattled auditor and Paula June Kennedy, the county's former payroll manager, were sched-

The rest of Homeless

From page 1

complex and limited, and should be considered just one amongst a variety of sources of data needed to tell the whole story of homelessness. Nonetheless, a decrease of this magnitude very likely points to a positive trend in collective efforts to address homelessness in Mendocino County.

"Our communities have worked hard to address homelessness. Over the past several years, our local, state, and federal governments have invested in new affordable housing projects, expanded rental assistance programs, and developed new funding sources specifically for households with children experiencing homelessness," said Dan McIntire, co-chair of the Homeless Services Continuum of Care

"Locally, our communities have significantly improved our communication strategies, including collaboration with our law enforcement agencies. It's gratifying to see those efforts, both financial and collaborative, reflected in the data. Our community needs and deserves to see the result of what is, ultimately, an investment by taxpayers."

The rest of From page 1 Freeze

The item was approved 5 to 0.

In response to a question from Third District Supervisor John Haschak about smaller departments that might not fit into the 6 to 1 ratio, county CEO Darcie Antle confirmed some of the smaller departments would not be able to eliminate management positions.

Supervisor Williams mentioned he'd first introduced this item in 2019, talked about how the flow of "free and easy" funding during the COVID pandemic had "masked" the problem, and described the county's situation as "a financial crisis," saying: "This coming year we can't pay for the county's staffing, there's no way."

Williams acknowledged a hiring freeze and the other directions in this item wouldn't solve the county's financial problems, but by taking this action now, "maybe it won't be quite as painful."

"We have to do it," he said. "We're going to have to reduce the size of the county footprint I just don't think we should be hiring people if we know we're going to have to lay them off.... I know we need to fill those positions, there's a real need, but we're hiring people we can't afford, we can't even afford all the people we have today."

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Some of the highlights from the 2023 PIT count the consolidation of more power with the

uled for a second time to be arraigned. Judge

Keith Faulder allowed people to sit in the jury

Entry of pleas by both defendants was put

over until November 29. Public Defender Mary

LeClair, who was recently appointed to rep-

resent Kennedy, Cubbison's co-defendant,

asked for the delay in order to review investi-

Later, some of the same supporters ap-

peared before the board with Andrian and

Board members were stoic and offered no

reaction while listening to comments from a

half-dozen Cubbison supporters who ques-

box because of the overcrowding.

gative reports surrounding the case.

• The total number of people living in homeless shelters decreased from 270 individuals in 2022 to 223 individuals in 2023. Please note that the sheltered data in 2022 included individuals living in pandemic-specific sheltering programs that are no longer in operation.

 The total number of unsheltered people decreased from 560 individuals in 2022 to 410 individuals in 2023.

 29% of individuals living in shelters are over the age of 55; 16% of those living outdoors are over the age of 55.

First conducted in 2005, the PIT count is designed to be an unduplicated count of persons experiencing homelessness on a single night within the last 10 days of January

The full PIT report, as well as the Homeless Services Continuum of Care Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness, can be found at www. mendocinococ.org

CEO Antle said she supported this item. She cited "a \$7 million gap" in the budget in the current year, and "moving forward it's almost \$17 million to \$20 million," she said. She promised a more in-depth budget discussion on November 7, and said work with the department heads regarding cost savings had already begun.

Supervisor Glenn McGourty asked several questions of CEO Antle designed to get an estimate of how many positions would be lost, and what the net savings might be.

Antle said: "Looking at the current staffing, we have 1,211 active positions [including Public Safety employees], with 1,106 permanent FTEs, 18 permanent part-time, and 87 extrahelp positions. And we have an additional 405 on the allocation table. That means over 1,600 staff to support this county of less than 90,000 [population]. I believe you have to get down closer to 1.000 to 900."

At a very rough estimate, Antle suggested staff would be down 150 people, and that such a staff reduction could save close to \$8 million and would also save money by reducing the costs of

Gala

year," said Halleck. "We were able to set them up with a section and give them just a basic idea on decorations and let them do whatever they want.

how everything just came together perfectly. It was a lot of work, and now I'm enjoying the fruits of our labors," Halleck said.

