

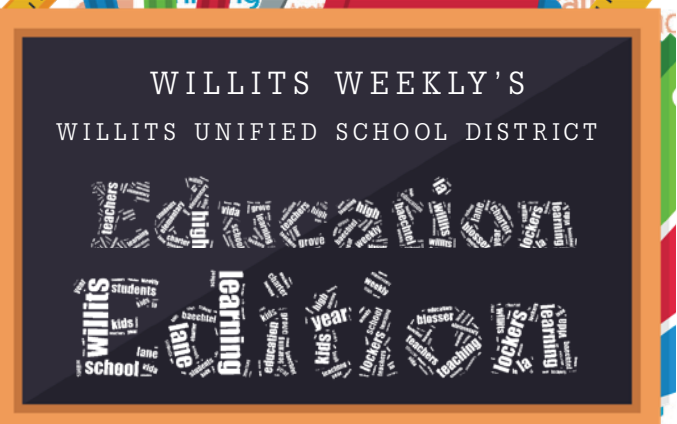
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Little Lake Firefighters host Open House

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The water-related games were a welcome respite on a hot day at Bud Snider City Park where the Little Lake Fire Department set up games and demonstrations across from their modern red firehouse. The 96th annual Firefighter's Association Open House invited families, but mostly kids, to participate in tours of the firehouse, a simulated obstacle course, raffles, eating hot dogs and hamburgers, rides on the Muster Truck, and best of all, the out-of-control water balloon wars.

One of the most impressive displays was the array of fire trucks on Humboldt Street, in front of the firehouse. Volunteer Manuel Orozco explained the function of each of the engines: "The 5430 is basically our heavy rescue vehicle. It does all our technical rescues, including going over the side of a cliff, opening up a car.

"There are two ways of helping a person out of a vehicle," said Orozco. "We either separate the vehicle from the person or the person from the vehicle.

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County gets major Sherwood Corridor grant

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The County of Mendocino is pleased to announce that it received a \$2.4 million Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant from FEMA, along with matching funds from a Prepare CA Match grant.

This grant is one of 120 nationwide awards and will address wildfire hazards in the Sherwood Corridor, enhancing the county's wildfire preparedness and resilience.

Awarded on August 5, 2024, this Federal Emergency Management Agency grant marks the first phase of a multi-phase, \$50 million project to create defensible space, reduce hazardous fuels, and retrofit homes with ignition-resistant materials. Initial efforts will focus on planning, including LiDAR mapping, fuel treatment plans, community outreach, and securing necessary environmental approvals, with this phase expected to continue until 2026.

Supervisor John Haschak

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Above, from left: Impressively, one stick of string cheese fits perfectly across the center of the lunch container. A flat re-freezable ice chip and a washable container with a removable second tray and lid makes packing lunches easy. Fun textures and flavors, like this freeze-dried mango, make fun additions to packed lunches. Below: Fresh, packaged, sweet and savory options fill this lunchbox.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Packed and Ready

Taking a few moments in the evening, makes bringing a take-to-school lunch easier come morning

With the first day of school just around the corner, it's time to think about the little ones' lunches, and, like most things, getting things ready the night before can make the following morning – and getting out the door in a timely fashion – much easier. Why not pack up school lunches while cleaning up from dinner, and have them ready to grab out of the fridge in the morning?

Leftovers make a great main dish, paired with savory crunches like crackers or chips, fresh fruits like non-messy oranges or apples cut with fun cookie-cutter shapes.

Follow with a little sweet treat, maybe a squish pack or two, and boom. One more thing crossed off the list to do in the morning. This way, you know your kiddos are getting options you want them to eat, and as they get older, they can help choose the contents, too!

Learning life skills like planning ahead, decision making, and schedule organization are invaluable to start as soon as possible, creating happy, self-sufficient kids, teens and even adults, too. It's never too early - or late - to start!

– Maureen Jennison



At left: A tangerine and a fruit cup round out the assortment of snack and meal options for this home-packed meal, which also includes a carrot/apple squish pack, a strawberry/banana smoothie squish pack, freeze-dried mangoes, veggie chips, strawberry yogurt-covered pretzels, organic fruit leather bar, Ritz crackers, string cheese, a strawberry oat muffin, frozen green peas, and spaghetti and homemade sauce topped with cheese, left over from last night's dinner. Below: Squish packs are collected in a separate garbage bag which will be sent to TerraCycle for recycling.

Do you also feel like you're single-handedly keeping the squish pack industry in business with your toddler or child's obsession with eating pureed food from a pouch? Do you also worry about the recyclability of these packs? Well, TerraCycle is offering free recycling of all brands of these pouches and lids through the GoGo Squeez Free Recycling Program. You can go online, sign up, and receive a shipping label, fill a box with non-washed, but emptied, squish packs and lids, and then mail it off to be recycled - all for free! For more information: www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/gogo-squeez#



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Shakeup in Willits City Council election

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The November 5, 2024 election for Willits City Council will be a race, with four candidates filing for three seats on the council. Vice Mayor Gerry Gonzales of Raymond Lane has filed to run for reelection, but two other WCC incumbents, Mayor Saprina Rodriguez and Councilmember Madge Strong, are not filing to run again.

Three challengers are stepping up to run for city council this year: Teacher/educator Mathew Alaniz of Tuttle Lane, former Sheriff Tom Allman of Redwood Avenue, and public school teacher Robin Leler of Mendocino Avenue.

This information is as of the county Elections Office's end of day Wednesday draft candidate list. Voter Registrar Katrina Bartolomie confirmed the Willits filings, but said the entire list won't be officially final until the last detail is checked.

In the 2022 Willits City Council election, two seats were up for election, and but only incumbents Greta Kanne and Larry Stranske

Read the rest of **Shakeup**
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County to break ground on long-awaited PHF

Submitted by BHRS

Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is pleased to announce the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Psychiatric Health Facility, set to take place on August 20, 2024, at 9 am. The event will be held at the construction site located at 2840 South State Street in Ukiah.

This state-of-the-art facility will provide 24-hour inpatient care for individuals requiring intensive therapeutic psychiatric services. The new one-story, 12,884-square-foot building will house up to 16 patients and include staff offices, an intake room, a medical exam room, a day room, a dining area, group treatment/therapy rooms, a commercial kitchen, a laundry room, and a janitor/storage room.

Additionally, the facility will feature a new outdoor recreation yard, parking areas, and low-impact development features for stormwater capture and treatment.

The project is generously

Read the rest of **PHF**
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Teens and smartphone use

To the Editor:

I shared some information at the last school board meeting that I thought might be helpful to share with the community. Most of the statistics I refer to below are from Jonathon Haidt's book, "The Anxious Generation," though I have read many other articles along the same lines.

Research shows that major depression has increased 150% in teens since 2012. The increase in teen mental health problems is concentrated in the internalizing disorders of depression and anxiety, with the same patterns found in college students.

Emergency room visits for teenage self-harm have gone up 188% amongst girls and 46% amongst boys since 2010. Suicide rates show a similar increase with teens.

Similar patterns are seen across the Western world. The paired technologies of social media and smartphones reached a majority of homes by 2012-2013, which is when girls' mental health began to collapse and boys' mental health changed in a more diuise set of ways.

It wasn't until teens got smartphones that they could be online all the time and spend increasing time in the virtual world. By 2012 many teen girls would have felt that "everyone" was getting a smartphone with its front facing camera, using apps such as Instagram, creating the selfie-based social media system so ubiquitous today. Girls' social lives moved onto social media platforms, while boys burrowed deeper into virtual activities such as multiplayer video games and hardcore porn. Many adolescents lost their ability to be fully present to the people and the world around them.

Social patterns, role models, emotions, physical activity, sleep patterns were fundamentally recast between 2010 and 2015. Attention fragmentation, loneliness, social contagion, social comparison, perfectionism, and addiction are the consequences. Teens are no longer here in the place they are at with the humans that are around them; teens are now there, wherever there is on their smartphones.

The U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy has called for government-mandated warnings on social media, similar to warnings that were called for in 1964 on cigarettes. In his statement he said, "The current body of evidence indicates that while social media may have benefits for some children and adolescents, there are ample indicators that social media can

also have a profound risk of harm to the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents."

If I was a parent of a teenager, I would like to be aware of this information. I hope this information on teens and smartphones will lead to some community discussion. It is important to remember that digital devices allow teens to access the world, but they also enable the world to access your teen.

Jeanne King, Willits

Please don't sully City Park

To the Editor:

I heartily agree with the sentiments expressed in B.B. Kamaroff's letter published in Willits Weekly's August 8, 2024 edition. Our City Park is finally looking good again after those damaged trees were removed. I can think of nothing worse than putting in a concrete walkway and a concrete slab with a metal building.

What's wrong with returning to the way the Farmers Market used to be held, with their trucks backing up to the curb on the north side of the park. If the city wants a pavilion – for what exact reason? – surely we can do better than a metal structure.

Willits is an environmental and artistic community, so let's not sully it with more concrete or ugly metal buildings please.

Jane Camp, Willits

New volunteer coordinator at WCA

To the Editor:

Hello WCA gallery supporters! Thank you all for being an essential part of the Willits Center for the Arts.

I'm Sonja Bursal, the new volunteer coordinator at WCA. I'm excited to be part of the team and to get to work with you all in cultivating the arts community in our amazingly talented town.

This August WCA will feature the art of Jody J. Johnston and Don Ponte.

