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## Brooktrails board hears updates

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All members were in attendance for the July 23 Brooktrails Community Services District Board of Directors meeting. Board President Tina Tyler-O'Shea asked if any directors had reports to share. Director Ralph Santos said, "I just have a small report to make from the MCAFD [Mendocino County Association of Fire Departments]. Contracts in the county have started to flow. The county has budgeted the projected amounts for Prop. 172, Measure D, and Measure P. Allotted distribution amounts this year: Prop. 172 - \$400,000, Measure D (TOT) - \$505,000; and Measure P - \$4,000,000. Several districts have received their 2023-24 quarter 1 contracts. Soon 2023-24 quarter 2 contracts will be distributed as well.

Director Joanne Cavallari reported, "On Saturday, July 20, I attended the Willits High School Cheerleaders' Benefit Golf Tournament at the Brooktrails Golf Course, and there was good attendance with 12 teams of 4 players each plus a couple extras; a total of 50 people turned out. Brooktrails Golf Course

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## Man goes missing east of Covelo

By Lt. James Elmore for MCSO

July 31 - On July 22, 2024 at approximately 8:43 pm, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was contacted regarding a missing person in the Covelo area. The missing person was identified as 44 year-old Manuel Alvarado.

Sheriff's Office deputies contacted the reporting party who advised they were contacted by Alvarado's mother. Alvarado's mother had received a text message from her son saying goodbye, that he loved her, and she could find his body in the mountains near Covelo.

The reporting party was able to contact Alvarado by telephone and obtained the GPS coordinates for his current location, which showed he was approximately 19 miles east of the Covelo Valley south of Mendocino Pass Road. This area is known as Jumpoff Creek. Alvarado advised the reporting person that his phone was going to die and to send help to his location.

The reporting party did not know where Alvarado

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Above, from left: Davna Reynolds' decorated cattle skull won second place in the Fine Arts building. Plates of "Gardener's Delights" entries show the bounty of the garden in the Agriculture Building. A first-place crocheted succulent was made by Joseph Guzman and hangs in the Home Arts Building. Below: Fine Arts Building Supervisor Brenda Hodges holds two "Red, White and Ewe" cutouts.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

## Exhibits at Fair

Redwood Empire Fair features work of talented community members at annual August event

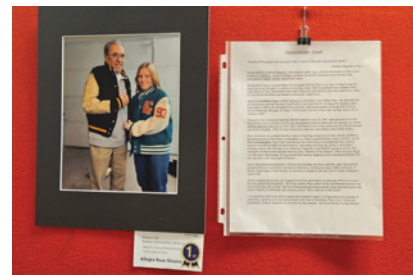
Bakers, artists, crafters, quilters, and those with a green thumb have brought exhibits of all kinds to be displayed at the various buildings for the public's enjoyment at the Ukiah Fairgrounds during the annual Redwood Empire Fair, running August 1 to 4.

Along with viewing the exhibits, attendees can see the fun on the fairway, go on carnival rides and play games, and enjoy tasty treats around the grounds.

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Above: Natalie Campbell's pastel entry in the Fine Arts Building earned her a first-place award.



At top, left: Lori Poma of Ukiah judges cakes and confections in the Home Arts building Wednesday afternoon. At top, right: Potted succulents are ready to be displayed in the Agriculture Building.

Above, from left: Grapes are displayed for judging in the Agriculture building. Allegra Rose Silveira's first-place entry in the new category of "Living History" includes a photo and text about Anthony "Papa" Spagnolo. Cakes are cut and ready for judging in the Home Arts Building.

At left: Shari Rosenblad of Ukiah brings in her marigolds and Gerbera daisies to the Floriculture building. This is Rosenblad's second year showing, last year she took the floristry class and entered sourdough. This year, she also has a quilt entered in the Home Arts Building.

## City Council helps Food Bank stay open

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Willits City Council voted unanimously at their July 24 meeting to help the Willits Food Bank weather what is hoped is a temporary financial deficit with an additional donation of \$50,000. The funding was redesignated from the federal American Rescue Plan Act pot, and are monies that are not expected to be need in this budget cycle.

This support is in addition to a \$25,000 allocation from ARPA funds granted to Willits Community Services and Food Bank at the end of April, along with \$25,000 each also given to the Willits Harrah Senior Center and Our Daily Bread.

City Manager Brian Bender introduced the item: "This was first presented to you previously that the food bank, Willits Community Services, is operating at a budget deficit, due to several ... things affecting them, both internally and externally, including increased need for their services within the region....

"They're operating at a deficit and will be even further behind as they

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## Little Lake Fire District monthly update

By Little Lake Fire Protection District

The Little Lake Fire Protection District provided the below written update on the fire department to the Willits City Council, at the July 24 council meeting.

### June calls for service

Little Lake Fire answered 51 in June, with 1 vegetation fire, 1 structure fire, 11 other fires, 32 medical calls, 4 HazMat, and 2 public assists. Year to date: 432 calls.

### Firefighter fundraiser on August 10

The volunteers are gearing up for their annual fundraiser, which will be on August 10, 202

### Around the Firehouse

Administrative Assistant Michelle is researching a Co2 and smoke alarm grant to help seniors and families with children.

Staff is still waiting to hear about the AFG grant, which will allow the purchase of turnouts for our firefighters.

### Training

As of July 23, 2024, 848 hours of group training have been completed. July 2 drill

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## Sherwood Corridor property owners approve benefit assessment

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

Mendocino County is pleased to announce the successful passage of a special benefit assessment by voters to support the Sherwood Road Zone of Benefit Pilot Program, securing a dedicated funding source for the Willits Creek and Firco Emergency Access Routes ("EARs").

On May 21, 2024, the board adopted a resolution to establish the special benefit assessment for the Willits Creek and Firco EARs, located in Brooktrails, Spring Creek, Sylvandale, and Gates Subdivisions. A public hearing on July 23, 2024, allowed property owners to express their support or opposition.

After the public hearing, the votes were tabulated, resulting in an overwhelming approval of the assessment. There were 6,680 weighted "Yes" votes, representing 64% in favor, and 3,738 "No" votes. It will appear on the tax roll for the fiscal year 2024-25, with a term of 20 years. The rate is set at \$30.33 per developed parcel and \$1.39 per undeveloped parcel.

This assessment will fund immediate road repairs, drainage improvements, culvert maintenance, roadside fuel clearing, and the installation of new gates and turnouts, all in compliance with California fire safety standards. Additionally, it will support ongoing maintenance, including vegetation firebreak maintenance and road surfacing and drainage conduit upkeep.

"Passing this special assessment for Sherwood Road Emergency Access Routes with overwhelming support is a major step forward in creating a safer community," said Third District Supervisor John Haschak. "This was a team effort from the very beginning to meet the needs of the people of the area. I would like to thank the property owners along the routes, Sherwood Firewise Community, Brooktrails Township CSD, and the County of Mendocino staff and board for consistent support and advocacy throughout the process."

"Working together on this pilot program, we were able to resolve many different issues along the way," Haschak said. "I am very proud of the efforts, expertise, and collaboration provided by everyone involved in this project."

## Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunches are \$8; \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members.

**Thursday, August 1:** Beef Stroganoff, Veggies, Roll

**Friday, August 2:** Hot Dogs, Chili, Mac & Cheese

**Monday, August 5:** Chili Mac, Veggies, Corn Bread

**Tuesday, August 6, Pepperoni Olive Sausage Stromboli, Green Salad**

**Wednesday, August 7:** Shrimp Cocktail, Green Salad, Bread Sticks

**Thursday, August 8:** Al Pastor (Pork) Nachos

**Friday, August 9:** Italian Sub Sandwich, Chips, Pickle

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

**Pancake Breakfast:** Every second Sunday, August 11 this month.

**Meals on Wheels:** The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Juliana 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.

## Protect your health from wildfire smoke

Posted by CA Public Health

Sacramento – With wildfire smoke and reduced air quality affecting many California communities, the California Department of Public Health is urging Californians to take steps to protect themselves from air pollutants. Wildfire smoke can affect anyone's health, but some people are at higher risk, including pregnant people, children, older adults, first responders, and people with chronic conditions like asthma, COPD, diabetes, kidney disease, or heart disease.

"All Californians should be aware of the risks of wildfire smoke and ash inhalation and take steps to avoid breathing in pollutants, including reducing outdoor activity and staying indoors when possible," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, CDPH director and State Public Health Officer. "Wildfire smoke can make anyone sick, but it's particularly unhealthy for vulnerable individuals, including children, people who are pregnant, and those with chronic health conditions."

To avoid possible health problems due to wildfire smoke and poor air quality, CDPH recommends taking the following steps:

Stay informed. Check the air quality and sign up for updates. Californians can check their local air quality index at [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov)

Stay indoors. If the air quality is bad, stay inside as much as possible and close all windows, doors and vents.

Adjust your A/C. Change the settings on your A/C unit to re-circulate or close outdoor air intakes to avoid drawing in smoky outdoor air. Running an air purifier can also help.

Wear a mask. If you must go outside, wear a well-fitting N95 mask. This is especially important for those who must work outdoors for long periods, in areas with heavy smoke.

Wildfire smoke contains fine particles which are respiratory irritants, and when inhaled deeply, can affect the lungs and the heart. Exposure to high concentrations of fine particles can cause persistent cough, runny nose, phlegm, wheezing, and difficulty breathing. Smoke from wildfires can also cause eye irritation, reduced lung function, and bronchitis. Those with asthma or another lung disease should keep at least a 7-day supply of medication on hand and call a health care provider if nearby wildfires worsen breathing issues.

Wildfires can also lead to emergency evacuations, and it's important to follow the direction of local officials when evacuations are ordered. Current evacuation information can often be found through monitoring local news outlets as well as official social media channels of emergency responders such as a sheriff's office, police department, and fire department.

Knowing the "Ps of Preparedness" can help you react quickly if a wildfire threatens your area:

- People (help children, older adults and people with disabilities)
- Pets
- Papers (important documents)
- Phones
- Prescriptions (and glasses)
- Pictures
- PCs (computers) (for the information stored)
- Plastic (credit cards and cash)

For more information on how you can protect yourself during extreme heat, visit <https://heatreadyca.com/> Additional resources and information can also be found at CDPH's Extreme Heat site, and the California Office of Emergency Services [www.caloes.ca.gov/](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/)

## First day of school at Willits High is August 19

Posted by WHS

The first day of school for Willits High School will be Monday, August 19, 2024

The school office will open Friday, August 5.

We would like to welcome our new and returning students to the 2024/2025 School Year! Have a fantastic year ahead!

## JDSF firewood permit sales start August 6

Submitted by JDSF

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit is pleased to announce the sale of firewood permits on Jackson Demonstration State Forest beginning Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 1 pm.

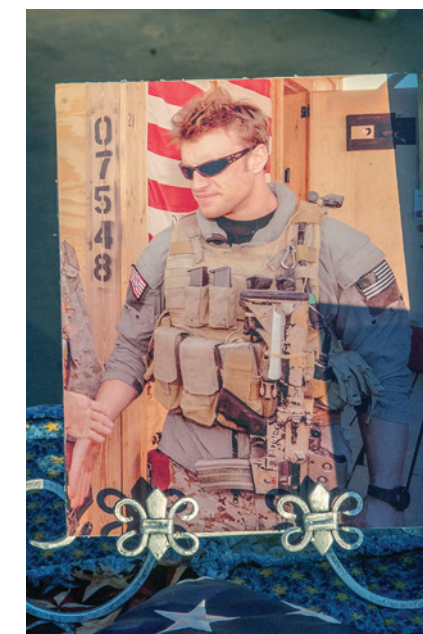
Firewood permits will be limited to two cords per household at a cost of \$20/permit, sold at the CAL FIRE Fort Bragg office, located at 802 North Main Street, Fort Bragg; (707) 964-5674. Website: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demonstration-state-forests/jackson-demonstration-state-forest>

The firewood area will open to permit holders at 2 pm on Wednesday, August 7 and is tentatively scheduled to close on

October 1, 2024, or when wood supply is gone, a significant rain event happens, or other constraints force closure, whichever occurs first. To ensure sufficient wood supply, only 75 permits will be sold.