"I couldn't have done all this without putting this event together.

The Willits Center for the Arts will be having a series of seminars and master classes over the next year thanks to a grant which is paying for 18 artists to create informative and artistic symposiums about how to affect the community through the arts. Go to: www.willitscenterforthearts.org to find out more about upcoming shows and seminars or to contribute or volunteer.

tioned supervisors' judgment.

Assistant County Auditor Megan Hunter said she was "appalled" by how Cubbison has been treated. Hunter described Cubbison as a hard-working department head who is the "most honest person I know."

Val Muchowski, a longtime county Democratic Party leader, said she was 'very upset' that the board acted without providing Cubbi-

son, an elected official, an opportunity to de-County taxpayers have a right to "an inde-

pendent elected auditor and not someone selected by the board," declared Muchowski.

Carrie Shattuck, an announced candidate for the board in next year's election, accused the board of "overstepping" its boundaries. She said she strongly disagreed with County Executive Office.

In the end, however, board members ignored Andrian's request to rescind their suspension of Cubbison.

The rest of From page 1 Garbage

In the franchise agreement there are specific terms that have to be provided to us so that we can make the transfer to another franchisee. This is not asking for takes energy and sticktoitiveness action on this tonight."

Alaniz said her office had been working with Ward and WCI, and she expected to bring a new franchise agreement to the next meeting. "Representatives from WCI will be here to answer questions at the meeting," she said.

Gerry Ward stepped to the podium and answered the question posed by Director Ralph Santos. "Where is WCI. Inc. located?" Ward said: "WCI is a New York Stock Exchange company, and their main headquarters is in Houston, Texas. They operate under different names throughout; they use a centralized management and they keep the names local. They bought out the Ukiah operator about a year and a half ago and the name is 'Waste Solutions'

"They bid on the contract with the county when the City of Fort Bragg and the surrounding area was up for bid and I bid on it too," Ward said, "but I wasn't successful.... Waste Connections is in all 50 states. They just bought out my friend in St. Helena who is retired, too. They now control Lake County, and they operate in areas of the Bay Area as well.

"When they take over SWOW they will be handling the whole county. It will be called 'Redwood Waste Solutions.' but it is a Waste Connections company.

"It's coming down to just large companies now," Ward continued. "The little ma and pa companies are having difficult times. It's with a heavy heart that I've had to do this. I really didn't want to sell but it's just getting more and more difficult for me.

"I'm sort of being pushed out because of interest rates. Right now interest rates are 8.6%, and a year and a half ago they were 4.2%. That's \$15.000 to \$16.000 more per month! Workers' comp doubled. and fuel's back up. I need six trucks to be replaced next year because of carbon compliance. Those are \$300,000 trucks.

"I just don't have the wherewithal to do those kinds of things. If I did I wouldn't be selling. It's just time, and a lot of my family are saying, "It's time. I hate to give it up but I have four grandkids too. It's a new time in my life.

"All of the employees will be rehired, at the same rates and same benefits. And, they are promising brand new trucks."

Director Ed Horrick voiced the appreciation of the board, saying, "Gerry, we just want to thank you for the many years of excellent service."

Ward responded: "I appreciate all of the compliments that I've received from this board as well as from the Willits City Council. And, we've had a lot of really good customers.

"Hopefully, Waste Connections can go up a notch higher, and we will have better equipment," Ward said. "I've emphasized to them that we have a good reputation here, and I want that to continue. They are not buying the corporation. They are buying the assets. They do want the name and my Skunk." That mention of the SWOW logo brought solid laughter from all in the room.

Editor's Note: More on the October 24

Brooktrails meeting to come next week. Also: Gerry Ward spoke to the Willits City Council last week, at their October 25 meeting, to give them the news about the new owner that wants to continue garbage services for the City of Willits. Waste Connections is already picking up garbage in the 95490 area outside city

Stories "I did a lot of the research

The rest of

using findagrave.com newspapers.com, referencing with the museum. the library, obituaries and the internet as a whole," explained Cox. "Obituaries would lead to names of family, and newspapers in the past used to have many more ... details ... on people's personal lives back then, so they are a great resource.' "One of the interesting tidbits

found in the Ukiah Daily Journal, November 24, 1899," Cox said, "thanks to Newspapers. com, was that of Mrs. Ellen McNamer, divorced wife of Thomas McNamer, who took up a subscription to provide the Little Lake cemetery with a well and a windmill, because it was impossible for grasses and shrubs to grow there without water," explained Cox. The article continued: "She raised \$100, and a bountiful supply of water has been obtained.... If but not all have those traits of character."