We have openings to volunteer as a gallery host in August (view openings on our website: www.willitscenterforthearts.org/gallery-host-schedule)

I've enjoyed showing off the center to out-of-towners, finding inspiration on art projects, and I feel blessed to connect with people at the heart of Willits.

Sign up to volunteer by email: wcavolunteercoordinator@gmail.com or call/ text Sonja at 503-929-2031. Thank you all,

Sonja Bursal,

WCA volunteer coordinator

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 15: Carnitas Burrito Wet w/Red Sauce

Friday, August 16: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn, Corn Bread

Monday, August 19: Chili Verde, Pork Tacos, Rice & Beans

Tuesday, August 20: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Garlic Bread

Wednesday, August 21: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Mac Salad, Pickle

Thursday, August 22: Port Loin, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll

Friday, August 23: Pepperoni Pizza Casserole, Green Salad

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

Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday, September 8 next month.

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

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826.

RV Council asks MCSO to stop marijuana raids on tribal lands

Posted by Sheriff Matt Kendall

Posted August 12 – I have received many calls from Round Valley residents this week. Therefore I wanted to reach out to the residents of the Round Valley / Covelo area and provide the following information regarding marijuana enforcement.

Following the recent investigations into illegal marijuana cultivation in the Covelo / Round Valley area, I received correspondence from the Round Valley Indian Tribes, Tribal Council. This correspondence was a cease-and-desist request asking the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office stop marijuana enforcement on Round Valley Indian Tribal Lands.

The Sheriff's Office has asked County Counsel to review the letter from the Tribal Council.

We receive a lot of calls from residents to enforce marijuana laws on and off of tribal lands in the Round Valley area. The Sheriff's Office asks for patience as we evaluate the Tribe's position and assertion of sovereignty over marijuana cultivation and possession for sale.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to review each reported criminal violation on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not the enforcement can be completed.

The Tribal Council's assertion of sovereignty will not deter our work on fee lands not held within trust, and enforcement will continue there.

With the ever-changing landscape of laws surrounding marijuana cultivation,

possession for sales, and sales of marijuana, we can see there have been many problems that need to be worked out. I pray there will come a time when we no longer see violence, banned chemicals, blight, and environmental degradation caused by marijuana cultivation.

Posted August 9 – We continue to suffer violence with the illegal marijuana trade in Mendocino County.

This week we had a shooting between workers in an illegal marijuana cultivation west of Willits. The victim suffered several gunshot wounds and was extremely lucky to survive the assault.

The location was difficult to access; we are fortunate to have callers willing to provide us with crucial information and driving directions. We were also able to utilize mapping programs and skills which have been acquired due to responses to fires and searches over the past several years. Due to language barriers, we were able to move bilingual personnel from other areas in our county to assist with the investigation. We were able to get the suspect information as well as the vehicle the suspect had been driving.

Our deputies transported the victim out of the rural area and met with an ambulance near Highway 20. The victim was transported by the ground ambulance, then ultimately transferred to an air ambulance for transportation to

Read the rest of **Raids** Over on page 15



Pure Mendocino

19th annual fundraiser for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County

Submitted by Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County

The 19th annual Pure Mendocino fundraiser is just around the corner, and there's still time to get your tickets before sales end on August 14.

Join us on Saturday, August 24 from 5 to 10 pm for an unforgettable evening at the beautiful Campovida, 13601 Old River Road in Hopland, generously hosted for the second year by Gary Breen and Anna Beuselink.

You'll enjoy handpicked local wines, a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Olan Cox, live music by The Mighty T-Bones with Ed Reinhart, and a silent auction with incredible local art, coastal getaways, unique experiences like wood carving lessons or a private concert, and fine dining options.

Pure Mendocino, "a celebration of Mendocino County's long tradition of organic and biodynamic farming," is the signature fundraiser for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County.

CRC is committed to the vision that no one in Mendocino County will face cancer alone. All funds raised at Pure Mendocino stay right here in our community, providing information, support, and advocacy to cancer patients, free of charge.

Don't miss out – get your tickets now at puremendocino.org or by calling 707-937-3833. Your presence helps ensure that free services remain available for anyone facing cancer in Mendocino County. We can't wait to see you there!



At top: Chefs Olan and Lia Cox of Mendocino's Catering & Wood Fire Pizza with their team smile together at the 2023 Pure Mendocino event. Above: Caring Kitchen provides food and support to those dealing with cancer. At left: Pure Mendocino guests, Elizabeth Miller, left, and Amy Pardini, exploring the silent auction. At far left: An elegantly arranged table setting at the 2023 Pure Mendocino, hosted at Campovida. Below: Gary Breen and Anna Beuselink, owners of Campovida and gracious hosts of Pure Mendocino, welcoming guests.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



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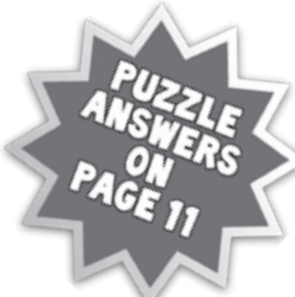
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Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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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!

SAFE BACKPACK WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- Mongolian city
- Coconut palms
- Rounded knob
- Japanese city
- Type of sandwiches
- Type of shape
- Son of Shem
- French modernist painter
- Grandmother
- Mammary gland of female cattle
- Hill or rocky peak
- Secret political clique
- Songs to one's beloved
- 'Boardwalk Empire' actress Gretchen

CLUES DOWN

- Two-toed sloth
- Cooking ingredient
- Iranian city
- Accuses
- Corrie
- Delivered a speech
- Collection of sacred books
- Theatrical
- Very fast airplane
- Arm bones
- Antient kingdom near Dead Sea
- fide: legit
- Gemstone
- Partly digested food

- Small dog breed
- Japanese honorific
- Salts
- Beard moss genus
- Mountain pass
- Type of sword
- Albanian language
- Metric weight unit
- Italian Seaport
- Longtime late night host
- Extremely angry
- Wading bird
- Days in mid-month
- Omitted from printed matter
- Upper body part

- Corporate bigwig
- Cool!
- Touch lightly
- Small Milky Way constellation
- Satirical website
- Border lines
- Soft drinks
- Capital of Guam
- Six-membered ring (chemistry)
- Bar bill
- Car mechanics group
- Notable Bill Murray character
- Health care for the aged
- Gurus
- A passage with access only at one end
- Reduce
- Spy organization
- The upper surface of the mouth
- Plants of the lily family
- Type of reef
- Oral polio vaccine developer
- Mottled citrus fruit
- Lose
- Former Brazilian NBAer
- Baseball great Ruth
- Clapton, musician
- Chance
- Spanish soldier
- CNN's founder

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

July 29 to August 11

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **128 incidents** in this 14-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 29

1:05 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 900 block of South Main Street.

1:40 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

July 30

7:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance and report of vandalism in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue and issued citations.

July 31

6:43 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

9:11 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:51 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

12:31 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

3:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

5:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

August 1

7:59 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of South Main Street.

9:45 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

August 2

10:23 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:42 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

2:33 pm: HOAG, Stephen Vincent (65) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on felony charges of failure to register as a sex offender with prior felony convictions.

5:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

11:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

August 3

9:58 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

10:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

August 4

4:17 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

1:27 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

5:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

5:49 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and California Street and issued a citation.

9:50 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and

Walnut Street and issued a warning.

August 5

No incidents to report.

August 6

2:46 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Nancy Lane.

4:10 pm: RAMSING, Rusty (31) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a theft investigation. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of petty theft, petty theft with priors, trespassing (refusal to leave property), disobeying a court order, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

August 7

1:57 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of School Street.

3:30 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

August 8

4:56 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Walnut Street.

4:09 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Street and Central Street and issued a citation.

5:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Mill Creek Court and Mill Creek Drive.

6:16 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue and issued a warning.

7:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road and issued a warning.

8:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:00 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

August 9

11:21 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

4:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

4:23 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue.

9:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:57 pm: LOPEZAGUILAR, Hedilberto (42) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Holly Street and Locust Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher, hit-and-run vehicle collision, and third DUI conviction within ten years.

August 10

12:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane and issued a citation.

1:31 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane and issued a warning.

5:36 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Main Street.

11:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

11:41 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

August 11

11:36 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of West Mendocino Avenue and issued a warning.

10:13 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.



At far left: Playing the Brooktrails Course is akin to a beautiful mountain hike with the myriad redwoods and dirt trails. Charlie lines up a drive on hole three, where the team started. Below, left: Chris lines up his putt while Carl awaits his turn to putt from the same position. Below: Otis Friend, Colby Friend, Brian Adams, and Tadd Schadeck team up to try to win the tournament, have fun, and support the basketball program. At bottom: Some of the kids from the Legacy Team: Riley Newby, Moziz Friend, Quinn Schadeck, KD Hriguchi, Davin Schadeck, and friend Keegan Schadeck (front).



Golf Tournament

Brooktrails Golf Course hosts fundraiser for Legacy Sports Academy youth basketball

Team Legacy went to Sacramento for a basketball tournament. They lost every game. They practiced. They went back to Sacramento and

won every game. These 10 middle schoolers played their hearts out and they won. They weren't discouraged. They did not quit. They just worked harder and did the best they could.

The basketball team, under the tutelage of Coach Marcus Newby will never quit trying to improve, but in order to continue to play at the level that wins games, they need money. To raise this money, Marcus, his wife Jaelyn, his mother Janie, and Jaelyn's mother Donna Rice, worked together to create a golf tournament that was both fiscally advantageous and a lot of fun for the golfers.