Due to the presence of Sudden Oak Death, permit sales are limited to Mendocino County residents because the wood cannot be transported out of the county. Permit holders are reminded that fire safety rules require chainsaws to be equipped with an approved spark arrester, and a long-handled shovel or fire extinguisher must be within 25 feet of the operating chainsaw.

Multiple uses that benefit the public, the economy and natural resources are what our demonstration forests are all about.



At far left: American flags and flag clothing make a patriotic beginning to the 5K race. At left: A photo of Jesse Pittman is displayed on the memorial table which holds relics, photos and narratives.

Below, left: Half of the Ukiah Police Department runs the race to honor Pittman. Below, right: Members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team help to keep the race safe for entrants.

At bottom: The Kids' 1K Fun Run begins.

Photos by Mathew Caine



# Pittman Race

## 5K race held in honor of local hero Jesse Pittman held in Willits for final year

It was a bittersweet day for the Jesse Pittman Race participants. Spirits were high as 169 racers, Navy SEALs, CALFIRE,

sheriffs, a search and rescue team, tireless support volunteers, Terry and Ida Pittman, and a few canine friends assembled in the early cool air at Recreation Grove Park.

Jesse Pittman was a constant presence at the gathering, with T-shirts and hats, a memorial table, and his name being spoken in seemingly every other sentence. The sadness came at memory of the loss of this fine young, selfless man and the fact that this was going to be the final race in its current form.

"What is the reason we are here?" asked Barry Scott, a teammate on Jesse's SEAL group. "What brings us out every summer? There's really one big reason why we established the Jesse Pittman Foundation. There's one fundamental reason why we keep this going every year. It's to keep Jesse's legacy alive."

"Jesse Pittman was a Navy SEAL and was killed in Afghanistan, August 6, 2011, in a helicopter crash. A lot of you have probably heard about call sign Extortion 17. Jesse was one of the souls we lost that day. The reason we established the Jesse Pittman Foundation, along with Ida and Terry, was to honor Jesse's legacy and keep his spirit going."

"There are two basic activities we do every year in order to keep Jesse's spirit alive," explained Scott. "One is this race. The other thing we do is the scholarship program. The way we do the scholarship program is we are looking for the next young person who reminds us of Jesse's character in spirit, drive, grit and determination. That was a huge component of who Jesse was."

"No one is really gone while they are still spoken of," Scott added.

According to Pittman's mother, Ida, "This is the last race in this form. If somebody takes it on later – Barry was saying maybe CALFIRE or the Striders will take it on and do a smaller one back at Lake Mendocino, where I'm not involved. It's a lot of work. At Lake Mendocino, there would be less permits required. The lake is easier. You do need to get permits from the Corps of Engineers and runners' insurance. I think that's the only two things you have to get. In Willits, we need three permits to close the roads down."

"I figured out that the kids who applied this year were 6 years old when Jesse died," said Ida. "They don't have the emotional connection, but they are required to read a narrative about Jesse which gives them a better sense of purpose of what they are applying for. We want them to understand what it is that we're about. We're a popular scholarship, as we hear from the lady who manages the scholarships."

The end of the race is not the end of the Jesse Pittman Foundation or the scholarship program.

"Over the last 13 years," said Ida, "we've selected 17 students from seven high schools across all of Mendocino County. The scholarship has paid out \$47,000 to the students. You all have raised a quarter of a million dollars for the Jesse Pittman Foundation and that is what has allowed the endowment to continue on in perpetuity."

Even if there is never another race, the scholarship program will live on, finding amazing young people in the county who exemplify the qualities of grit, determination,

Read the rest of **Pittman** Over on page 13



Above, left: Barry Scott, Jesse Pittman's SEAL teammate, handles the announcer duties as Jesse's parents, Terry and Ida, look on. Above, right: Last year's scholarship recipient, Cassiti Baroni, came back to support the foundation. Below: Jesse Pittman's SEAL teammates and officers came to race and support the foundation.



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Above: The three fastest runners, Tyler Spicer, Dylan Jones and Ulysses Sanchez, pose for a photo. At left: Jesse's teammates and others hang a Jesse Pittman Foundation banner, along with a giant American flag, off the Pittman Overpass.

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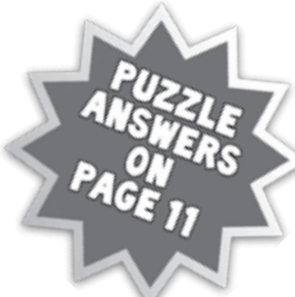
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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## HOW TO SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Beginner

## AT THE FAIR WORD SEARCH

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- A solution
- Fortified wine
- Edible mollusk
- Blood group
- A way to compare
- Gov't lawyer
- Actor Claran
- Calendar month
- Very willing
- \_\_ ex Machina
- Satisfies
- Type of berry
- Distinctive practice
- Popular pickup truck model
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- German founder of psychology
- Endured
- A female domestic
- A situation you can be in
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- Belgian composer Walter

## CLUES DOWN

- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom layer
- Musical or vocal sound
- 'Yankees' great Judge
- Dickens character
- Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- South Dakota
- Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- Atomic #79
- Former Braves pitcher Julio
- Humor
- Shawl
- Hospital unit
- Prominent in Islamic eschatology
- Sincere
- Not in
- Number above the line in a fraction
- Bill Murray chased one
- Pouch
- Swedish krona
- Start over
- Wild white or yellow flower
- Fourteen
- Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- Up-to-date
- Campaigns
- Touch lightly
- 'Boardwalk Empire' actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
- One who supports the Pope
- Malaise
- Body fluid
- Inauthentic person
- Title of respect
- Chilean city
- Central Japanese city
- Garment
- Draw from
- Automobile
- The man
- Top government lawyer

# WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

July 15 to July 21

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **47 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

### Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

*Editor's Note: Police Log for July 15 to 21 is not currently available.*

#### July 15

7:13 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

10:14 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:37 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Madrone Street and issued a warning.

#### July 16

No incidents to report.

#### July 17

10:20 am: **COON, Dorian Michael** (26) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of vehicle theft, grand theft, possession of a deadly weapon, damage exceeding \$400.00, and violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of hit and run with property damage, plus penalties.



Dorian Coon of Willits.

2:18 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

#### July 18

12:07 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court.

10:21 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

2:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a citation.

#### July 19

7:03 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of South Main Street.

2:39 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Creekside Drive and East Valley Street and issued a warning.

8:40 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### July 20

12:40 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of Pine Street and issued a warning.

1:39 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Hazel Street and issued a warning.

#### July 21

10:42 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Williams Street.

At right: Tents and misters help to keep the recipients cool on hot days. Rob has been attending the food bank distributions for the last four months. Rachel Linebaugh brings her helpers, Melodie and Lilly, to carry bags of groceries.



Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: This day's distribution includes zucchini, fruit, croissants, and several other items. Below: Jo Galbreath supplements her groceries until her clothing business, Modern Abstract Art Company, takes off. At bottom: Nothing goes to waste at the Willits Food Bank - food that is not good enough to distribute goes to farms for feed and compost.

# Help Needed

## Willits Food Bank asks community for support in order to remain open

"I've been using this service for about four months," said Rob about the Willits Food Bank. "It really helps. It saves me a lot of money that I don't have to spend in a store. There's a real good variety of food. I can get fresh meat and frozen meat once a month. If the food bank weren't here, I'd have to go down to Ukiah. When you have two kids, you do what you have to do. We can come here once a week now. It really comes in handy."

Mathew Caine  
Features Writer  
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The Willits Food Bank receives four tons of less-than-perfect foods from mostly Safeway and Mariposa each week, as the grocery stores are not allowed, by law, to throw out food. The items are perfectly healthy but may have some type of blemish that makes them less desirable to the general public.

"There's an initiative called SB1383," explained Tippit, "which started a few years ago with the big grocery stores, which states that they can't throw their groceries in the garbage because when they are thrown in the garbage, they leak a lot of greenhouse gasses, so the state stepped in and asked if we could redirect that food for human consumption, or if it is not edible that we find a way to compost it or give it to animals."

"We save four tons a month from the garbage in Willits that goes back to food and a small portion goes to farms that pick up for their animals. It might be something like cauliflower that could have a tiny little blemish, where if you cut it off, it is

we've applied for. Our budget is \$300,000 per year, \$25,000 a month now, so we're asking the public to help as much as they can because when you look at the overall numbers, it's scary. "Every little bit helps," said Tippit. "We've reached out to the churches in the community to ask them to, once a month, fast and pray for the community, specifically, and donate whatever they would have eaten in two meals to the food bank to help feed other people."

Read the rest of **Food** Over on page 13

## The rest of Missing From page 1

was living or why he was in Covelo.

Deputies, with assistance of officers from the California Highway Patrol responded to the area of the GPS coordinates in an attempt to locate Alvarado.

Deputies and officers utilized their PA system, sirens, and emergency lights while in the area attempting to get the attention of Alvarado. Due to the darkness and extremely steep, harsh terrain, Alvarado was not located. Deputies attempted to conduct an emergency ping of Alvarado's cell phone, which suggested the cell phone was either turned off, out of battery, or outside of its service area.

A helicopter was requested from California Highway Patrol Northern Division Air Operations in Redding, which responded during the morning of July 23, 2024 to assist with search efforts. The CHP helicopter flew the area for several hours and was unable to locate Alvarado.

On the morning of July 24, 2024, deputies, along with members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team, and the CHP helicopter responded back to the location.

Deputies were able to locate a property in the area which was being used to grow marijuana.

Deputies contacted subjects on the property who confirmed Alvarado worked and lived at the location. The workers at the property stated they had been searching for Alvarado as well but had been unable to locate him. Several subjects advised they had responded to the location to search for Alvarado at the request of his family.

The subjects advised deputies that Alvarado had been using controlled substances believed to be methamphetamine prior to his disappearance. These witnesses said Alvarado had become increasingly paranoid that someone was out to get him. The subjects advised Alvarado walked to the river, which was common practice, and had not returned.

Deputies were given permission to search the property where Alvarado had been working/living and did not locate any signs of foul play.

Search and Rescue members continued the search of the area both by foot and by helicopter and were unable to locate Alvarado.

Alvarado is still missing and considered at risk. Alvarado is described as a Hispanic male adult 5'8"-5'10", weighing approximately 210 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes, and a muscular build. Alvarado has tattoos on both arms.0

Further search and rescue efforts will continue, and we are currently establishing search plans for these efforts.

Anyone with information regarding Alvarado's whereabouts is requested to call the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 707-463-4086.

## Have something to say?

Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor. Please email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com

## MISSING PERSON

Please help us find my brother who went missing Monday July 22nd in Covelo, CA near Mendocino Pass Rd and the area where Jumpoff Creek & Twin Rocks Creek meet.

### MANUEL G. ALVARADO

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A missing person flyer for Manuel Alvarado created by his family.

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was "patient packaging" and C-Spine. EMT class on July 3 consisted of spinal trauma and neurological injuries. Drill for July 23 was drafting and monitoring operations with Brooktrails Fire.