"We have lots of new stories this year," said Mattson. "We're hoping the pioneer spirit of many of those buried at Little Lake Cemetery will encourage the community to come see the pioneer exhibit "Her Side of the Story," that we're holding at the museum, too.

"One of the families we're including this year is the Sawyer family who had such a strong pioneer story, and we will get to reveal info about the Sawyer School and talk about how the property where Little Lake Cemetery is located was donated by that same family. They, like many other families we will talk about, made lasting impacts on this town, and we are excited to help the community learn and spend some time reflecting about many of the similar and unique families that are a part of Willits."

A group of volunteers will be the ones sharing these stories including: Scott Ferleman, Courtland Wilson, David Pierce, Melissa Caughlin, Norma Hansen, Aileen Gaynor, Prana Roberts, and Jane Camp.

While these volunteers will be sharing the stories, Dave Montes, cemetery caretake for the Little Lake, Willits, and Laytonville cemeteries, is looking for volunteers who might be interested in helping with some projects around the cemetery: helping with upkeep for some broken headstones, trimming some branches, and cleaning some headstones in need of

"It's a beautiful place to come and visit," said Montes. "But it's a lot of work to keep things looking fresh, and repaired, and I'm just one guy. I would love it if we could coordinate a few strong people to come help me repair some of the leaning and broken headstones. I need a hand hefting them up, gluing them in place, and setting some form boards to hold the stones while the repairs set. We also have several trees that could use a trim with loppers or a pole saw, and help dragging the branches to the burn pile at the south end of the grounds."

Cleaning the stones of moss, dirt and debris is also something anyone can come do to help honor those buried there; Montes noted that scraping the stones can cause damage, but the easiest and best way is to apply shaving cream, let it set for several minutes, and then use a large soft brush to gently scrub away the gunk. There's also water available on site to help wash the stones after scrubbing.

To volunteer to help at the cemetery, contact and leave a message for Montes at 707-459-5252. To learn more about the "Stone Stories" event, or to make a reservation for this Sunday's event, contact the Willits Chamber of Commerce at 707-459-7910.

From page 5 working many 10-to-12-hour days to

pull off all the amazing decorations. "We got a lot more volunteers this

"It was so fun and beautiful to see

Lexi," said Hart, who stores the hundreds of pieces of decorations in a container at his house. "When you really enjoy doing something, it makes it a lot easier to put in the extra time. The volunteers helped a lot. Last year, we were able to get an early start on

"This year, we really didn't get an early enough start," Hart confessed. "We were under the gun for all aspects. The volunteers coming in saved the day. I was already here 12 hours a day. It helped that we had things figured out from last year."

Willits Center for the Arts, located at 71 East Commercial Street, is open Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Call 459-1726 for more information.

Ice crystals attach to various surfaces, including a fallen oak leaf, above; a metal bolt, below; a plastic lid, further below; and a sprig of field grass, at bottom.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



Brrrrr ...

It was chilly!

The shady parts of the yard were laced with frost early Monday morning as temps dripped below the freeze line overnight. The warming temps made for an enjoyable afternoon, but the swing in highs and lows make it obvious that the colder times are looming. The National Weather Service out of Eureka also predicts rain coming, soon, too!

- Maureen Jennison







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Hannah Ray

Hannah Cecilia Ray was born on May 2, 1968, and died October 23, 2023 from the onset of HLH, an inflammatory



disease. She received emergency care at a Boston hospital but could not be revived. She was 55.

Hannah moved with her family

Hannah moved with her family to Willits in 1971, attended elementary, middle, and high school here, and graduated with honors from Willits High School. Matriculating at HSU, she distinguished herself in anthropology after having

discovered a 7,000-year-old obsidian knife in Lake County, for which she was honored by the Pomo Tribe. Then as a college freshman she earned an A grade in a graduate course and got invited to a dig in Central America.