The Newbys manage the Brooktrails Golf Course, along with Rice, who runs the grill and concessions. As they are involved with the basketball program, it was a perfect fit to offer the tournament.

"We have a tournament for the AAU basketball program in Willits for kids," explained Jaelyn Newby. "It's new. It's a program we're hoping to grow. It's already been increasing in size. It's for kids in fifth through eighth grades. We have a couple girls who have joined but we don't have enough for a whole team yet, but our hope is that we can get several teams going of different age groups and just grow it, starting with sixth through eighth grades and then grow it to include all ages.

"In our small town, the kids don't have access to a lot of these things unless someone steps in to provide that service. Our kids are playing against teams from Walnut Creek and Sacramento. We'll be

in Marin and all over the Bay Area. Their exposure and the divisions they are playing against are on all different levels from what they are used to in just Mendocino County."

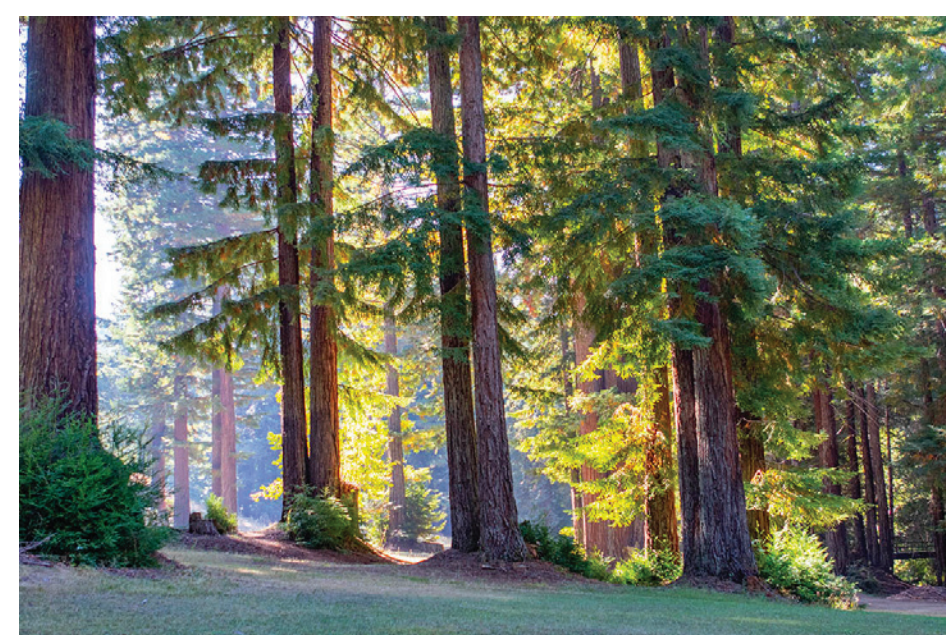
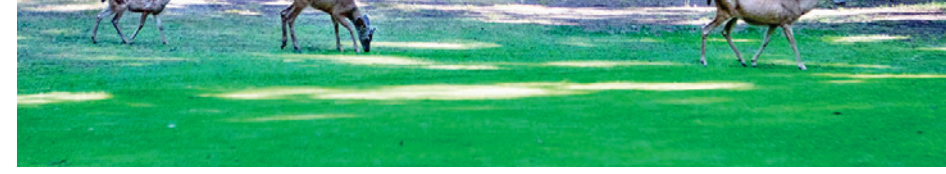
The tournament, played last Saturday, attracted 36 players, arranged into nine teams of four, all of various degrees of skill and experience. It was a "closest to the hole" competition, meaning that after every shot, all the players would begin the next shot from the position of the player who had shot closest to the hole. This enabled even the youngest or least experienced golfers to be able to keep up with the others.

There was a "shotgun start," in which all the teams begin on a different hole, so that no one is waiting to start. Everyone played 18 holes in this basically par-three course, with a couple par-four holes.

Another aspect that created a more level playing field was the employment of mulligans, in which a player could purchase a package of three mulligans, basically do-overs for whichever shots they would like to try again. They could do this three times during the course of the tournament. At the end, Team One took home the bragging rights by coming in well under par. It consisted of Scott Herman, his son, Kane Herman, Mike and Ethan Winter.

The Brooktrails Golf Course, where the tournament took place, is tucked away amidst the hills and redwoods and has paths between the holes that look like mountain trails. It is shady and beautiful, with the towering redwoods giving a sense of grandeur. It is a nine-hole course with sand traps and trees that seem to jump out and grab the golf balls on long drives,

Read the rest of Golf [Over on page 13](#)





WCT applauds 'Gateway to the Stage'

Posted by WCT

A final standing ovation to the cast, crew, and dozens of volunteers who made "The Addams Family" come to life.

Billy Hetherington and Ambria Zeitner took the reins of Willits Community Theatre's Gateway to the Stage Summer Camp. The 35 campers of all ages joined and worked together to perform a Broadway level difficulty show in seven weeks.

It was amazing what they accomplished, and on the last performance, Sunday, August 11, 176 patrons paid to see the show. That was a new record for the Gateway program and the largest crowd for a WCT show since the early '90s.

Breaking records and having fun doing it! Congrats, everyone.

Next year's camp registration will open May 1, 2025.



Above, left: Miguel Rosas Camacho is suspected in an attempted homicide on Redwood Creek Road, west of Willits. Above, right: Suspect Miguel Rosas Camacho's white Ford Mustang.

Suspect in suspected murder still on the run

By Lt. Andrew Porter, for MCSO

August 9 – On Wednesday, August 7 at approximately 11:05 pm, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received several calls that came in second-hand about a person that had been shot in the area of the 26000 block of Redwood Creek Road, west of Willits.

Due to the remoteness of the location and the difficulty finding it, one of the callers provided driving instructions by accessing the area via Imlucio Road. Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies, with the provided directions and use of mapping software, were able to find the location after approximately 30 minutes from being dispatched.

Upon arrival, deputies located the victim who was suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Due to the remoteness of the location, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy transported the victim to a location near Highway 20 where he was transferred to a ground ambulance.

During the transport, the deputy was able to obtain suspect information for the attempted homicide as well as a description of the suspect's vehicle and last-known direction of travel. The Sheriff's Office deputy broadcast the suspect and vehicle information over the radio to notify responding law enforcement.

The victim was ultimately transported via air ambulance to an out of county trauma center.

Shortly after this occurred, a California Highway Patrol officer noticed a vehicle driving with no headlights in the area of Main Street and Sherwood Road in Willits. Noticing the vehicle also matched the description of the suspect vehicle, the CHP officer attempted a traffic enforcement stop.

The driver failed to yield, and a short vehicle pursuit ensued, ending when the driver stopped and fled on foot in the 24800 block of North Highway 101. The driver was described as a Hispanic male adult and was last seen running into the wooded area west of Highway 101.

The vehicle was found to be an Acura,

registered to a subject from Madera, California. Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the location of the suspect's vehicle and continued the investigation. An unserialized assault weapon was located in the suspect's vehicle, along with evidence that tied the driver of the vehicle to the shooting scene.

The shooting scene on Redwood Creek Road was found to be a large illegal cannabis operation consisting of multiple large hoop houses. During the investigation, an additional unserialized assault weapon was located as well as over 1,000 growing cannabis plants. The illegal cannabis was eradicated during the processing of the crime scene.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the out-of-county hospital and interviewed the shooting victim, 34, who was in stable condition. It was discovered that the victim and the suspect were staying together at the remote property, however they were both from the Madera, California area.

The suspect was identified as Miguel Rosas Camacho, who is approximately 30 years of age; however no other personal identifying information is available at the time of this press release. During the investigation, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office detectives discovered that Camacho drives the white Ford Mustang vehicle depicted. Camacho is known to frequent and is deeply involved in the illegal cannabis and drug trafficking in and around Round Valley and other parts of Mendocino County.

Camacho is aware he is wanted and believed to be on the run. Although the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office located two unserialized assault rifles associated to this investigation, Camacho is still considered to be armed and dangerous.

Any persons with knowledge of Miguel Rosas Camacho or his current whereabouts are encouraged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 707-463-4086 or call the Tip line at 707-234-7463.

Cooking your way to success

Submitted by WBDC

West Business Development Center offers "A Recipe for Food Entrepreneurship," a five-part webinar series starting August 26.

Explore the world of food entrepreneurship with a recipe for success. Whether you're a seasoned chef or simply passionate about food, there are many opportunities to turn your passion into a profitable business. From food trucks to catering companies to restaurants, the possibilities are endless. Join us as we examine the ingredients for success and share tips for making your food business thrive.

A limited number of Mendocino/Lake County residents that complete the five-part series will receive a \$150 stipend. Participants must complete all 5 parts to be eligible.

Lead presenter for the webinar Julia Siderakis has been in the culinary industry for 39 years and a restaurateur for almost 30 of those years. She has taught at the local community college, is a business advisor for West Business Development Center, sits on community and business boards, and is a business collaborator and expansion specialist in Mendocino County.

To register, hit "Register Now" at www.westcenter.org/trainings/food_entrepreneurship-2/

Session Schedule: Monday, August 26, Tuesday, September 3, Monday, September 9; Monday, September 16, and Monday, September 23. All sessions are from 9 to 10 am.