**Equipment**

*Our new Engine 5469 has been out on strike teams. Water Tender 5493 was recently on the Pepperwood Incident, which utilized 10,000 gallons of water on the scene. Deputy Chief John Thomen has been working diligently to ensure that all of the engines are maintained and ready to go. We do all of our maintenance.*

*Editor's Note: Little Lake Fire has sent strike teams to the Park Fire, burning mostly in Tehama and Butte counties, with 391,200 acres burned as of Wednesday afternoon; to Lake County; and as of Wednesday morning July 31, had firefighters working the latest Mendocino County wildfire, the Bluenose Fire, approximately 5 miles northeast of Covelo. The Bluenose Fire started Tuesday, August 30 at around 3:30 pm. and was at 3.9 acres and 70% containment as of CAL FIRE's 7 am report on August 30.*

move forward," Bender said. "They came forward to the council asking for additional financial assistance, and the council instructed the city manager, myself, to look at what we could do with the existing ARPA budget allocation..... Was there an opportunity to ... move money around?"

"If you look in your packet, there is a recommendation to remove \$25,000 from two large-ticket items that haven't been initiated yet, because we're still trying to get our head around what those items would be. They haven't been fully scoped – so that is money that is underutilized and could be applied to the request that is before you for financial assistance.

"ARPA stands for 'American Recovery Plan Act,' and it seems the only fitting that any support for Willits Community Services and Food Bank should come from ARPA.

"Without this 50,000," Bender said, "the food bank could fold. It's critical that they get these funds, and I for one wouldn't be comfortable knowing that people are going hungry, so it really is important – and it's not all the money that they need – this is a stopgap to help them have the time to seek out some other funding.

"They don't have a lot of other resources because members of the community for whatever financial reasons haven't been able to donate to the food bank as much in this last year ... so there's been a decrease in the amount of money that they're receiving in donations.

"And then they haven't been able to secure some of their typical funding for other grants, so this is really just trying to help them limp along you might say, while they try to find another source.

"I feel confident that we can still do good work with both the land use implementation item and the Rec Grove item with \$225,000 going to each of those, as opposed to \$250,000 going to each of those ... whereas you know shaving that amount off and giving to the food bank is going to give them an essential shot in the arm."

WCS Director Kim Tippet took the podium to say: "Thank you so much for your consideration on this matter. We have been doing all that we can to look into other grants. I've been in contact with two grant writers – I've been writing grants myself – so we're hoping that the \$50,000 will buy us enough time so hopefully we'll get that grant TR Eriksen grant, which will buy us enough time to look into additional fundraising sources and grants."

Tippet mentioned the SP 1383 program, which funds food recovery, and looking into shelter and HUD programs, "and different opportunities because we can provide a lot of services and be really flexible in those services to see what kind of grants are available [for] the services for the community that we can provide, whether it's for children, seniors, veterans or homeless.

"I would really appreciate your consideration in this manner because it really will help, and it'll make such a difference in the lives of those we serve."

Director Tippet took the opportunity to answer a question she has gotten about "Isn't it more expensive in your new place?" "Actually, you know," Tippet said, "because of Mike Griggs and his family, our rent is only \$500 a month, so it's less than half than what it used to be."

Tippet said she and her staff have cut down as much as possible, and at a recent meeting were considering whether they should cut WCS food distribution back to one day a week, rather than on both Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 pm.

"But it would just implode the place," she said, "because our staff would have to all leave because they wouldn't make enough money ... and it just was overwhelming to me to even think about that possibility. So with that \$50,000 it would buy us enough time to be able to hopefully get that next grant, and then we'd have six months to come up with additional funding. So, thank you so much for your consideration in this matter."

Council members then voted unanimously to support the \$50,000 allocation.

Those who wish to donate to Willits Community Services can donate online – go to www.willitsfoodbank.com and hit the big "Donate" button, or send a check to WCS, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Contact the food bank at info@willitsfoodbank.com or (707) 459-3333 for more information.

managers Marcus Newby and his wife, Jaclyn, and Grill Chef Donna Rice did a wonderful job getting everyone organized, feeding everyone. Coach Leah Carter was there, and there was a bake sale as well as a 50-50 raffle.

"Unlike the football players," Cavallari said, "all of the cheerleaders have to pay for their own uniforms which is a cost of about \$350 each. The uniform includes the skirt, the top, a vest, kick pants, jacket, shoes, pom-poms and what are called warm-ups that go over the skirt, and none of these uniform items are optional. It's expensive, and I know because I had two daughters who were cheerleaders at the same time and it's difficult."

The tournament raised \$2,000, "which will really help the girls afford the uniforms," she said. "Also, the cheerleaders have to drive themselves to and from the away games, which is another significant cost. So, here's thanking the Brooktrails Golf Course for helping the cheerleaders."

General Manager Tamara Alaniz began her report with the announcement that the Sherwood Corridor Special Benefit Assessment passed. The board and audience applauded the announcement, and Alaniz said, "This is good news for the community and the Sherwood Corridor."

Continuing, she said: "A couple of other things: We did close escrow on the building across the street that will provide new office space for us. We already have some work underway on things that need to be done to bring the building up to use.

"We've been talking about scheduling a Flea Market Community Yard Sale on October 5. The Firefighters Association is going to start to plan that," she said.

Director Ed Horrick said: "I have one question. We're in that open period for the November elections. Have there been any applicants as of yet?" Tyler-O'Shea, who is up for reelection said: "I was the only one when I went in to apply. I was there the first day."

Alaniz interjected: "We haven't been notified of any additional applicants and the deadline is August 8. If the filing period is to be extended, we will be notified by the county Elections Office."

Next was the time set aside for public comments, and Frank Sanderson who lives on Buckeye Circle went to the podium. He began: "We've been at our address for eight years, and every year there's been a tremendous amount of burning that has taken place involving wood waste up there.

"I cannot understand why CDF thinks they can do a better job than our own fire chief. There's no one better involved or more knowledgeable regarding burn days and the distribution of permits than our fire chief. I ask the board, because you have clout, to find some way to return the authority to our township's fire chief. This year CAL FIRE allowed burns to occur in times when it was clearly stupid, endangering our community. CAL FIRE should stay in the business of putting out fires, not permitting them."

Responding to Sanderson, Tyler-O'Shea said: "I thank you Mr. Sanderson for speaking about the issue about the burn permits and CAL FIRE. I encourage you to speak to them and encourage others to go in and advocate. We don't have authority over CAL FIRE, but if the community expresses the need, that's a good start."

Director Cavallari said: "I agree with that because there was a fire on almost the last day of June, and I could smell smoke and I was terrified. Then I noticed that it was one of my neighbors burning leaves. I was shocked and I called the fire department and was told, 'If it's a burn day, they can burn.' On July 1 burns were suspended. But, the last week of June, that was scary."

Board Vice-President Rick Williams added: "Speaking of that, by way of directors' responses to public comments, I see two people here from Sherwood Firewise here. Last week a group came in on the road above our property and on the road below and cleared the whole thing, doing slash removal and even took down some small trees. I spoke to them, and they said that it was a contract that the Mendocino County Firesafe Council had with Sherwood Firewise. They thought they were doing it on greenbelt, and I sort of thought, maybe I should tell them otherwise, but then I just decided to let them do it.

"So, all of the stuff that I've thrown

over on to that property beside mine for the last 20 years is now gone which is really great! (The audience responded to this with great laughter.) Williams then asked, "So, how many contracts does Sherwood Firewise have out with the county Firesafe Council?"

Keith Rutledge with Sherwood Firewise stepped to the podium and identified himself and said: "There are a couple of different contracts that are going on pretty much all of the time. The county Fire Safe Council has a couple of grants for defensible space: one that is from the California Coastal Conservancy and that allows us to clear lots around homes to get the 100 foot defensible space, and the other one is funded through the Community Foundation that is for income-eligible and/or disabled folk that allows us to do work around the homes and also on adjacent lots. These grants allow us to get that 100 feet of defensible space. In Brooktrails a lot of the lots are 50 feet wide, so, in order to attain 100 feet we will do not just the one parcel but sometimes two.

"Fire Safe Council has the two grants and CAL FIRE has funded our Sherwood Firewise for roadside fuel reduction efforts," Rutledge continues. "We just sent out letters to Sherwood Road residents. We are clearing 100 feet from the center line, on either side of the center line, more than a shaded fuel break. We did that all along Ridge Road, Blue Lake and Timber Road, up at the top of the ridge, and now we're going to be coming up Sherwood Road. We'll also do Sylvandale, Spring Creek and the Gates. That's going to include thinning out some trees. We are not taking out big trees. We will be doing this work throughout the next five years.

"We have a website and Facebook page that anyone can check out to see our progress. Our meetings have been on zoom for quite a while, and we invite everyone to check out what we're doing."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak stepped to the podium. "First of all, as was announced earlier," he said, "the vote for the special assessment for the emergency access routes did pass. That was what the community wanted, and there were 1,700 votes cast, but because some were weighted differently the overall vote tally was about 6,000+ to 3,300. I want to thank the board, the general manager and district counsel for all of your support on this, and also Sherwood Firewise and all of that team. Through working together we got this done. The main goal is to make this community safer, and I think that is what this will do. So, again, thank you all.

"Secondly, we, the Board of Supervisors, had a grant for \$290,000 to do some work on some software. But, the BOS has repurposed that grant money to redo our vegetation abatement ordinance, because we've had problems with deadbeat owners, people who aren't responsive. We were trying to do work cleaning up the properties, and we found that it cost \$15,000 to go through the court process to be able to do that work," Haschak said.

"So, what we are looking for with the repurposing of the grant money is to be able to come up with an ordinance that really works, that is effective, and we will be able to get that work done in a very cost-effective way," he said. "That will be an ongoing job of the county to work on. The state gave us permission to repurpose the grant money.

"We talked for a long time about this FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] grant that we applied for which is for vegetation abatement and home hardening and all sorts of things on the landscape scale in the Brooktrails area and Sherwood Road. We applied for this \$50 million grant. We got approval for phase 1 of it, which is the planning part, and that's a little over \$3 million and so that will get us to where we can do the planning regarding what homes need to be hardened, and what areas need to have the vegetation abatement. So, it's really good that we got the FEMA grant, and we're moving forward.

"Also, we are working on the grant for the fiber optic cable, and we weren't in the first round for the money that the state gave out. They've done the preliminary work and they're doing the assessments, working with the drones, but for implementation we are not in the first round. We're hoping that in the second round we will get approval," Haschak concluded.

Next up, the board turned their focus to the Consent Calendar. They unanimously approved the Accounts

Payable: \$101,286.35.

There was also a Brooktrails Golf Course report. Director Tyler-O'Shea had some questions about the report. The general manager asked, "Do you want me to address any potential errors in the report's sheets?" Tyler-O'Shea said, "Yes." Alaniz stated, "When I first received January – March I found a number of errors and I returned the report back to them, asking them to correct them. I didn't go through every single line, but I asked them to start fresh. It wasn't until just recently when we received the April-June reports that we received the corrected January – March report. I noticed that there were some errors. I've asked them to give me the accurate information, and once I got the six months' worth of their fee totals, I did just use their bottom line to produce the invoice for the capital reserve for the half percent amount. They did pay that, so I left it at that. I was pleased to get the \$217. In future I may be able to focus attention on their spreadsheets."

Tyler-O'Shea, the board representative who attends the golf course committee meetings, then said: "Tom from Finance was there at the recent meeting, and he offered to help them with their spreadsheets. I hope that that happens, because out of the kindness of his heart he offered."

Williams remarked on how beautiful the golf course is and how well it is maintained, noting that during the January to March months of rain there wasn't very much activity on the course.

The board then voted unanimously to accept the golf course report.