After attending Humboldt, she traveled to Boston and worked at Dragon Systems, a company then developing voice-activated printing, the harbinger of closed captions. When Xerox bought the start-up company, it stipulated that Hannah should facilitate the transfer. She later worked in educational computer programs, as a speech writer for an insurance corporation, and made her career as a copy editor for a Boston publisher.

Her marriage to Richard Epstein was long and faithful. They enjoyed living in Brighton, Massachusetts, close to Boston, one of the cultural centers of the world.

She will be remembered for her sunny personality, as an athlete in volleyball and baseball, the high school representative to the Willits school board, and an accomplished musician and extraordinary intellect.

Also a devout Jewess, she practiced the rituals of that

faith. Her father gave his shofar, a ram's horn used on high holidays, to Hannah as a sign of respect and admiration for this religious constancy.

Hannah's death was preceded by her mother's, Judith Ann Heegler Ray's, in 2021, and is mourned by her three

Ann Heegler Ray's, in 2021, and is mourned by her three siblings, Lara Lynne Ellen Jones, Kenneth Paul Ray, and Avrah Arielle Ray; their families; and by her father, William Joseph Ray.

May her violin sound in Heaven.

Patricia Moeller

Patricia Ethel Myrhow Moeller passed on October 5, 2023 in Ukiah. On April 10,1938 she was born in Valley City, North Dakota to Lorraine Pindall Myrhow and Harold (Pat) Lauritz Myrhow. When Patty was 7, the family moved to Cut Bank, Montana. Her mother was a fourth-grade teacher and her father was a watchmaker in his brother's jewelry store. Since she was an only



child, she learned at a young age to make her friends a part of her family. When Patty was in junior high, her father passed away suddenly.

While in college she welcomed Wilson McGuire as her new stepfather and four wonderful stepsisters whom she knew well.

She graduated from Montana State College with a BSN, UC San Francisco with a MSN, and later received a master's degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling. She loved patient care nursing as well as her 23 years as professor of nursing, and a five-year counseling practice.

Her nursing jobs took her to Bar Harbor, Maine, Hollywood, Santa Monica, Hawaii, Australia, and the Bay Area. Her love of travel took her to 12 different countries. Her marriage to Paul O. Moeller brought her three loving stepchildren, which she continued to cherish after her divorce from their father. In 1993 Pat moved to Willits. She retired from Community Care in Ukiah, and cared for her mother until her mother's passing. Pat's spiritual life was important to her, as were her friends that made up her "family." She often said how much she loved her life.

A memorial for Pat will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 2 pm at Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in memory of Pat Moeller, to Dalistan Care Home, 208 Scott Street, Ukiah CA 95482.

Eversole Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

It's holiday advertising time with Willits Weekly!

Willits Weekly will be doing our Mix and Match and Black Friday specials with reduced pricing to allow advertisements for a wide variety of budgets.

Mix and Match allows businesses to select the same or different sized ads, one per week, for six weeks, for a discounted rate when you commit to all six editions.

Those weeks include November 9, 16, 22 – yes, that's a Wednesday! – and 30, and December 7 and 14. Prices shown on the flyer are per ad, per week.

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12/14 - repeat bigger ad - 5" x 8" ad for \$175

Total Mix and Match = \$675 total for six ads and 6 weeks of online and in-print advertising! This is just an example of what one could choose to do.

Or run the same ad each week, or start small, end big, or start big and end small, or alternate, or whatever you want!

Black Friday is a separate promotion for those wanting to focus on the November 16 and 22 (yes, that's a Wednesday!) papers. Those special rates are also shown on the flyer on a per week basis.

Choose either two 5" \times 5" ads for a total \$200; or one 5" \times 5" ad (\$100) and one 5" \times 10.5" ad (\$225) for a total of \$325; or two 5" \times 10.5" ads for a total of \$550.

Design services are included in the price of the ad – or we can help size and run already-created artwork you may have on hand!

Email us if you're interested in participating! Please let us know by November 6!! willitsweekly@gmail.com or call 707-972-7047