The August 26 session, "Module I – Recipe for Success – Business Planning"

Developing the business story and mission when creating the business and operations plan is important. Learn to write an effective business plan that covers all the key ingredients:

- Your story is your mission
- Knowing and reaching your audience by understanding demographics
- Capitalizing on the business' specialty and individuality
- Financial planning with sustainability research for a strong start and longevity

The September 3 session, "Module II – Putting Your Business on the Map"

Each type of food operation is subject to specific regulatory measures, but they all must comply with health and safety codes outlined by California regulatory agencies and obtain relevant certifications. Whether you're running a brick and mortar establishment, a mobile operation, or a cottage kitchen/micro-enterprise, it's essential to understand the region-specific regulations and licensing requirements. This module covers:

- Various food and beverage regulations
- Licensing requirements for different types of operations

Adventist Health offers an online Community Health Survey

Submitted by AHHM

Adventist Health Howard Memorial and a group of nonprofit organization partners are working together to conduct a survey of community health and well-being. Part of Adventist Health Howard Memorial's Community Health Needs Assessment, aka CHNA, the short, anonymous survey gives residents the opportunity to weigh in on the quality of life in our community. Completing the health needs survey will help shape the strategies and programs that address our area's most pressing health issues. Results of the survey are used to improve the health of the community.

The survey is open through August 23, and community members can anonymously contribute their thoughts at AdventistHealthCHNA.org/Mendocino

"As a nonprofit healthcare organization, it's essential for us to ensure we're effectively serving our community. This survey allows us to hear directly from our friends and neighbors about their top health needs," says Eric Stevens, Northern California Network president. "We are dedicated to collaborating with our community to build a healthy and happy future for everyone who calls Mendocino County home."

Community Health Needs Assessments are conducted every three years by nonprofit hospitals such as Adventist Health Howard Memorial. In addition to the survey, the hospital and its CHNA steering committee members host focus groups and listening sessions and look at data from multiple sources to create a comprehensive community needs assessment. The assessment is used to build strategies to address health needs; the hospital reports on these efforts every year.

Adventist Health is also partnering with Mendocino County Public Health, which is

- Guidelines for onsite and offsite food preparation
- Options for drop-off catering and commercial/commissary partnerships
- Maintaining compliance with health regulations provided by Environmental Health as part of the food and beverage team's guidelines.

The September 9 session, "Module III – Menu of Financial Confidence"

It's crucial to accurately assess recipe costs, calculate prep and food costs, set prices, and manage finances effectively. These tasks lay the foundation for the profitability and longevity of business operations, ultimately fostering financial confidence and increasing success rates. This module covers:

- Budgeting
- Maintaining clear and organized financial records
- Accounting principles
- Quarterly/yearly tax reporting
- Managing cash flow
- Strategic pricing strategies in the food business.

The September 16 session, "Module IV – Marketing, Branding & Employee Partnerships in Success"

A solid company mission builds a community of partnerships. It impacts the look, feel, and operational standards, which impacts customer relationships and employee participation. Learn how the mission and business story tie directly into the best marketing and branding. This module covers:

- Culinary creativity for target markets
- Business differentiation
- Innovation
- Creating a community of engaged employees, guests, and business partners

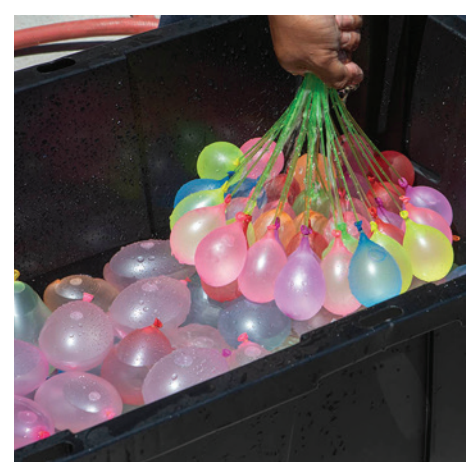
The September 23 session, "Module V – Sustainability & Diversification: Healthy Business Strategies"

A business' viability, sustainability, and ability to diversify depends on a business's ability to grow. The ability to grow sometimes depends on a business's ability to expand its range of products and services and/or creating additional fields of growth within its operations. Learn the ingredients needed to for growth while maintaining your business:

- Creating new interests and business partnerships
- Offering retail food and beverage items
- Expanding outside of brick and mortar locations and food truck services
- Customizing products or services
- Integration of updated technology and efficient, user-friendly methods
- Implementing healthy and sustainable practices
- Co-branding with other food partners that complement each and promote positive collaboration



Photos by Mathew Caine



At left: The Muster Truck is piloted by members of the Ridgewood Fire Crew. Above, left: It is hard to tell who is having more fun, the kids or Harry So. Above, right: The biodegradable balloons have devices for multiple fills. Below, left: Part of the obstacle course involves carrying the heavy hose before turning and carrying a teddy bear to safety. Below, right: This lad discovers how heavy an actual firefighter helmet is on his head. Further below: The kids have fun with anything that involves water on this hot day. At bottom: An array of engines lines Humboldt Street: the Ridgewood fire engine (green), the wildland vehicle, fire engine, and rescue vehicle.

The rest of **LLFD** | From page 1

Sometimes we use the Jaws of Life. That's the engine's primary purpose. It doesn't have the pumps or anything like that. It's equipped for rescuing people.

"The 5485 is our main fire engine," Orozco said. "It pumps water, so we use that at all our fires. It holds 750 gallons. The 6493 is our water tender. We mostly use it to supply the other engines in a campaign fire. If we're out at a fire where we are past the fire hydrants, we can use it to ferry water back and forth to the fire engines. The 69 is our newest rig and that is our wildland vehicle. It's designed to go out into the wilderness. It's been working a lot in these campaign fires recently. The 5482 is the Ridgewood Ranch Fire Crew vehicle. They are a huge help. They're like a Little Lake Fire adjacent. There's a good solid group of them now." The ladder truck was too large to bring out on the street but was visible in the bay.

Inside the bay, the Firefighter's Association offered raffle prizes, provided by local merchants. "We have our usual raffle prizes and this year we are tailoring more towards emergencies and disasters," explained Harry So, engineer and EMT. "Local businesses have donated a few bags. We have Loose Caboose, Kelly's Diner, 101 Drive-In, and some local businesses like Britani Epperson with Breakthrough Fitness, a gift certificate from Jordan Eads Photography.

"We're going to be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and T-shirts, mostly tailored to kids," said So. "We'll be running our Muster Truck and we'll have donation booths at the table and on the Muster Truck as well. 101 Trailers gave us a really nice trailer hitch. Chief Alvarez will be manning the barbecue grill, cooking burgers and hot dogs for everybody."

So facilitated the outdoor children's activities but many of the firefighters joined in as the action was too much fun to resist. There was an obstacle course where the kids carried a rolled-up hose for a distance, picked up or dragged a rather large teddy bear in order to

save it from the imaginary fire, and finished by working a fire hose (which was attached to the water truck) and pointed the strong stream of water at a playhouse (sometimes arching into the sky). But the main attraction and the most fun (and refreshing) activity was the myriad of water balloon battles.

"We have about 1,200 bio-degradable water balloons for the kids to throw around," said So, who threw himself into the thick of the wars, getting drenched and sniping on the kids who were joyfully trying to duck the water-filled bags. There were no rules to the action and many of the kids snuck up on their friends and relatives, drenching them after chasing them down.

There were several purposes to the event. According to Orozco, the fire company wanted to familiarize the public with the Little Lake Fire District, their equipment and facilities, have a lot of fun, let prospective volunteers see the company, and raise some money for gear.

"All proceeds are going to assist the Fireman's Association in purchasing gear," explained Training Officer Jeff Donaldson. "This year, the Association purchased turnouts. Last year, the funds went to buy three gas detectors and two thermal-imaging cameras, which can find hot spots in structure fires."

So far, this year, the Willits area has been spared any major fires, but a few of the local firefighters just returned from the Park Fire up north, which utilized over 1,000 firefighters, including the recently installed Fire Chief Eric Alvarez, who has been learning what it means to be an administrator with the help of Deputy Chief John Thomen, who has been with the Little Lake crew for over 40 years.

For those who wish to contribute to the fine work that this group of mostly volunteers is performing, there is a continuing raffle with a prize worth over \$700, which ends in December. For details or to contribute, call 459-6271, stop by the firehouse at 74 East Commercial Street, or email Administrative Assistant Michelle Schnitzius at michelle@littlakefire.org.



CONGRATULATIONS

Youth exhibitor wins Best of Show for pie and more at Redwood Empire Fair

Tyler Knight of Branscomb and member of the Long Valley 4-H received five first-place awards in the Junior building for his scratch-made blackberry pie – also winning a Best of Show award, two photography entries, his hobby entry, and his woodworking entry. He also received four second-place awards for his additional entries in the Junior building, including for his hobby, photography, tole painting, and woodworking entries.

Editor's note: Knight's results were accidentally not included in the provided information from the Redwood Empire Fair that provided the data for the "On Display" article published in the August 8 edition of Willits Weekly. We wanted to be sure to include him here, to ensure his achievements were noted.

At left: The Best of Show blackberry pie baked by Knight. At left, below: Knight's first-place photograph featuring jellyfish. At right: Knight's first-place woodworking entry.

Photos by Alyssa Craver



Community Well-Being Survey

Tell us about your well-being

We want to hear from you. What do you want MORE of? How is the quality of life in our community?