One of the Consent Calendar items was: "Consideration of Resolution 2024 to Surplus Two Vehicles and Make them Available for Sale to Covelo Community Services District." Fire Chief Jon Noyer requested that the old squad vehicle and the retired ambulance that was donated to the fire department be surplus. While the fire department awaited delivery of the new squad vehicle, the township spent \$19,000 to keep the squad in good running condition. Brooktrails has just used the ambulance to transport staff. The chief has requested to help out Covelo Community Services District that could use the two vehicles, to sell the two vehicles to them for a total of \$5,000. The board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Also on the agenda was: "Consideration of Adopting the BCTSD Workplace Violence Prevention Plan." California Senate Bill 553 was passed and signed into law September 30, 2023. It amended the Labor Code to require employers to develop and implement a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan by July 2024. Labor Code Section 6401.9(b)(2)(f) states that employers with less than 10 employees within the publicly accessible areas are not subject to adopting a WVPP. However, SB553 will require the State of California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Agency to adopt its own plan, which could influence how the legislation is interpreted by the agency. Adoption of the WVPP by the district will avoid a potential compliance issue in the future.

The WVPP process, upon implementation, will be the responsibility of the district to offer training to all employees. Employee input is important and helps keep the plan relevant for day-to-day operations. Training is proposed for staff to begin in early August.

All BTCSO employees are expected to assist in maintaining a safe, healthy and secure work environment. Everyone is responsible for using safe work practices, following applicable injury and illness Prevention Plan requirements, and acting in accordance with policies in the Township Policy Manual.

Williams asked, "What is a workplace violence hazard?" Alaniz said, "If we identify a hazard, we would train on it. In the training, one of the things that is talked about is getting feedback from your employees regarding what they think is a hazard. A workplace violence hazard may be when we have to shut off a customer's water. That can initiate a volatile response."

Fire Chief Noyer said: "We encounter these hazards all of the time. I've had a lady try to stab me. I've had shots fired. It's everywhere. There are booby traps set up. The hazards are endless."

Alaniz said: "Most of the time that is something that is happening offsite. This is very specific to the workplace. We are unique in having a fire department onsite. It seems prudent for us to implement this plan at this time."



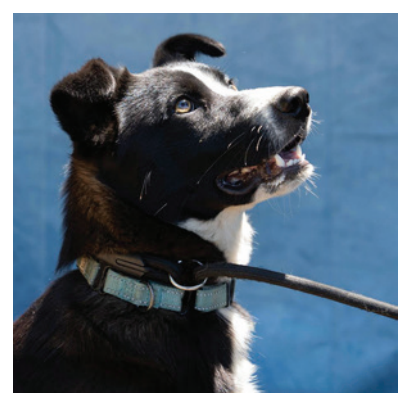
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**Sun: 8/4: Boat Races & the Junior Mudd Bogs**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE WILLOW TREE STAGE**

**Thurs: 8/1: The Easy Street Band**

**Fri: 8/2: While We're Young**

**Sat: 8/3: Warehouse 21**

**Sun: 8/4: Banda Pacifica**

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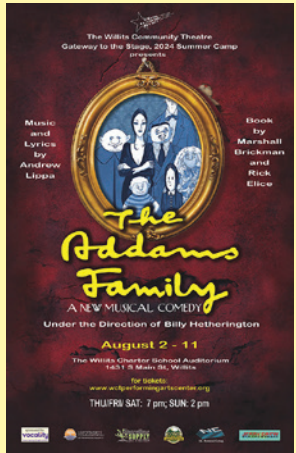
Thursday, August 1

**Willits Farmers Market:** The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, Thursday, August 1, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street, 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. "Storytime at the Farmers Market," from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin Steiskal reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome.

**Thursday Evenings at the Museum:** Mendocino County Museum in Willits revisits permanent gallery exhibits this summer, with new content shared by museum docents and a corresponding art activity on Thursday evenings, from 6 to 8 pm. In August, the exhibit is "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit, that opens August 17 at the Museum. The Thursday, August 1 activity is "Linoleum Block Carving Basics." 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included with regular Museum admission. Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

Friday, August 2

**Opening Night for 'The Addams Family':** The children's horror-comedy musical presented at the Willits Charter School gymnasium opens Friday, August 2 at 7 pm and runs through August 11. Popularized in the hit Netflix series, the lead character Wednesday Addams hopes to marry Lucas Beineke, a guy from a normal family. The usual Addams family gothic eccentricities create a lot of mix-ups and spooky fun along the way. Directed by Billy Hetherington, the show features 35 students from the Willits Community Theatre's annual Gateway to the Stage summer camp. August 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.



**Welcome West at Shanachie:** featuring Mandolin Manny & Friends, a modern take on a bluegrass band, dipping into many influences from their eclectic collective of musicians. Friday, August 2 at 8 to 11 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, August 3

**The Whistle Stop:** Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Willits' new restaurant, The Whistle Stop, 280 East Commercial Street. Check out the ice cream bar, grab 'n go food, smoothie bar, sundaes and milkshakes, and sandwiches. Info: "The Whistle Stop" on Facebook or (707) 841-3033



COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

## 'Deadpool & Wolverine'

**The Story:** The Marvel Universe is a "multiverse" with multiple timelines. Each of these timelines (according to Marvel movie rules) is peopled with human beings who are important, and with human beings who are (for some ill-defined reasons) not so important. And there are others who are very very important. For our timeline (yours and mine and Deadpool's), it's Wolverine. He is very very important but is unfortunately quite dead.



Dan Essman  
Columnist

Deadpool has to bring Wolverine (or his double in the Multiverse) back into this world. It's a heroic quest. Its outcome is not just life or death. If Deadpool fails, our timeline (and all who live in it) will cease to exist! Non-existence is quite vexing to contemplate for all concerned (especially for we the audience, there are no ticket refunds in No-Where-Ville).

Plus, Deadpool has to deal with a woman named Cassandra who seems to have a (metaphorical) splinter under her fingernail, which makes for a very bad attitude, though she smiles. Apparently Cassandra can control physical reality with her mind. Her powers are quite ouch-inducing.

**My Thoughts:** It's quite funny. It's the bloodiest movie I've ever seen. Really, it's not unlike a gang fight in a slaughterhouse. It reminds me of some of the warning 16mm flicks they used to show us in drivers ed: "Look both ways, kids, or this could happen to you! Screech of brakes! Crash! Bang! Wreckage!" Many bodies. Much mutilation. All quite gross.

Also, there's plentiful (tasteless but funny) references to R-rated or X-rated sex acts. I suppose the filmmaker should keep that in mind when considering whether or not to bring the whole family. On the other hand, none of the above (not the ultra-violence nor the sexual innuendo) would make both other any but the most squeamish teenagers I know.

**Parents:** No children. No matter how much they may squeal. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*

# What's Happening Around Town

**Community Read-Aloud-Athon:** Join Willits Library staff and local community members on Saturday, August 3 from 10:30 am to noon as we read our favorite books aloud. This activity seeks to not only promote literacy, but also to foster a sense of unity and connection in our community. Each person has 5 to 10 minutes to read aloud from their favorite or current book. Please contact the library staff if you are available to take part. Willits Branch Library meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or 459-5908.

**WCA Opening:** Willits Center for the Arts opens the August art exhibition featuring Jody J. Johnson and Don Ponte, with a Meet the Artists reception on Saturday, August 3, between 6 and 9 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm.

**'The Addams Family' at WCS:** The children's horror-comedy musical at the Willits Charter School gymnasium with a cast of 35 students from WCS's Gateway to the Stage summer camp, Saturday, August 3 at 7 pm. See Friday, August 2 listing for details. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

**SUNQ at Shanachie:** Electronic space rock duo SUNQ is J Young Sun (guitar & vocals) and Guinevere Q (bass & vocals), with an original sci-fi musical story called "Intercepted Transmissions" about astronauts, love, and resistance. Saturday, August 3 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, August 4

**Afternoon Concert Fundraiser at WCA:** Willits Center for the Arts host a concert by Abigail Summers and Jenny Watts, Sunday, August 4 from 2 to 4 pm. "Together Abigail and Jenny will once again combine their talents for this concert of piano-cello music that includes pieces by Bach, Vaughan Williams and Faure." Tickets are \$20, will benefit the WCA, and are available for sale at the WCA website or at the door, at 71 East Commercial Street. More info: willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707-459-1726.



**'The Addams Family' at WCS:** The children's horror-comedy musical at the Willits Charter School gymnasium with a cast of 35 students from WCS's Gateway to the Stage summer camp, Sunday, August 4 at 2 pm. See Friday, August 2 listing for details. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

Wednesday, August 7

**History Makers at the Museum:** This summer, the Mendocino County Museum presents family friendly themed crafts and activities inspired by the permanent gallery exhibits on Wednesdays from 11 am to 3 pm. In August, the exhibit is "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit, that opens August 17 at the Museum. The Wednesday, August 7 activity is "Sun Printing." 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included with regular Museum admission. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays with your Mendocino County Library Card. Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365

## Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

**Saturday Scramble:** Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any instrument you can play and sign up to perform a 15-minute set with other local musicians. "Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!"

**Bluegrass String Jam:** Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm - welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which members from out of the area may drop in!"

**Wednesday Open Mic Night:** Shanachie Pub presents its popular Open Mic Night every Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world. Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7 pm, you can be entered for the lottery. Lottery determines order from which you pick your 20 minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm.



**Twining Time at Brickhouse:** John Wagenet and Anita Wagenet (Blu) perform at Brickhouse Coffee, Wednesday, August 7 (and the first Wednesday of every month), at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, from 12 to 2 pm. Folk/Country/Mountain Americana Roots plus new and old favorites as well as original music, with 2 part polished vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard. https://twiningtime.weebly.com



Thursday, August 8

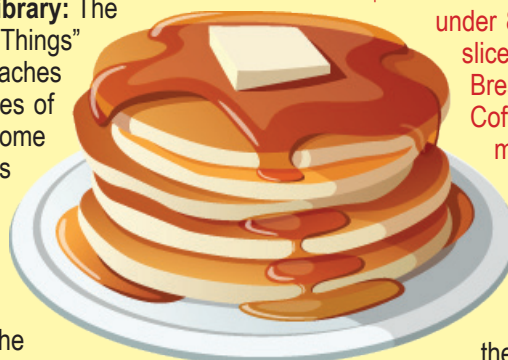
**Willits Farmers Market:** The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, Thursday, August 8, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street, 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. "Storytime at the Farmers Market," from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin Steiskal reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome.

**Thursday Evenings at the Museum:** Mendocino County Museum in Willits revisits permanent gallery exhibits this summer, with new content shared by museum docents and a corresponding art activity on Thursday evenings, from 6 to 8 pm. In August, the exhibit is "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit, that opens August 17 at the Museum. The Thursday, August 8 activity is "Linoleum Block Carving Basics. Part 2." 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included with regular Museum admission. Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

**'The Addams Family' at WCS:** The children's horror-comedy musical at the Willits Charter School gymnasium with a cast of 35 students from WCS's Gateway to the Stage summer camp, Thursday, August 8 at 7 pm. See Friday, August 2 listing for details. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

Friday, August 9

**Wild Things Animal Show at the Library:** The Conservation Ambassadors "Wild Things" program rescues wildlife and teaches awareness through sharing the stories of the animals that have been saved. Come meet these extraordinary creatures and hear their tales! Friday, August 9, 1 to 2 pm. Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or 459-5908.



**'The Addams Family' at WCS:** The children's horror-comedy musical at the Willits Charter School gymnasium with a cast of 35 students from WCS's Gateway to the Stage summer camp, Friday, August 9 at 7 pm. See Friday, August 2 listing for details. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

## Round Valley Blackberry Festival, August 17-18

Submitted by RVBF Committee

The 41st Annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival, a not-for-profit event sponsored by the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library, is happening Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 this year, 10 am to 6 pm at the festival grounds. Over 30 vendors offering arts & crafts and food booths, including delicious berry treats made with Round Valley blackberries. Mendocino wine tasting, children's activities, live music, art show both days. The annual car and motorcycle show is on Sunday. Admission is free. NO PETS are allowed on the festival grounds. More info: www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com/ or www.facebook.com/RoundValleyBlackberryFestival

## Willits Coloring Book Photo Contest Awards and Auction, August 16

The Willits Coloring Book Photo Contest Awards and Auction, sponsored by Rotary Club of Willits, is set for Friday, August 16, 6 to 8:30 pm at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Also features a Dessert Buffet with After-Dinner Liquors. More info about Rotary Club: www.WillitsRotary.org; WillitsRotaryClub@gmail

2 listing for details. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.

**Big Sticky Mess at Shanachie:** Davis-based trio plays funky originals: "A kaleidoscopic mix of extraterrestrial hooks, vibrant grooves and potent beats, purely for your entertainment." Friday, August 9, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, August 10

**Team Legacy Golf Tournament:** A fundraiser golf tournament for our local AAU Basketball Team, Saturday, August 10 at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Registration at 8 am. Shotgun Start at 8:30 am. \$5 mulligans available. Closest to the Pin contest. Shoot the Pond contest. BBQ, Raffle Tickets, Beer & Beverage Cart. \$40 per person, \$20 annual membership. 4 person teams. Best Ball Rules.

**A Touch of Mendocino, Mermaizing Scents:** Charissa Franklin of "Mermaizing Scents" based in Laytonville, comes to discuss the business of creative soap-making and other bath and body products at the Willits Library, Saturday, August 10 from 11 am to noon, as part of the "A Touch of Mendocino" series, sharing: "the history and creative process of her many 'hemplified' cold processed soap and body products, including whipped body butter, whipped sugar scrubs, lotion, lip butter/sugar scrubs, and fizzy bath bombs." 390 East Commercial Street. More info: visit www.mendolib.org or contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

**Waldorf School Play Date:** "Play is the work of childhood and the basis of Waldorf Education. Enjoy a morning of play at our early childhood open house. For children ages 3 to 6 with their caregivers. Experience our home-like classrooms where young children are encouraged to unleash their creativity and explore the realms of imagination." Saturday, August 10 at 10 am at The Waldorf School of Mendocino County, 6280 Third Street, Calpella. RSVP at mendocinowaldorf.org

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Sunday, August 11

**Senior Center Pancake Breakfast:** Every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am., Sunday, August 11 this month, at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. \$10; \$9 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides \$2: 3 slices bacon, 2 sausage links. Breakfast Includes Peet's Coffee and orange juice or milk.

**Keep on Carving! at the Museum:** In August, the Mendocino County Museum presents family friendly themed crafts and activities on Sundays starting August 11, from 12 to 4 pm, inspired by the exhibit "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit, that opens August 17 at the Museum. The Sunday,

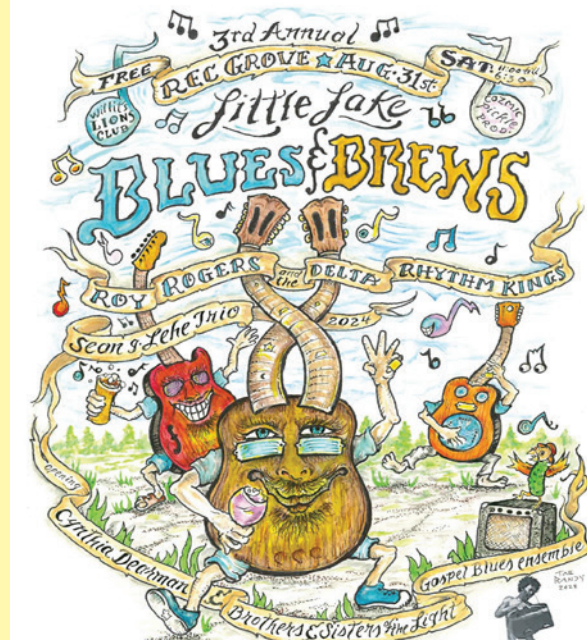
August 11 event is "Drop-In Block Carving." 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included

with regular Museum admission. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays with your Mendocino County Library Card. Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365

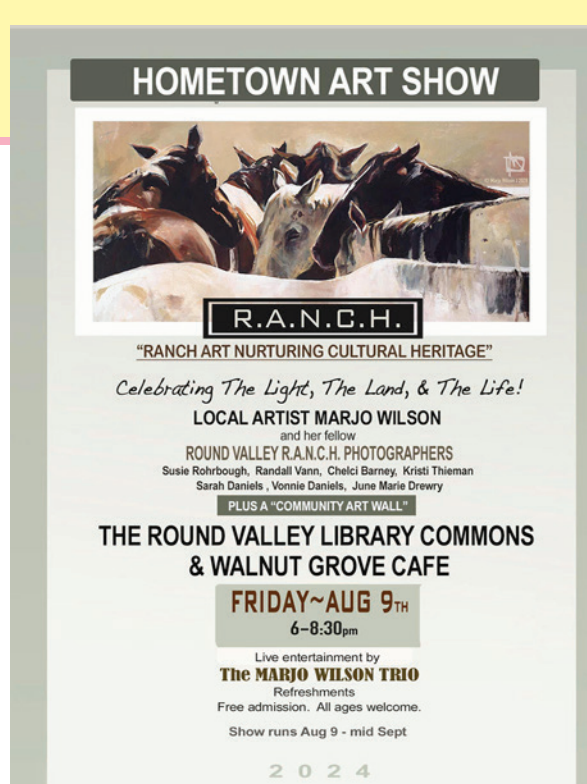
**'The Addams Family' closes at WCS:** The children's horror-comedy musical at the Willits Charter School gymnasium with a cast of 35 students from WCS's Gateway to the Stage summer camp. Last show of the run: Sunday, August 11 at 2 pm. See Friday, August 2 listing for details. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door.



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Willits Lions Club & Cosmic Pickle Productions Present - Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings. 11am - 6:30pm • Saturday, Aug 31st Recreation Grove Park • Willits, CA



ONGOING EVENTS

**Willits Community Services & Food Bank:** WCS offers food grocery distributions to families in need twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. 344 Railroad Avenue. Please bring an I.D. We are looking for volunteers for our warehouse, window, food delivery drivers, and fundraising volunteers. For information call: (707) 459-3333

**WCA July Exhibit:** Last weekend for Willits Center for the Arts' dual art exhibition featuring the contrasting yet complementary styles of Robert Louis Permenter and Patsy Brixie. Closes Sunday, July 28. "Visitors will be able to immerse themselves in the therapeutic and spontaneous worlds created by these two talented artists." 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm.

**Free Food Pop-Ups:** Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program's Food Pop-Up in Willits offers two events per month, first and third Thursdays, at 1250 Blosser Lane. Info: outreach@fbfoodbank.org; 707-964-9404

**'In the Field' Exhibit:** Mendocino County Museum's latest exhibit, "In the Field: Exploring Botany in Mendocino County," celebrates the study of unique plants that grow in our region, reflecting on the pursuits of Mendocino County botanists from past to present, featuring sketches, illustrations, photographs, and pressed specimens. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, is open 11 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. More info: visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum

**Willits Tennis Club:** Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am at the Willits High School courts. New members welcome. Free. Show up or call 707-484-3385.

**Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group:** Meets every week on Mondays, 6 pm, at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

**Willits Drum Circle:** Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Sack lunches served at the City Park (or across the street in case of rain) every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. Come early to be assured a lunch! Provided by various churches and community organizations.

**Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & 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 Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main Street.

**Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 pm:** The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: tgregory@saber.net or visit Willits Boules Club on Facebook.

**Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym:** Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers free classes for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. More info on current classes: call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-354-0565.

## Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or 459-5908. Open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info:** www.mendolib.org or 459-5908. Open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Story Time:** Tuesday through Friday each week, 10:30 to 11 am. "Start your morning listening to a story. Join us in the children's area of the library."

**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 of joe". Topics will range and will be announced ahead of time.

**LEGO Club:** Tuesdays, now 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

**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.

**Tech Help:** Now every Saturday from 11 am to 12 pm: Is your computer on the fritz? Want to install a new app? Bring your tech questions and get help from the library's tech savvy volunteer

**Spinning & Knitting:** Every Saturday at the library, from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome!

## SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

### Agape Bible Church

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

### Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church

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

### Church of Christ

"What must we do to be saved?" Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service- 6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study- 7-8:00 p.m.

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

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

### Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom

•A University for Soul •Spiritual Living Courses •Spiritual Discussions •ECK Light & Sound Services More information? Call 530-224-8703 www.eckankar.org

### Grace Community Church

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits Modified Worship Service 10 a.m. Other ministries suspended for now. For appointments call: (707) 459-3106

### 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. - Spanish Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointment at 707-459-2252

### 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

Labyrinth and Peace Garden A place to find comfort where all are welcome Pastor Jaime Rogers-Fairchild Sunday Worship at 10:30 am 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855

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If you want to be included in this column please call:

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Above: Dr. Nhung Pham, left, and Dr. Thien Nguyen, right, will be providing dental care to adults and to children at MCHC Health Centers in Willits and Ukiah.

## MCHC welcomes dentists Thien Nguyen and Nhung Pham

Submitted by MCHC

MCHC Health Centers is proud to welcome dentists Dr. Nhung Pham and Dr. Thien Nguyen. Dr. Pham will see patients at Hillside Health Center and Dr. Nguyen will see patients at Little Lake Health Center in Willits. They will each provide dental care for adults and children.

A married couple, Nguyen and Pham are experienced dentists who recently moved to Mendocino County from Fresno, where they were in private practice.

Nguyen and Pham believe communication is key to helping relieve patients' dental anxiety. Many people fear trips to the dentist, either because of a bad past experience or because they are uncertain of what their appointment will entail. Dentists often don't talk enough to their patients, Nguyen says.

Sometimes dentists do not explain procedures fully, or take the time to understand their patients' fears or concerns. Patients fear the unknown, and Pham and Nguyen say they work to counteract this fear through conversation, building a rapport with each patient.

Patients who are anxious about an appointment tend to feel better if they talk about it with their dentist. Some older adults may have had a painful past experience that contributes to their current fear, such as a tooth being pulled without anesthesia.

Other patients may come to the dentist after a traumatic event like a car accident.

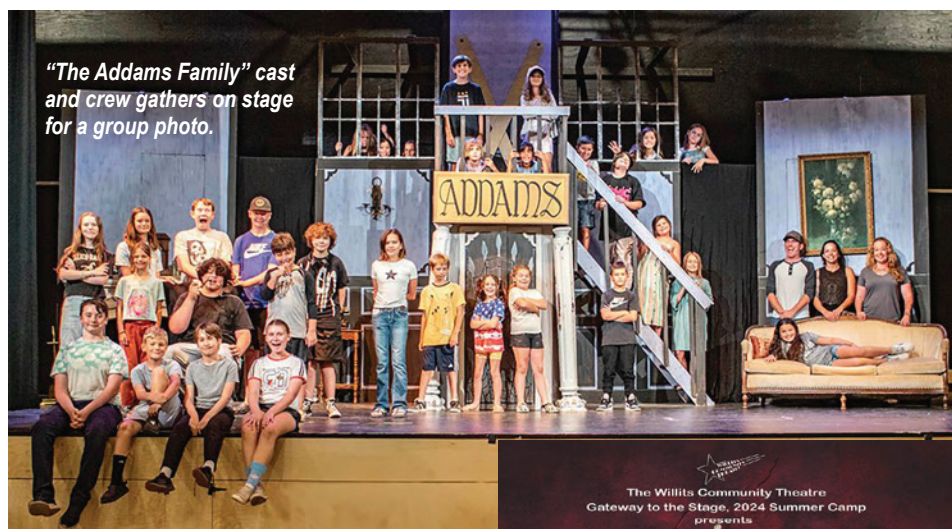
"When we're able to find out what happened that triggered that fear, we can have a better approach to treating them," Pham says.