Your answers to this anonymous survey will help prioritize the needs and improve the health of our community.

Please scan the QR code to complete the survey.

AdventistHealth

Thursday, August 15

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, Thursday, August 15, 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 15 activity is "Card Printing." 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 16

Willits Coloring Book Photo Contest Awards and Auction: 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

Shiny Eyes at Shanachie: Shiny Eyes Shadow Puppetry & Music, the serene world of ambient music meets the captivating realm of shadow art, returns to Shanachie Pub, Friday, August 16, 8 pm. "A unique performance by Sean Powers, aka DJ Dental Flood, that melds the soothing sounds of analog synthesizers with an ethnic flair and rhythmic drum beats." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, August 17

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: 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, 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



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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Borderlands'

The Story: Cate Blanchett is Liliith, a trans-galactic bounty hunter with a severe (even homicidal) "Don't mess with me!" attitude and a big "Leave me alone gun," filled with a seemingly endless load of bullets. Atlas, a smirking ultra-rich guy, hires Liliith to find his daughter Tiny Tina. She's been kidnapped and is being held on the planet Pandora.

Liliith was born on Pandora. It is a very unpleasant place. Think "latrine of the Universe." Also, Pandora is where treasure hunters from pretty much everywhere are searching for the lost technologies of an ancient race of super beings.

Liliith is joined in her search for Tina by an annoyingly talky robot named Claptrap. (Spoiler follows, but not much of one.) After killing a few deviant psycho-thugs, Liliith finds Tiny Tina, who apparently was not kidnapped.

A figurative avalanche of violent action and narrow escapes follow Liliith and Tiny Tina (and a couple others) all the way to an explosive theater-shaking climactic battle, which involves endless bullets, a number of surprises, and even more deviant psycho-thugs.

My Thoughts: I liked the movie. What it lacked in finesse, it more than made up for with ugly-scummy bad guys facing gruesome but well-deserved comeuppance, and the good-guys (non-gendered) winning.

Parents: This flick contains: lots' sudden violence, piss jokes, cartoonish shoot-outs (though mostly bloodless), hate-the-rich propaganda, women-are-tough propaganda, and loyalty and honor matter and are rewarded propaganda. Also, the notion that "sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic" is reaffirmed.

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What's Happening Around Town



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.

WHS Soccer: Willits High opens the Soccer season with home games against Arcata High on Tuesday, August 20. Girls start at 5 pm; Boys at 5:30 pm.

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Keep on Carving! at the Museum: In August, the Mendocino County Museum presents family friendly themed crafts and activities on Sundays from 12 to 4 pm, inspired by the exhibit "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit at the Museum. The Sunday, August 18 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, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365

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Wednesday, August 21

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 at the Museum. The Wednesday, August 21 activity is "Stamp it! Make your own stamp." 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

Singers On Streetcorners: Calling to the songbirds of Willits and nearby to join in peace caroling on the streets of Willits with the SOS Choir. "We'll be meeting in City Park, under the 3 giant sequoia trees, at 5 pm on Wednesday, August 21. After practicing a few songs, we'll head to the streets or Mariposa Market to sing for people passing by." Info: Prana at 28prana@gmail.com

Willits Stamp Club: The monthly meeting of the Willits Stamp Club is on third Wednesdays, Wednesday, August 21 this month, 5 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Bring your collection and enjoy time perusing stamps. All are welcome. Refreshments served. Info: talsofam@pacific.net

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Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: A local Mendocino County jam band, "sharing original music that is a reflection of being a part of this amazing community. We're the Cosmic Family Band and so are you." Saturday, August 24 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Sunday, August 25

Keep on Carving! at the Museum: In August, the Mendocino County Museum presents family friendly themed crafts and activities on Sundays from 12 to 4 pm, inspired by the exhibit "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit at the Museum. The Sunday, August 25 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, 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: Willits 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.

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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 August Exhibition: Willits Center for the Arts presents the August art exhibition featuring Jody J. Johnston and Don Ponte, Runs through August 25 at 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.gov/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.

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Above: AJ Sylvia, owner of Onward Auto smiles from the front counter. At left, above: Sylvia attaches the diagnostic tester to a customer's car. At left: Sylvia is excited to welcome new and returning customers to his shop, Onward Auto.

Photos by Maureen Jennison.

Onward Auto

A.J. Sylvia opens new auto shop in space once occupied by his dad, and where he learned the trade

Submitted by Onward Auto

From pushing a broom at age 7, to running the shop solo, A.J. Sylvia knows the ins and outs of the industry well, and continues to offer automotive services through his new business Onward Auto in the same space where his dad used to operate.

Once housing S&S Auto, the shop space at 1637 South Main Street was converted into Onward Auto on July 15, 2022, and is now owned and operated solely by A.J. Sylvia.

"Well, the old man wanted to retire," laughed Sylvia. "Then, his business partner followed suit, and it was time for me to decide to either get a new job elsewhere, or start a new business here, and we decided to go for it and open Onward Auto."

Sylvia noted how much he learned from his dad, Joel, and business partner Gregg, as Sylvia watched the pair work on cars and around the shop for two decades. In addition to the shop work, Sylvia said he also assisted with the sporting goods store, and with the hot tub sales and installation during the time when spas were also sold out of the family's multi-business building.

Onward Auto will continue to specialize in preventative maintenance

and multipoint inspections with a full report, written with a clear explanation, as to what is in need of servicing, as well as taking care of general repairs requested by new and current customers.

"Although no alignments are performed or tires sold here, we get those taken care of after customer approval by way of sublet and delivery to a local tire shop," said Sylvia. "That way you only have one shop to visit and one shop to pay when you bring your vehicle to Onward!"

"We're happy to help when check engine lights come on," said Sylvia. "Bring in your car and we can offer assistance with repairs. Since my dad was 'the smog guy,' for 30-plus years before he moved to Alabama, I've learned a lot from him on legal smog repairs. Because of this, I can also offer good advice on handling smog repairs and can fix most smog related problems."

After officially becoming a mechanic in 2005, Sylvia is still enjoying the more than 20 years in the industry, offering small-town assistance when and where he can.

"We're super family-oriented, I do what I can to accommodate with scheduling, sometimes I can even help with local vehicle pickups from houses, too," said Sylvia. "I am a one-man show, but we want to do what we can to help the community and get people back on the road fast, and safe."

To set up an appointment, or find out more information, stop by the shop at 1637 South Main Street between 9 am and 5:30 pm Monday through Friday, or call (707) 459-1853 or text the shop at (707) 401-0440.



Super Hot Summer Getaway

GRAND PRIZE:
Exclusive TWO-NIGHT stay at a resort in Fort Bragg, Ca., Dinner, and \$100 gas card.

Hot Seats: Mon & Wed: 9 PM To 12 AM
4 Winners Per Hour for 25 Free Play and 50 Virtual Entries to be in the top ten weekly

AUGUST 30 & 31:
Last Chance entries from 10 AM to 4 PM.
2 Winners per hour 25 Free Play 1 Physical entry.
Grand Prize Drawing at 7 PM August 31st.
With 4 Runner up Drawings for \$100 Free Play.
After 7PM on August 31st.



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WILLITS CALIF.

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2024
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STEAM FESTIVAL

42ND ANNUAL

420 E. Commercial, Willits CA

Free passenger steam train rides
with the Bluestone Mining & Smelting Heister locomotive from 10 am to 4 pm both days.

The Famous BBQ & auction
is happening in the Rec Grove on Saturday, September 7, starting around 4 pm.
Tickets on sale at the event.

Steam Roller Printing at the Park
11 am to 3 pm - Saturday and Sunday!
See Rik Olson on Saturday!

Come see our antique equipment in action:

- Bucyrus-Erie 50B Steam Shovel
- Caterpillar Tractors - Steam Donkeys
- Hit and Miss Engines - Keystone Well Driller
- Mack AB and Mack AC trucks
- Kelley Springfield Road Roller
- Seabiscuit Diamond T-truck
- 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!

LEGAL NOTICES

WW501
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2024-F0360
The following person or persons are doing business as Zpps 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

WW505
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2024-F0383
The following person or persons are doing business as Proto Pipe LLC, 273 Franklin Avenue, Willits CA 95490; 707-841-3104.
Registered owner: Proto Pipe LLC, 273 Franklin Avenue, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 1, 1977.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 9, 2024.
/s/ Phillip E. Jergenson
Publication dates: August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2024

WW503
NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.
The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 17th day of August, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK SOUTH 1788 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:
Carmen Castro C51C
John Doe B05
Nancy Kilgannon G07
Nancy Kilgannon F28
Hilary Korn C66C
Greg Somerset E79C
Olen Sowers F37
Josh Troxler F24
Jesse Wolf E77C
The goods are described as: Tools, camping gear, furniture, childrens toys, misc totes/boxes.
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.
Glen Green
Bond-#70784656
(707) 459-4628
Publication Dates: August 8 and 15, 2024

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Gonzalo Angulo 523
Ashley Baldwin 258
Jubal Chilson 211
Latoya Hoaglin 532
Larissa Malnerich 511
Teresa McKenna 608
Teresa McKenna 322
Giovani Pablo 208
Jeff Selsor 271
James Shields 320
Joshua Stutsman 240
Mark Thies 225
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ROUND VALLEY 2024
Blackberry Festival
Mickey McCarthy, Master of Ceremonies

Saturday, August 17th	Sunday, August 18th
10:00 Openina Ceremony	10:00 Openina Ceremony
10:15 Jimmy Crack Corn	10:15 Round Valley Feather Dancers
11:15 Loko Yokoi	11:15 Steve Daniel Hayes
12:00 Mario Wilson Trio	12:00 Round Valley Folks
1:00 Anvthino But the Blues	1:00 Mario Wilson Trio
2:00 While We're Young	2:00 Kina Snakes
3:00 Wild Horses	3:00 Wild Horses
4:00 Tastes Like Chicken	4:00 Hot Shots
5:00 Hot Shots	

13TH ANNUAL MARY BURGESS MEMORIAL RANCH RODEO

COMING SOON TO WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2024

CLASSIFIEDS

Art's Handyman Service
Last ad wrong phone #. If you need any building or repairs please let me know. I do other tasks also. 707-841-1991

Do you need food?
Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, 1-4:30 - Bring an I.D. (707) 459-3333

Firewood for Sale
1 true cord of 16 inch firewood. Fir starting at \$250 plus delivery. Call Dave at 707-459-2868.