In their conversations with patients, Nguyen and Pham say it helps to focus on their concerns instead of skipping straight to discussing the treatment. "Take it step by step," Pham says. "It's a lot of baby steps."

Nguyen credits his wife for getting him into dentistry in the first place. He was working for the California Department of Transportation as an engineer in 2000 when he visited her dental office. He saw Nhung's interactions with patients and wished he could experience more meaningful interactions in his own job. "I saw her working with patients, communicating with patients. I saw that dentists could interact more with people, and provide direct help," he recalls.

Nguyen decided to change careers. He quit his job with the transportation department and went back to school, graduating from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2007.

Pham comes from a long line of dentists, Read the rest of **Dentists** | Over on page 11

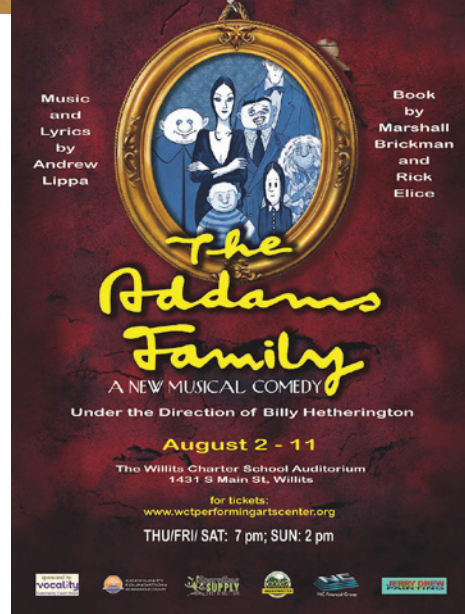


## Children's horror-comedy musical 'The Addams Family' shows at the Willits Charter School auditorium August 2 through 11

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

Wednesday Addams takes to the stage in pursuit of her love affair with Lucas Beineke in the children's musical production of "The Addams Family" opening Friday, August 2 at the Willits Charter School auditorium. Popularized in the hit Netflix series, Wednesday's teenage character is a heady mix of her gothic family's eccentricities and their acceptance of difference, coupled with the values of honesty and passion of a healthy relationship.

Directed by Billy Hetherington, the show is the centerpiece culmination of the Willits Community Theatre's annual Gateway to the Stage summer camp. The cast includes 35 children, ages 7 to 17, who participated in the six-week course covering acting lessons to scenic design, sound and lighting.



Hetherington says of Wednesday's central role, "She intends to marry Lucas, a guy from a 'normal' family, and she wants to make sure their families get along." Of course things don't go quite as planned. With typical Addams family wickedness, a "truth potion" is accidentally unleashed and the action blows up into a fiasco of surprises — before the two families settle into a happy outcome.

Read the rest of **Addams** | Over on page 11



Above: Actor Tula Clark smiles for the camera. At right, top: Desa Holt co-stars as Wednesday Addams. At right, below: Bronach Bowles is understudy for the leading role of Wednesday Addams. Below: Camp Coordinator Ambria Zeitner and Director Billy Hetherington clown around during rehearsal.



Photos by Mathew Caine:

# QUARTER AUCTION!

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With 4 Runner up Drawings for \$100 Free Play.  
After 7PM on August 31st.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JULIUS TROUSDALE SADLER III, aka JULIUS T. SADLER III, aka JULIUS SADLER III, aka JULIUS SADLER, aka JASON SADLER**

CASE NO. 24PR00118  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: JULIUS TROUSDALE SADLER III, aka JULIUS T. SADLER III, aka JULIUS SADLER III, aka JULIUS SADLER, aka JASON SADLER.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by GARRETT SADLER in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that GARRETT SADLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests 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 an 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: August 16, 2024 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 the 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, 716 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 Telephone: 707-456-9210  
Publication Dates: July 25th, August 1st, and August 8th, 2024

## LEGAL NOTICES

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

2024-F0336  
The following person or persons are doing business as The Fine Print, 150 South Main Street, Suite C, Willits CA 95490; mailing address: 27120 Oriole Drive, Willits CA 95490; 707-841-6305.  
Registered owner: Shelby Geremia, 27120 Oriole Drive, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 15, 2024.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 25, 2024.

/s/ Shelby Geremia  
Publication dates: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

2024-F0360  
The following person or persons are doing business as Zippis Senior Assist, 4051 Fisher Lake Drive, Redwood Valley, CA 95480.  
Registered owner: Denise A. Gleason, 4051 Fisher Lake Drive, Redwood Valley, CA 95480.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 25, 2024.

/s/ Denise Gleason  
Publication dates: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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The rest of **Addams** |  
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Desa Holt and Bronach Bowles share in the starring role as Wednesday, and Finn Shipp appears as Lucas. The cast also includes Addams Family roles of Gomez, Morticia, Pugsley, Uncle Fester and Grandma Addams, along with Lurch, and then also Mr. and Mrs. Beineke.

The musical includes numerous solo numbers and an ensemble of 16 actors in roles as The Ancestors, which function as a kind of haunted chorus. "The Addams Family" marks WCT's debut production at the Willits Charter School's new gymnasium and theater facility.

Performances are August 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available online at: [www.wctperformingartscenter.org](http://www.wctperformingartscenter.org) or at the door.

The rest of **Dentists** |  
From page 10

with an uncle who was a dentist in Vietnam as well as three uncles who are dentists on the East Coast. She earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and was planning to pursue a PhD in biochemistry before changing course and enrolling in dental school. "We wanted to continue that tradition in the family," she says. Pham enrolled in Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and graduated from the program in 2005.

Nguyen and his wife were drawn to this area by the educational opportunities for their three children. Coming from a large city, they are excited to live in a more secluded area. They also have extended family in the area with whom they can now connect more often.

Both dentists appreciate MCHC's compassionate, patient-centered approach to healthcare. "They have a variety of care and diversity, and they believe in a lot of holistic medication," Pham says. "We also wanted to help the rural areas that are underserved, where there aren't a lot of dentists."

They are excited about advances in technology that have made dental care more comfortable for patients, and for the ways that social media created by licensed dentists can support patient education. This empowers patients to make informed decisions about their health. In the office,

MCHC Dental Director Neha Sharma says: "We are very lucky to have Dr. Pham and Dr. Nguyen joining our team. They bring with them years of dental experience, and they fully support our mission to help the underserved. They want to make Mendocino County their home and create meaningful experiences for their family and patients."

MCHC's emphasis on compassionate, high-quality care resonates with both dentists. "I'm very impressed," Nguyen says. "They provide very good care for patients."

MCHC Health Centers includes Hillside Health Center and Dora Street Health Center in Ukiah, Little Lake Health Center in Willits, and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport. It is a community-based and patient-directed organization that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services as well as supportive services such as education and translation that promote access to healthcare.

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## Caltrans cleans up after the Grange Fire in Anderson Valley

Caltrans District 1 posted this update on Facebook on Monday, July 29: "Our Maintenance crews continue to clear hazardous trees and debris following [the Grange Fire] wildfire last week along Route 128 near Boonville in Mendocino County. Please drive with caution in the area."

The Grange Fire was first reported at 4 pm on Thursday, July 25, as a vegetation fire near the Philo Grange. The fire quickly resulted in evacuation orders, the setting up of and the closure of Highway 128. Evacuation orders were lifted around 6:45 pm on Friday evening, July 26.

In its 7 pm Monday, July 29 post on the Grange Fire, CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit reported that "Fire fighters have fully controlled and concluded the incident."

CAL FIRE's official final update on the Grange Fire, also issued at 7 pm on July 29, reported 100% containment of the 90-acre fire, with 1 structure destroyed (not the Grange or KZYX Radio buildings), and 5 structures damaged.

According to the final report, the cause of the fire is still under investigation, but there were reports at the time about a vehicle sparking fires with its trailer hitch.

— Jennifer Poole



Above: Members of the Caltrans District 1 Maintenance crew clean up along Highway 128 after the Grange Fire was "fully controlled and concluded" after burning 90 acres.

Photos courtesy Caltrans District 1

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## CAL FIRE: Ensure you're #ReadyforWildfire

Posted by CAL FIRE

As of July 30, the #ParkFire has now escalated to become the fifth-largest wildfire in California's history, severely impacting Butte, Tehama, Shasta, and Plumas counties.

This development underscores the critical importance of being #ReadyforWildfire. One of the most effective ways to ensure safety is by signing up for emergency alerts, which provide timely information and instructions during wildfire events.

It's crucial to recognize that 95% of wildfires are caused by human activity. Therefore, taking proper precautions to prevent wildfires is everyone's responsibility. Simple actions such as following fire safety guidelines and avoiding activities that can spark fires are vital in reducing the risk.

Additionally, having a go bag packed with essentials and being prepared for an emergency can make a significant difference in ensuring personal and community safety. For more information and tips on wildfire preparedness, visit <http://readyforwildfire.org>.

For updates on active statewide incidents, visit <http://fire.ca.gov/incidents>

Read the rest of **CAL FIRE** Over on page 14



Photos by Mathew Caine

Above, left: Jesse's mother, Ida Pittman, has been a prime organizer of the race and the foundation. Above, right: CAL FIRE honors Pittman with a flyover during a moment of silence. Above, far right: Joey O'Ferrall strikes a pose as he accepts the Honor Man Award for exhibiting Pittman's grit and determination. Below: The winners in each category and overall winners received these Jesse Pittman dog tags. At bottom: One hundred and sixty-nine racers of all ages listen to memories from Pittman's SEAL teammates.



## WINNERS:

### Women:

- 12 & Under:** Mackenzie Laird – 42:30
- 13 to 19:** Sadie Jones – 36:05
- 20 to 29:** Peyton O'Ferrall – 33:48
- 30 to 39:** Rochelle Miller – 22:48
- Overall Female winner:** Michelle Bazelli – 26:37
- 50 to 59:** Colleen O'Ferrall – 31:44
- 60 to 69:** Ginger Fazomer – 27:44
- 70 to 79:** Gail Neeland – 29:03

### Men:

- 12 & under:** Joey O'Ferrall – 22:05
- Race Honor Man:** Jackson O'Ferrall – 35:48
- 20 to 29:** Dylan Jones – 18:51
- Overall Winner:** Jordan Miller – 21:47
- 40 to 49:** Lucas Noord – 23:32
- 50 to 59:** Bernie Norvell – 22:23
- 60 to 69:** Craig Kremelie – 43:04
- 70 to 79:** Roger Schwartz – 24:04
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## WCA August show features artists Don Ponte and Jody Johnston

Submitted by WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts is delighted to announce its upcoming August exhibition, "SAFE-SCAPES," showcasing the remarkable works of two talented artists, Don Ponte and Jody Johnston. This compelling exhibition will be open to the public from August 3 to August 25, with a grand opening reception on August 3, from 6 to 9 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

### About Don Ponte

A San Francisco native, Don Ponte discovered his passion for drawing at a young age. By the age of 15, his talent was already evident as his cartoons were featured in the "Menlo Park Recorder" newspaper. Pursuing his passion for art, Ponte attended the Art Institute of San Francisco, where he honed his skills and embarked on a career as an illustrator, contributing to various advertising companies. His preferred medium is oil painting, and his works often depict serene landscapes, vivid portraits of people, and the fascinating world of animals.

### About Jody Johnston

In March 2003, Jody Johnston experienced a life-altering car accident that severely injured her. During her recovery,

painting emerged as her refuge and a crucial form of expression when words were insufficient. Johnston's art, which she describes as "SAFE-SCAPES," became therapeutic landscapes where color, emotion, and movement come together to create a healing journey. She shares, "My paintings are 'places' I go to for refuge and healing. May you enjoy the journey into these 'SAFE-SCAPES' of color, emotion, movement, and healing."

"SAFE-SCAPES" opens with a Meet the Artist reception on Saturday, August 3 from 6 to 9 pm, and runs through August 25 at the WCA. Join us for an evening of art, conversation, and refreshments as we celebrate the opening of this extraordinary exhibition. Free admission. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artists, explore their works, and experience firsthand the transformative power of their art. Info: [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org)

The Willits Center for the Arts is committed to promoting artistic expression and cultural enrichment in Northern California. Through a variety of programs and initiatives, the center seeks to engage the community with the arts, providing educational opportunities and fostering a deep appreciation for creative endeavors.

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**

**Project Title:** City of Willits Land Use Element & Sphere of Influence Updates  
**Project Proponent:** City of Willits  
**Project Location:** City of Willits and proposed Sphere of Influence Area  
**DEIR Review Period:** Beginning July 25, 2024, and ending September 9, 2024

The City of Willits Community Development Department and its consultants have prepared a Draft Program EIR for the adoption of the City of Willits Land Use Element, Zoning and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Updates, State Clearing House No. 2023030321. The City is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project. The intent of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to notify interested parties that the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is available for public review and comment.

**Project Location:** The project location includes the following: the entire City of Willits (~1,801 acres including the City center area and the Willits Municipal Airport (Ells Field) and the Willits Water Treatment Plant and Morris Dam portions of the City of Willits); the ~12 acre existing SOI along Meadowbrook Drive; and the proposed ~875 acre SOI that includes areas along West State Route 20 and Croyley Lane, along Locust Street, portions of the Mill Creek Drainage, along Muir Mill Road, along East Valley Street, and east of Grove Street.

**Project Description:** The proposed Project is an amendment to the City of Willits Land Use Element, Land Use Diagram, Zoning Map and Regulations, and an application to amend the City's SOI. The Project includes:

- (1) the identification of a Planning Area that includes the City as well as surrounding land that bears relation to City planning;
- (2) changes to existing and new Land Use Element policy intended to expand the land supply for housing of all types, provide for focused planning for Willits' commercial centers, provide for land use flexibility and compatibility, ensure community health and vitality and environmental health and sustainability, and to expand and improve land use designations and general plan maintenance;
- (3) changes to Land Use Designations within the City to support residential and commercial development, as well as for open space purposes, and changes to apply Land Use Designations that best reflect the use and character of existing development within the City where the current Land Use Designation is not appropriate;
- (4) proposed expansions to the City's SOI, with the application of appropriate City Land Use Designations, to support a potential SOI Amendment application to the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission; Gateway to the Redwoods
- (5) amendments to the Zoning Map and Zoning Regulations to ensure consistency with the Land Use Element and Land Use Map, which may occur simultaneously with or closely following Land Element adoption, and that may include the application of consistent Zoning Classifications and edits to the Zoning Regulations to ensure consistency.

Adoption of the Plan requires certification of the EIR, a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Map and Text Amendments by the Willits City Council and an application to the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission to amend the City SOI.

**Potential Environmental Effects of the Project:** The Draft EIR finds that implementation of the proposed Project could result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions, even with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Impacts in all other areas were found to be less than significant or less than significant with incorporation of mitigation measures. The draft EIR provides a detailed project description, an analysis of physical environmental effects of the project, and an identification of feasible mitigation measures and alternatives that would avoid or lessen the severity of project impacts, and a summary of impacts and mitigation measures.

**Availability of the Draft Program EIR:** The Draft Program EIR and all documents referenced therein are available for review at this website <https://willitslanduseupdate.com/>. A physical copy of the Draft EIR is available at the City of Willits Community Development department at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA.

**Draft EIR Public Review Period:**  
Please submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024:

- Email: [dduley@cityofwillits.org](mailto:dduley@cityofwillits.org).
- Mail: Dusty Duley, Community Development Director, City of Willits, Community Development Department 111 E. Commercial St., Willits CA 95490

For comments submitted via email, please include "Draft EIR Comments: Land Use Element & Sphere of Influence Updates" in the subject line and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

**Public Hearings:**  
The following public hearings are proposed to be held before the City of Willits City Council:  
Proposed First City Council Hearing (Land Use Policy/SOI).....Wednesday, August 28, 2024  
Proposed Second City Council Hearing (Land Use Maps) ..... Wednesday, September 11, 2024  
Proposed Certification of FEIR and Adoption of LUE by City Council.....Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
Staff reports and documents regarding the above public hearings will be posted on the Friday before the hearing on the City of Willits webpage at <https://cityofwillits.org/AgendaCenter/City-Council-1> and on the project website at <https://willitslanduseupdate.com/>.



The rest of **Pittman** From page 3

selflessness and courage that were evident in the young Pittman, that kept him volunteering for deployments.

Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren ran as a tribute to Pittman. "I ran as a show of support for the Jesse Pittman Scholarship. I think that showing our youth that we support the military in our community is so critical. I think that any chance to show kids that we do support the military as an option for them and, of course, to support our community as folks come back from serving is critical."

Holly Madrigal, past mayor of Willits, commented: "I run this in memory of Jesse Pittman. I've run it a few times and it's really nice to see some familiar faces. I'm happy to be here for the last run, the last charge. "Don't run, charge," said Madrigal, proclaiming the motto of the SEALs. "The scholarship selects the students that are graduating that show perseverance, that spirit that Jesse had. If you get that scholarship, the Pittman family supports you from then on out."

Prior to the race, CAL FIRE did a flyover in one of their helicopters after a moment of silence for all the service men lost in the wars, the selfless sacrifices of brave Americans who valued country over their own safety. There were prize winners in several categories, who received memorial dog tags as a valued prize. There was a kids' 1 kilometer fun run, and an overall Honor Man was chosen, who brought the most spirit, spunk, and drive and fight, out to the 5K. "Not only did this individual win his age group [under 12] in the 5K race," explained Scott, "but he said that wasn't enough and then he went out and ran the 1K too."

"Today's Honor Man is Joey O'Ferrall," said Scott as the young O'Ferrall came up and received his honor, flexing his biceps to the delight of the crowd.

Hopefully, some group will take on the arduous but rewarding task of continuing the race in some form, in order to provide a fun day for the racers and keep the flame of remembrance alive.

The rest of **Food** From page 5

perfectly edible. So, four tons a month goes back into feeding the community. If the food expires that day, we pick it up, and it goes out the door the same day or maybe the next day. We're trying to encourage schools and hospitals to also participate in the program," explained Tippit.

There are many families in Willits whose income qualifies them for this program.

"In order to get our distribution, people need to bring in an ID and a birthday and how many people are in the household. We're serving [households] from Willits, Brooktrails, and Laytonville. We get a couple people here from Covelo and a couple from Lake County," Tippit said.

"The people get a little scannable card which they can use at other food banks as well, but you can't pick up on the same day. They can go multiple times to get the food they need for their family. If they have

a one-income household and they have children, it's gotten really tough with this economy," said Tippit.

If the Willits Food Bank had to close, there would be many desperate families in the area without enough to sustain their families. Tippit would like to see people pledge to give a monthly amount so that they would be assured of a steady income while they try for several grants.

"Some of the people are using the food bank, but the other people are supporting the food bank, they know how important it is and how much of an impact it makes on the community," said Tippit. Every donation helps feed those families who are struggling.

The Willits Food Bank, located at 344 Railroad Avenue, is open Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 4:30 pm. For more info, call 459-3333.



Above, left: Nils Rule-Gustafson works inside the warehouse, filling bags for the window. Above, right: A computer program keeps track of the recipients and when they have attended. At right: Each family or qualified recipient receives one of these cards with a scan code on the back. Below: This recipient came on his bike and prepares to fill his baskets.

Photos by Mathew Caine





Below: RCRC's first-place winner in the 2024 Photo Contest, a photo of Clam Beach in Humboldt County, taken by Lisa Wilhelmi Perkins

At far left: Jeanie Bridges' photo of Mount Shasta in Siskiyou County took second place.

At left: Ashley Nelson's photo of a red barn amidst lush greenery on a stormy day in Tuolumne County took third place.

## Humboldt photographer takes top spot in Rural County Photo Contest

Submitted by RCRC

Sacramento – The Rural County Representatives of California is pleased to announce the winner of RCRC's 8th Annual Rural County Photo Contest. This year's first-place prize goes to Lisa Wilhelmi Perkins for her spectacular photo of Clam Beach at sunset, with yellow lupine in full bloom, in Humboldt County. Both amateur and professional photographers from all over California submitted entries, capturing the splendor of the state's rural counties.

Wilhelmi Perkins, a McKinleyville resident, turned her hobby of photography into a serious pursuit after retiring from 14 years of public service in Humboldt County. Influenced by local photographers and the beauty of the north Humboldt County region, Lisa's work has been featured in publications like the Eureka Times-Standard and often captures the natural landscape, from redwood forests to ocean shores, as well as cherished life moments with friends and family.

"Congratulations to Ms. Wilhelmi Perkins for helping Humboldt County take the top spot in the RCRC Rural County Photo Contest for a second time in its eight-year history," said Humboldt County Supervisor and RCRC Board Delegate Rex Bohn. "The image she captured highlights the natural beauty and charm of our county, depicting a spectacular sunset over a classic Humboldt County landscape."

This year's contest saw an impressive 186 entries across RCRC's rural counties. The RCRC Board of Directors selected the winning photograph as well as the second- and third-place finalists at their July 24 meeting. Jeanie Bridges received second place for a photo featuring Mount Shasta reflected across Lake Siskiyou in Siskiyou County. Ashley Nelson received third place for her image of a red barn amidst lush greenery on a stormy day in the unincorporated area of Montezuma in Tuolumne County.

The RCRC Rural County Photo Contest was established to promote tourism and local economic development by highlighting the beautiful landscapes, scenery, activities, history, and charm of RCRC's member counties. Wilhelmi Perkins' image will be prominently displayed during RCRC's 2024 annual meeting September 18-20 in Sonoma County.

The Rural County Representatives of California is a 40-member county service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the state and federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit [rcrcnet.org](http://rcrcnet.org) and follow @RuralCounties on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Above, left: Ken Hill entered several items into the Fine Arts Building including this layered bowl. Above, right: Shannon Pennisi's ceramic frogs sit together with many different expressions. At far left: Dolores Johnson admires a giant zucchini entered into the Agriculture building. At left: Tim shows a mini basket entry brought into the Agriculture building.

The rest of Buildings | From page 1

The grandstands are featuring live entertainment each night, live music and street performers are scheduled throughout the event, and featured attractions like the new Sea Lion Splash show will be held for all to enjoy.

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- Mountain Quarries 202 1913 H. K. Porter Co. 15 ton steam locomotive 0-4-0-T
- 1952 Allis-Chalmers HD-20 tractor

3rd annual Printmaking exhibit "IMPRESSED" at the Museum next door to festival!

Saturday is the Junior Livestock Auction where youth exhibitors sell their locally raised livestock to the highest bidder and earn money for their future projects. If anyone is interested in becoming a buyer, sign-ups are available before the auction at the check-in table.

For a complete list of fair events, and a day-by-day schedule, visit [www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com](http://www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com), find them on Facebook, or call 707-462-FAIR for more info.

Below: Home Arts Building Supervisor Loraine Patton, left, smiles with judge Lori Poma, sitting, and assistant building supervisors Suzen Ingle, and Nancy Trumble, right.