Free SAL Boxing
Mendocino County Sheriff's Activity League free boxing on Fridays at Body Works Gym Friday nights at 6:30. Ages 6 and up. Annual \$20 registration fee. Call Jeff at 797-841-0405 for questions.

Get your ad included here next week!

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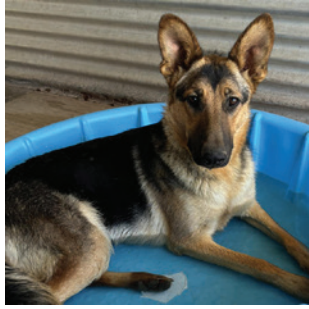
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Friendly Flossy

Shepherd lovers where are you? We got a girl for you! Flossy is one of our new transfers from MSPR. Flossy has been in multiple playgroups with other dogs and done well and does great riding in the car. Flossy is a little over a year and the perfect size, weighing in at 51 pounds. Flossy is on site and would love to ditch her kennel for a spot in your home.

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



Cuddly Cassidy

Cassidy is shy at first but warms up with a few pets and then he is happy to be right by your side. Cassidy is sweet and would make a great emotional-support dog or cuddle buddy! Mr. Handsome has great indoor manners. This guy likes to stretch out on the floor and hope he can entice someone to scratch his belly. Cassidy lived with another dog but must meet any new potential playmates before going home.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from noon to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1 to 1:30 pm) on Saturdays. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendocinoshelter.com. Call 707-467-6453 for more information.



Affectionate Charro

Meet Charro, a sweet and beautiful Abyssinian mix. A senior about 10 years young, she is a love bug, a perfect lap cat who purrs, is affectionate, and likes to curl up and sleep beside you all night.

This kitty has kidney disease and requires a special diet, but don't let the diagnosis fool you, as she's bright and happy with much love to share. As a senior cat, she's a mellow, gentle companion.

Charro thrives in a calm home where she can receive lots of affection. She prefers to be the only pet but will tolerate sharing the spotlight with a small, calm cat-friendly dog.



To learn more about Charro, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.



At left: Siblings Laura and Justin help their grandmother move along her household goods of many years. Below: Several vendors gather together at the new Kids Corner parking lot to sell their wares.



Fabulous Finds

Hidden treasures abound at Willits Community Yard Sale, making for a successful event that promises to return next year

The Willits Community Yard Sale was inaugurated this past Saturday, delighting sellers and buyers alike. The event was sponsored by Redwood Waste Solutions (aka C&S Waste Solutions), and organized by the

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Willits Chamber of Commerce in an effort to encourage recycling and reuse, and to mitigate landfill use. The chamber created an online map with live updates, which allowed participants to check out what the various sales were offering, post changes in open hours, etc.



Above: The multi-vendor parking lot location on Main Street includes a cooling station with misting jets. Below: Jennifer and Ann are delighted to pass along some treasures and collect their Redwood Waste Solutions voucher.

More than 19 householders participated in the Community Yard Sale across the city, as veteran yard-salers happily went from place to place to hunt for treasures. Most Willits residents hosted yard and garage sales at their own homes, with a community area open to people who either didn't have the space at their own homes, or preferred to sell as a group. Willits Kids Corner offered their parking lot on Main Street for a group sale, and in other cases, adjacent neighbors collaborated to sell together in a variety of neighborhoods.

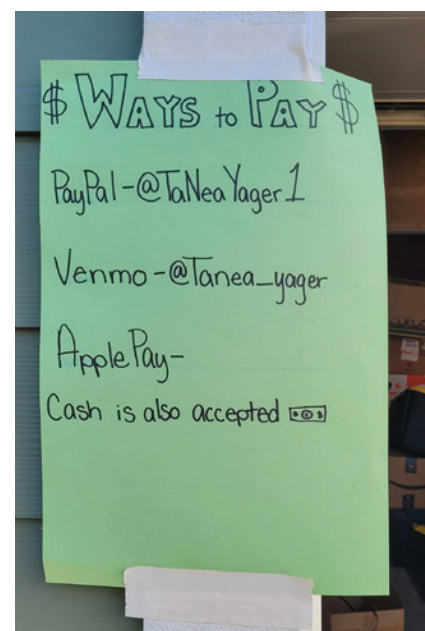
Willits Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Misty Johnson explained that John and Lisa Kvasnicka had attended an out of area community yard sale and thought it would be a great idea to coordinate a similar event for the Willits community.

"Once we had the idea," said Johnson, "we developed a one-size-fits-most format that we hoped would be engaging, fun and easy."

Johnson went on to say that the fee charged for the organization and publicity of the community yard sale was more than matched by a generous voucher from Redwood Waste, which allowed sellers to take a yard of unwanted possessions to the dump when their sale was over.

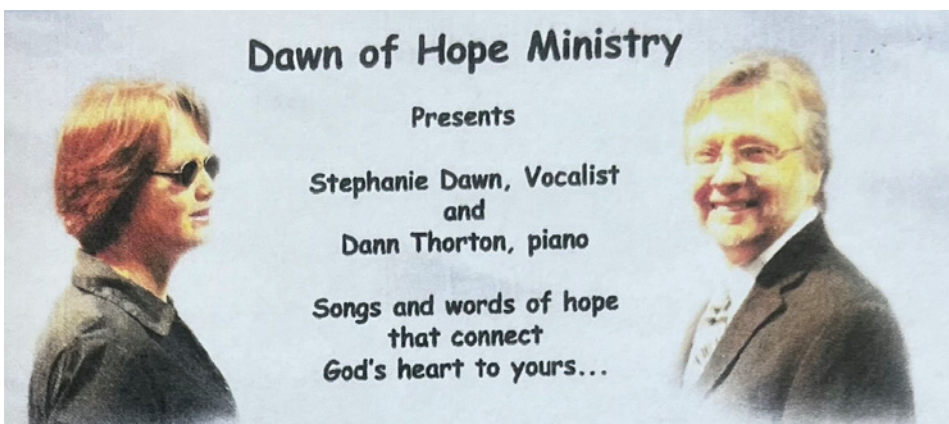
Siblings Laura and Justin, who grew up in Willits, had a driveway full of interesting household objects on offer. They explained that, along with recycling some of their own possessions, they were also

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Above, left: Pat sells her multi-decade teapot collection at the Willits Community Yard Sale. Above, right: Some vendors display creative signage for options for digital payment at the Community Yard Sale.

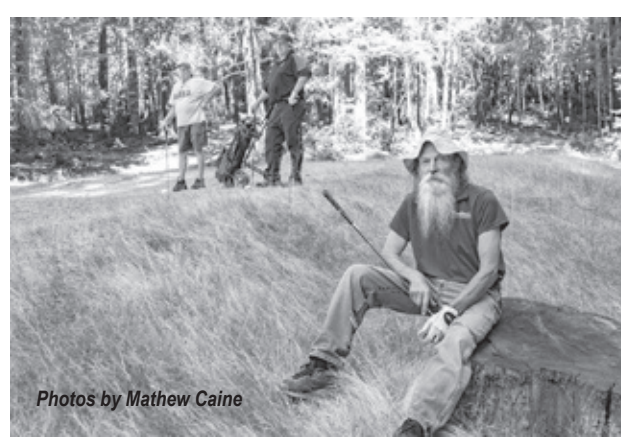
Photos by Margi Gomez Guhde



There are many people who are in a state of hopelessness, because they don't understand the healing power of God's grace. When God's grace is understood, embraced, and applied to the life, the truths of His Word are better understood, and more important to us. All those who come to God, as they are, will experience His healing touch. It is when we come to Him in our greatest weakness that He provides His greatest strength. Your heart and voice will sing the praise expressed in 1 Corinthians 15:57. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

At right: Charlie takes a much-needed break after Team Three cycles back to the clubhouse. John Burbank of Hopland takes a few practice putts before the tournament starts. Carl, Marcus Newby's father, is taking over some of the golf course duties while his son recovers from surgery.

Below: Carl's orange ball was closest to the hole on the first drive so all the golfers begin their second shot from that position.



Photos by Mathew Caine



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as does a creek which runs through the course.

A family of deer lives nearby and loves to graze on what grass exists, creating one more obstacle to play around. It is an amiable and attractive place to spend a few hours. The grounds also double as a well-respected 18-hole disc golf course and are home to several tournaments throughout the year.

With all the fun the golfers had on this cool Saturday morning, they never forgot the reason that the tournament existed. Colby Friend, whose son, Moziz, plays for the basketball team, said, "I'm here to support the kids and help get them to their next basketball tournament and go as far as they can. They're getting better and better. I coached a bunch of these kids in city league, so I love to see them progress.

That tall kid that looks like Kevin Durant is my son, Moziz. He scored the first eight points of the tournament."

Tadd Schadeck, who is filling in for Marcus Newby as coach of the team during practices, loves seeing the improvement of the team. "The kids are really enthusiastic," explained Schadeck. "The amount of improvement is really incredible from where we started to where we are now. It's a great thing for the kids to be doing in the summer. The name of our group is the Legacy Sports Academy."

For more details on the Amateur Athletic Union basketball program, visit <https://aauboysbasketball.org>. For information on the Brooktrails Golf Course, visit their Facebook or Instagram pages, or call 707-472-6960.



Attendees perused the selection at the Willits Charter School during the first annual Community Yard Sale. Photos by Willits Chamber of Commerce

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helping their grandmother move along a lifetime of household goods that she no longer needed.

"She's been wanting to downsize for a while," said Justin. "The timing on this yard sale event was just right for us."

A group of neighbors at the end of a cul-de-sac on the west side of town cooperated to create a busy multi-family yard sale, with neighbors and friends gathering to visit and do a little treasure hunting.

"We just put everything into boxes without really going through any of it," laughed Pat, who along with her husband, had lived in the hills above Willits for over 30 years and moved into town a little over a year ago. "When we finally started going through our boxes, we found a lot of things and realized we just didn't need them anymore." Pat's family offered a wide range of specialty items, including an impressive collection of teapots.

Many of the sellers mentioned the dump voucher as key to their joining the city-wide sale. Jennifer and Ann had filled their garage space and driveway with clothing, knick-knacks, and garden supplies, most of which pre-dated their recent move to Willits. "We've been hanging on to a lot of clothes that will really never fit us again," Jennifer laughed. "The dump voucher was the main reason we decided to sign up. It was worth



a little more than the cost of participating in the sale, and with the cost of dump fees these days, we figured we could easily get rid of whatever didn't sell."

The Willits Community Yard Sale made for a pleasant diversion on an unusually mild summer Saturday, and gave Willits residents an opportunity to reduce and recycle their unneeded items. Johnson concluded that the Community Yard Sale was a great success, appreciated by sellers and buyers alike. "We got so much great feedback," she stated. "We will definitely be doing it again!"

Participants in the First Annual Community Yard Sale included:

- 90 S Main St
- 1569 S Main St
- 1431 S Main St
- 97 Baechtel Rd
- 134 Fort Bragg Rd
- 338 Pine St
- 63 Northbrook Way
- 390 Creekside Dr
- 299 Spruce St
- 24000 Sherwood Rd
- 110 Margie Dr
- 194 Pine St
- 260 Margie Dr
- 103 Manor Way
- 12 Maple St
- 1733 Elm Ln
- 69 Hillside Dr
- 26700 Schow Rd
- 260 E San Francisco Ave



The Brooktrails Firefighters Association

Presents a

Fall Flea Market

Saturday, October 5

(8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at the Fire Station

Space rentals start at:

\$20 Per Space

or

\$30 For 2 Spaces

Deadline for space rentals:

September 21st, 2024 Our office number is (707)459-4441

WILLITS COLORING BOOK PHOTO CONTEST AWARDS AND AUCTION

SPONSORED BY ROTARY CLUB OF WILLITS

FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 2024

8:00PM - 8:30PM

AT THE MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

400 E COMMERCIAL ST WILLITS CA 95490

DESSERT BUFFET

WITH

AFTER DINNER LIQUEURS

Come see the photos that will be featured in the Willits Coloring Book and vote for your favorite photo of our beloved Train Singer Greg Schindel which will be used for the front cover of the coloring book along with a tribute of several coloring book pages of Greg doing what he did best.



Mendocino County Poet Laureate Devreaux Baker.

Poet Laureate Devreaux Baker to read in Willits

Submitted by LocalLights

Devreaux Baker, the Poet Laureate of Mendocino County, will be the featured reader in Willits on August 24, 2024 at 7 pm at the Muse, 30 East San Francisco Avenue in Willits.

Devreaux has published five books of poetry and received the PEN Oakland Award for her book of poetry, "Red Willow People." Her poetry has been published in numerous magazines and journals including The Crab Orchard Review, ZYZZYVA, Persimmon Tree, and Poetry in Flight/ Poesia En Velo. She has received the Helene Wurflitzer Foundation Poetry Fellowship in Taos, New Mexico, the Hawthorneden Castle Poetry Fellowship in Edinburgh, Scotland, and the MacDowell Poetry Fellowship in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Her poetry awards include: the 2022 Fischer International Poetry Prize, the 2019 Barbara Mandigo Kelly International Peace Poetry Prize, the 2017 Joe Gouveia Outermost International Poetry Prize, the 2016 U.S. Poets in Mexico Award, the 2012 Hawaii Council on Humanities International Poetry Prize, and the 2010 Women's Global Leadership Poetry Award.

Devreaux has taught in Mendocino County with the California Poets in the Schools program and produced The Voyager's Radio Program of Original Student Writing for KZYX with a California Arts Council Grant. She is currently editing the anthology of Mendocino County Women Poets, "Spirit of Place, Volume II" to follow the Mendocino Women Poets Anthology, "Wood, Water, Air and Fire" which was published in 1999 and which she also helped edit.

Even if you are not generally interested in poetry, this event promises to be significant. Devreaux's accomplishments are indisputable, and her poetry is outstanding. You will not be disappointed. This will be her first featured reading as the new Poet Laureate. She was awarded the honor by the Board of Supervisors in June.

There will be an open reading following the feature. Attendants who are not interested in the open reading will be able to leave at the intermission. For more information call 707-459-7054.



MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

AUGUST-THURSDAY NIGHTS

ImPRESSED Third Annual Printmaking Exhibit
Turning the Page

View the exhibit and engage in a variety of printmaking techniques

Participate in a corresponding featured art project!

- Thursday, August 1, 6 – 8 p.m. Linoleum Block Carving Basics
- Thursday, August 8, 6 – 8 p.m. Linoleum Carving Basics Part 2
- Thursday, August 15, 6 – 8 p.m. Card Printing
- Thursday, August 22, 6 – 8 p.m. Printing on Fabric
- Thursday, August 29, 6 – 8 p.m. Found Object Printing

Program cost is included with Museum Admission. These programs are designed for teens and adults, but all are welcome.

For more information please contact Mendocino County Museum.

MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

3rd Annual ImPRESSED Printmaking Exhibit: Turning the Page

Exhibit Opening August 17

August

- History Makers- Wednesdays 11:00-3:00
- Thursday Nights: Printmaking 6:00-8:00
- Sundays- Drop in block carving 12:00-4:00

September: 7 and 8

- Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival
- Street Printmaking and more 11:00-3:00

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MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

HISTORY MAKERS at the Mendocino County Museum

Every Wednesday!

August family activities encourage exploration of the arts. Build your printmaking skills in anticipation of the 42 Annual, Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival held in Rec Grove Park on September 7, and 8, 2024. The Museum will co-host a variety of printmaking activities during the event.

August 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Print with the light! Sun Printing

August 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Press it! Air Clay Impressions

August 21, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Stamp it! Make Your Own Stamp

August 28, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Twist it! Book Press Printing

Program attendance is free with the cost of admission. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays when you show your Mendocino County Library Card at the Museum.

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Above, left: Pearl Marill, at left, sits with Linda Posner, Michael Ducharme, and Bhavvy Ducharme at the 2022 Gala. Above, right: The Plaza behind Cafe 77 was filled with diners for a catered dinner by the cafe at the 2022 WCT Gala. Below: The poster for the 2024 Hearts For The Arts event. At bottom: Vocalist Sharon Garner will perform at the 2024 Hearts For The Arts Gala.



Photos by Mathew Cainé for WCT

Hearts For The Arts annual Gala benefit for WCT coming up on September 8

By Steve Hellman for WCT

Hearts For The Arts, the annual dinner party, theater show, concert, and silent auction to benefit the Willits Community Theatre, will be held on Sunday, September 8. The Gala event includes a ticket to see a matinee showing of "Steel Magnolias," followed by an outdoor BBQ tri-tip and vegetarian options dinner and dessert, to be held at a private creekside residence in Willits. The \$125 ticket for the Gala fundraiser also includes complimentary Bonterra wine and NorthSpur Brewery beer. Live entertainment will be provided by the Sharon Garner Trio.

The Gala "provides an important opportunity for local residents to support the non-profit theater in meeting its annual budget," says WCT Treasurer Michael Ducharme. "Because our mission is to make performing arts accessible to our community, we work during the year to keep our ticket costs affordable." The result, Ducharme says, is an annual income gap that the Gala importantly helps to bridge.

For the past 47 years WCT has been presenting a wide range of live performing arts, says Production Manager Jeff Shipp. "Each year we produce five main stage plays, a live music series, and the additional range of dance shows, comedy, and readings. So far this year the theater has produced hits with "The Rocky Horror Show," "The Glass Menagerie," and most recently the sold-out summer children's camp with its production of "The Addams Family."