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### Mendocino County alerts

For Mendocino County, visit <https://mendoready.org/> for local emergency information, follow "Mendocino Sheriff" on Facebook, and sign up for emergency alerts here <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736722865/#/signup>

The County of Mendocino has a page of information, including FAQs, on local emergency alerts here: [www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/executive-office/office-of-emergency-services/emergency-notifications-and-alerts](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/executive-office/office-of-emergency-services/emergency-notifications-and-alerts)

One great way to keep up with what's happening with fires around the North Coast, California, and other western states, is WatchDuty.org. Watch Duty publishes official updates from CAL FIRE etc., as well as local reports and scanner discussion posted by Watch Duty volunteers in the fire areas. It also shows air attack efforts on a real-time map. Watch Duty has an app for your phone and a website version.



Above, from left: The Easy Street Band, including members from left: Dave Baird, Ken Ingels, Mary Hooper, Estok Menton, and David Field, will play live music at the Willow Tree Stage on Thursday, August 1 at the Redwood Empire Fair. The While We're Young band includes members Dennis Hogan, Reginald Dunham, Ken Ingles and Rique Pagan will play on Friday, August 2. Four-piece band Warehouse 21 is based in Ukiah and will play classic covers and original rock music on Saturday, August 3.

## GRANDSTAND FUN AND LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

### Redwood Empire Fair grandstands to host monster trucks, mud boggs, truck and tractor pulls and more and Willow Tree Stage showcases four bands August 1 through 4 at Ukiah Fairgrounds

- Submitted by Redwood Empire Fair

After walking the fairway, checking out the animals, seeing the exhibits, enjoying fair food and having fun riding the rides at the carnival, sit back and let the fast-driving, mud-flinging, smoke-filled fun of the grandstand events entertain you at the upcoming Redwood Empire Fair.

The fair, held at the Ukiah fairgrounds Thursday, August 1 through Sunday, August 4, has a different show to entertain each night. Entry into the grandstand events is included in the price of admission to the fair.

Or, if grooving to the tunes of live music is more your style, several performances will also be held throughout the weekend, highlighting four different bands on the Willow Tree Stage, just south of the Racine Pavilion. Watching the live music is also included in the fair entry fee price.

Thursday, August 1, the speedway will hold the Side-by-Sides, Motorcycles and Monster Truck events at 6 pm. Live music will also be provided by 'The Easy Street Band', who will be playing at 6 pm, as well as again at 9 pm.

The Easy Street Band's website notes "has been playing together over a decade. Dave Baird, Ken Ingels, Mary Hooper, Estok Menton, and David Field entertain audiences in Northern California with diverse genres including mellow blues, chill instrumentals, a lil' easy country, and good ol' rock-n-roll. Our setlists feature titles from Tom Petty, Neil Young, the Doobie Brothers, Jack Johnson, the Grateful Dead, the Eagles, Elvis, and many others, as well as our own originals. We play a variety of tunes for listening and dancing enjoyment. Easy Street regularly entertains at a number of Northern California brew pubs, wineries, public holiday events, and private parties."

On Friday, August 2, more Side-by-Sides, Motorcycles and Monster Trucks will take to the grandstands, but the Mudd Boggs competition will also be held starting at 6 pm.

'While We're Young' will be playing at the Willow Tree Stage and Members Dennis, Reginald, Ken and Rique welcome attendees to come and watch their performances at 6 pm and 9 pm.

A little more about the band: While We're Young is a powerful Mendocino County Band playing a variety of original music and a few well-chosen covers. Band members are all highly regarded musicians including:

Dennis Hogan (vocals, guitar) has played in the US and Europe and was singer-songwriter for the Bay Area group Tazmanian Devils (Warner Bros. recording artists, Bay Area Music Award (BAMMIE) winners.) Hogan grew up listening to folk, rock, blues and gospel and was influenced by the San Francisco bands of the late '60s.

Reginald Dunham (guitar, keys, vocals) sharpened his musical skills in the Las Vegas music scene (Las Vegas Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame inductee.) Guitar virtuoso Dunham returned to Hollywood in the early '80 playing clubs while writing and recording music for tv, film and advertising. Musical influences include Jeff Beck, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Yes.

Ken Ingles (drums) grew up in the East Coast, migrating west on a competitive skiing scholarship and ended up in the Bay Area playing clubs and networking with many members of the San Francisco music scene. Owner of Russian River Records in Ukiah, a state-of-the-art recording facility, he favors a variety of styles from Tom Petty to Santana to Fusion.

Rique Pagan (bass) spent time playing in and around San Francisco with various well known and should-be-known artists covering a range of styles. An accomplished bassist, able to accompany many artists impromptu, Rique prefers playing original music. He claims Frank Zappa and Joni Mitchell among musical influences.

Friday is also the day for Ukiah Idols Finals, and the "Little Idol and Junior Idol" performances. They will be held just before the other band, starting at 5 pm.

On Saturday, August 3, the big MLM Truck and Tractor Pulls event will transform the speedway into a battle of strength, with local drivers and professional pullers trying their best to make a "full pull" dragging the variably weighted sled, The Terminator, across the track, hoping for the full 300-foot distance to earn the top place.

Warehouse 21 will be performing at the Willow Tree Stage at 6 and 9 pm on Saturday. They're a four-piece band based in Ukiah that plays classic cover and original rock music. Featuring the lead vocals and rhythm guitar of Bob Hudson, Joe Morf on bass, Ken Ingles keepin' the beats and Rik Pietrewicz on lead guitar.

On the last day, Sunday, August 4, it's time for the Boat Races and the Junior Mudd Boggs at the Grandstands.

The Willow Tree Stage will host Banda Pacifica at 6 pm. The Ukiah Idols Finals – "Grand Finals" event will also take place at the Willow Tree Stage, but at 2 pm.

Standard fair admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors aged 65 and over and children 6 to 12; Children under 5 are free. Parking is \$10.

For more information: 707-462-FAIR or visit [www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com](http://www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com)

## 'ImPRESSED: Turning the Page' opens August 17 at the Museum

Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

The 3rd annual ImPRESSED printmaking exhibit; "Turning the Page," opens August 17 at the Mendocino County Museum.

This year the Museum will exhibit prints on loan from the San Francisco Center of the Book. These prints were created during the SFCB's annual Roadworks Steamroller Printing Festival and were printed by the Roots of Motive Power using their 7-ton 1924 Buffalo Springfield steamroller. The SFCB hosted Roadworks for the final time after a vibrant twenty-year run in 2023. The exhibit will be a celebration of collaboration and creativity.

The Museum will also feature an incredible body of bright and bold new artwork from the progressive Art Explorers studio located in Fort Bragg. Art Explorers have contributed to this annual exhibit from its beginning. The artists generously share carved linoleum blocks to also display, which help convey the printing process and inspire visitors to try their own hand at printmaking.

This year's exhibit, "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," is aptly named as the Museum and the Roots of Motive Power are fueling up to bring the same energy of the Roadworks Festival to the local annual Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival, which will be held on September 7 and 8 in Willits.

All August programs at the Museum are designed to engage individuals in the art of printmaking and get the community ready to participate in the BIG event: The 42nd annual Steam Festival! Keeping with tradition, prints created at the festival will be incorporated into the Museum exhibit, and will remain on display until the end of the show on October 20. All are welcome to participate.

### August programs at the Museum

Thursday Nights (included with cost admission)

- Thursday, August 1, 6 to 8 pm: Linoleum Block Carving Basics

- Thursday, August 8, 6 to 8 pm: Linoleum Carving Basics Part 2

- Thursday, August 15, 6 to 8 pm: Card Printing

- Thursday, August 22, 6 to 8 pm: Printing on Fabric

- Thursday, August 29, 6 to 8 pm: Found Object Printing

**History Makers (free with Mendocino County Library Card)**

- Wednesday, August 7, 11 am to 3 pm: Sun Printing

- Wednesday, August 14, 11 am to 3 pm: Air Clay Impressions

- Wednesday, August 21, 11 am to 3 pm: Make Your Own Stamp

- Wednesday, August 28, 11 am to 3 pm: Book Press Printing

**Keep on Carving! (Included with cost of admission)**

- Sunday, August 11, 12 to 4 pm: Drop-In block carving

- Sunday, August 18, 12 to 4 pm: Drop-In block carving

- Sunday, August 25, 12-4 pm: Drop-In block carving

For more information please visit [www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum) or contact the Mendocino County Museum at [museum@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:museum@mendocinocounty.gov) or 707-234-6365.

## EXPOSICIÓN DEL MUSEO: TERCERA EXPOSICIÓN ANUAL DE GRABADO 'IMPRESSED: PASANDO LA PÁGINA'

La tercera exposición anual de grabado "ImPRESSED; Turning the Page," abre el 17 de agosto en el Museo del Condado de Mendocino.

Este año el Museo exhibirá copias prestadas del libro por el Centro de San Francisco. Las impresiones se crearon durante el festival anual de impresión Roadworks Steamroller Printing de SFCB y fueron impresoras por Roots of Motive Power utilizando su apisonadora Buffalo Springfield de 1924 de 7 toneladas. La SFCB acogió Roadworks por última vez después de una vibrante carrera de veinte años en 2023. La exposición será una celebración de la colaboración y la creatividad.



Ursula Schlichting and Brent Walker take a look at a steam roller print they made at a previous Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival. The 2024 Roots steam-up is set for September 7 and 8.

El museo también contará con una increíble colección de obras de arte nuevas, brillantes y audaces del progresista estudio Art Explorers ubicado en Fort Bragg. Art Explorers ha contribuido a esta exposición anual desde su inicio. Los artistas comparten generosamente bloques de linóleo tallados para exhibir, lo que ayuda a transmitir el proceso de impresión e inspira a los visitantes a probar suerte con el grabado.

La exhibición de este año, ImPRESSED: Turning the Page, lleva el nombre apropiado ya que el Museo y las Raíces del Poder Motriz se están alimentando para llevar la misma energía del Roadworks Festival al ROMP Steam Festival anual local. El cual se llevará a cabo los días 7 y 8 de septiembre en Willits, CA.

Todos los programas de agosto en el Museo están diseñados para involucrar a las personas en el arte del grabado y preparar a la comunidad para participar en el GRAN

EVENTO: ¡EL 42º FESTIVAL ANUAL DE STEAM! Siguiendo la tradición, las impresiones creadas en el festival se incorporarán a la exposición del Museo y permanecerán en exhibición hasta el final de la exposición el 20 de octubre. Todos son bienvenidos a participar.

Programas de Agosto en el Museo: **Agosto: History Makers (gratis con la tarjeta de la biblioteca del condado de Mendocino)**

- Miércoles 7 de agosto, 11 am a 3 pm: Impresión solar

- Miércoles 14 de agosto, 11 am a 3 pm: Impresiones de arcilla de aire

- Miércoles 21 de agosto, 11 am a 3 pm: Haz tu propio sello

- Miércoles 28 de agosto, 11 am a 3 pm: Impresión de prensa de libros

**Agosto – jueves por la noche (incluido en el costo de la entrada)**

- Jueves 1 de agosto, de 6 a 8 pm: Conceptos básicos de tallado de bloques de linóleo

- Jueves 8 de agosto, de 6 a 8 pm: Conceptos básicos de tallado de linóleo, parte 2

- Jueves 15 de agosto, de 6 a 8 pm: Impresión de tarjetas

- Jueves 22 de agosto, de 6 a 8 pm: Impresión sobre tela

- Jueves 29 de agosto, de 6 a 8 pm: Impresión de objetos encontrados

**Agosto – ¡Sigue tallando! (Incluido con el costo de la entrada)**

- Domingo 11 de agosto, de 12 a 4 pm: tallado de bloques sin cita previa

- Domingo 18 de agosto, de 12 a 16 pm: Talla de bloques Drop-In

- Domingo 25 de agosto, de 12 a 16 pm: Talla de bloques Drop-In

Para obtener más información, visite [www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum) o comuníquese con el Museo del Condado de Mendocino en [museum@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:museum@mendocinocounty.gov) o al 707-234-6365.



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