"We're a very important part of our community's healthy cultural outlets," says WCT Managing Director Amythst Romero. "We encourage local residents to realize our value and join in celebrating our theater at the Gala." To begin the festivities, says Romero, ticket buyers will be able to attend the famed comedy-drama "Steel Magnolias," followed by a casual walk to the private outdoor venue for an evening dinner, beverages, the silent auction, and live music.

The silent auction will include primo experiential packages, including overnight stays on the Mendocino County coast. Tickets for the Hearts For The Arts benefit are \$125 and available by texting or calling Amythst Romero at (734)-255-6173.



Roots of Motive Power's 42nd annual Steam Festival, September 7-8

Submitted by Roots of Motive Power

Save the date for Roots of Motive Power's annual steam-up at the Roots Facility, 420 East Commercial Street, coming up on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8.

Free passenger steam train rides with the Bluestone Mining & Smelting Heisler locomotive are offered from 10 am to 4 pm both days.

Steam Roller Printing at the Park set for 11 am to 3 pm Saturday and Sunday. Featuring master printmaker Ric Olson on Saturday. 3rd annual printmaking exhibit IMPRESSED is open at the Mendocino County Museum next door to the festival.

Roots hosts the Famous BBQ & Auction in the Rec Grove on Saturday, September 7, starting around 4 pm. Tickets on sale at the event.

Some see our newest equipment in action:

- Bucyrus-Erie 50B Steam Shovel
- Caterpillar Tractors
- Steam Donkeys
- Hit and Miss Engines
- Keystone Well Driller
- Mack AB and Mack AC trucks
- Kelley Springfield Road Roller
- Seabiscuit Diamond T-truck
- Mountain Quarries 202 1913 H.K. Porter Co. 15 ton steam locomotive 0-4-0-T
- 1952 Allis-Chalmers HD-30 tractor

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funded by the California Department of Health Care Services and Measure B, a local initiative aimed at improving mental health services in Mendocino County. This funding ensures that the facility will be equipped with the necessary resources to provide high-quality care and support to those in need.

Former Sheriff Tom Allman expressed his satisfaction with the project's progress, stating: "It is very comforting to know that after seven long years of discussion, planning, and meeting, we are finally able to break ground on such an important piece of our Mental Health infrastructure.

"We will soon see a vast improvement in our Behavioral Health Services by being able to provide much more local assistance, allowing many victims of mental health issues to be closer to their families and their communities, during the critical time of recovery.

"Sometimes, ideas and plans are made to plant a shade tree, but because of the length of time that such a big development needs, we often never receive the benefit of shade from the shade tree," Allman said.

"However, for the thousands of Measure B supporters who saw the long-term plan and helped pass Measure B by over 82% at the ballot box, and with additional support from the Department of Health Care Services, the fruit of everyone's labor will soon be part of our community.

"We can all smile knowing that we, as a county, recognize that improving that quality of life for mental health patients is arriving soon."

Second District Supervisor and Mendocino County Board Chair Maureen Mulheren added: "The construction of the new Psychiatric Health Facility is a crucial step towards enhancing mental health services in our community. This project represents our commitment to providing comprehensive and accessible care for those in need. By investing in this facility, we are building a stronger, healthier county, ensuring that every resident has the support they need to thrive.

"This project is one of the final pieces of the Measure B puzzle that the voters overwhelmingly approved and have been waiting patiently for the county to implement, and I am grateful for their involvement."

Mendocino County CEO Darcie Antle remarked: "Today marks an important milestone as we break ground on our new Psychiatric Health Facility. This development represents a crucial step forward in our commitment to enhancing mental health services and providing much-needed support to those in our community. This facility will be a beacon of hope and healing, offering comprehensive care and resources for individuals and families facing mental health challenges. "Much appreciation goes out to the Board of Supervisors, the Measure B Committee, the Department of Health Care Services, and Dr. Jenine Miller for their dedication to making this long-awaited facility a reality. A special thanks to Tom Allman, whose leadership on the tax measure was instrumental in bringing Mendocino County to this milestone."

The groundbreaking ceremony will include remarks from local officials and project leaders, followed by the ceremonial turning of the first soil. This event marks a significant milestone in Mendocino County's commitment to enhancing mental health services and providing critical support to those in need.

We invite the community to join us, Tuesday, August 20 at 9 am at 2840 South State Street in Ukiah, in celebrating this important step towards improving mental health care in Mendocino County. Please R.S.V.P.: (707) 472-2388 or beelerj@mendocinocounty.gov.

For more information, please contact Joy Beeler, event lead, at (707) 472-2388 or beelerj@mendocinocounty.gov

Mendocino County is dedicated to providing comprehensive health and wellness services to its residents. The new Psychiatric Health Facility is part of the county's ongoing efforts to expand and enhance mental health care infrastructure and services.

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a trauma center. Let's send some prayers for the victim in this for a full recovery.

We were able to recover two assault weapons-style firearms which had no serial numbers, commonly referred to as "ghost guns." One of these weapons is believed to be the firearm used to shoot the victim.

I want to thank the callers who provided prompt information to our dispatch center. The rural area in which this crime occurred was an incredible obstacle. Without these folks providing us information, our victim would have certainly suffered a much worse outcome. I also wanted to thank the California Highway Patrol and our EMS partners for their assistance in this case.

I also want to publicly thank all of our deputies, detectives and dispatch personnel who were able to take a chaotic situation and work it into a life saved, as well as an ongoing investigation which will lead to justice for our victim and safety to the public.

Our investigation is continuing, and there are a lot of moving parts to this one. Currently the suspect has been identified as Miguel Rosas Camacho who is approximately 30 years old and is known to frequent the Round Valley/Covelo area. We are seeking the public's help to get him into custody. Please see our press release (2024-08-09 Attempted homicide" or "Suspect in suspected murder still on the run," in this week's Willits Weekly) for full details as well as a photo of the suspect. <http://eepurl.com/WHNWc>

Read Sheriff Matt Kendall's posts as well as MCSO press releases on "Mendocino Sheriff" on Facebook.

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filed to run, so were elected without any challengers.

For the Brooktrails Community Services District, incumbent President Tina Tyler-O'Shea of Birch Court has filed to run for reelection. Incumbent Ralph Santos is not filing for reelection, but challenger and museum staff assistant Susan Mahoney of Goose Road has filed to run.

Three incumbents on the Little Lake Fire Board, Tony Madrigal, Arnie Mello, and Nancy Stipe filed for reelection to the three seats open, with no challengers filing.

Mendocino County Board of Education has two seats up for election. Incumbents Charlene Ford (representing Trustee Area 3) and Drew Duncan (Trustee Area 4) did not file to run again. Educator / business owner Michelle Hutchins of Willits and parent, county planner David R. Strock of Willits have filed to run to represent Trustee Area 3.

The Willits Unified School District board has two seats up for election. Incumbent Dianne McNeal has filed to run again, and incumbent Alex Bowles has not filed to run again. Challenger and retired teacher David Likker has filed to run.

Resident of the Third District will not see any local propositions on their ballots in the November 2024 election.

Check Mendocino County's final official November 2024 Candidate List after it's posted at www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections/election-candidate-information

Board of Supervisors August recess

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will observe its annual August Recess from August 1, 2024, to August 30, 2024. During this period, the board will not hold regular board meetings. This annual recess, implemented in 2022, allows Clerk of the Board staff to focus on essential behind-the-scenes tasks, including records filing, completion of annually required duties, and preparation for the upcoming year.

While there are no regular board meetings in August, the members of the Board of Supervisors continue to hold/attend their other regularly scheduled committee and public meetings during the August Recess.

August is Back-to-School month

As August transitions from summer to the school year, parents and guardians should actively prepare their children for the upcoming academic year. This is a great time to:

- Visit schools: Tour schools, colleges, and universities to help children feel comfortable in their new environment.
- Update vaccines: Ensure your child's vaccinations are up to date before school starts. Many schools require immunization records, and staying current helps protect your child's health and the health of their peers.
- Establish routines: Adjust bedtimes, wake-up times, and meal times to align with the school schedule for a smoother transition.
- Prepare for changes: Discuss upcoming changes with children, especially if they're moving to new schools or levels, to reduce anxiety and build resilience.

By taking these proactive steps, parents and guardians can help their children approach the new school year with confidence and enthusiasm. The efforts made during August to prepare and support students can contribute significantly to their academic success and personal growth throughout the year.

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expressed gratitude, stating: "This grant is a crucial step forward in our ongoing efforts to protect Mendocino County from the devastating effects of wildfires. We deeply thank our partners and the funding organizations for their support and trust in our vision. Together, we will build a safer, more resilient community."

The Mendocino County Prevention, Recovery, Resilience, and Mitigation Division of the Executive Office is dedicated to keeping the community informed about the progress of the Wildfire Community Resilience Project. Transparency and community engagement are crucial to the project's success, and residents are encouraged to take part in upcoming community meetings and forums.

According to FEMA, the BRIC program "aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. Examples of BRIC projects are ones that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design.

"For example, an innovative project may bring multiple funding sources or in-kind resources from a range of private and public sector partners. Or an innovative project may offer multiple benefits to a community in addition to the benefit of risk reduction.

"Through BRIC, FEMA continues to invest in a variety of mitigation activities with an added focus on infrastructure projects benefiting disadvantaged communities, nature-based solutions, climate resilience and adaption and adopting hazard resistant building codes."



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August 16th

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August 18th

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From 11-3

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For Brunch service

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