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#### August update from **Little Lake Fire board**

**Annie Evarts** Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Chief Eric Alvarez discussed his progress updating the current fee schedule at last week's meeting of the board of directors for the Little Lake Fire District. Little Lake Fire's fee schedule outlines what services it charges for and the cost of each of those services to the community. Service fees are not actually a source of revenue for the fire department, rather they're a reimbursement for Little Lake's overhead. For example, the cost of taking a Little Lake Fire vehicle out on a site inspection includes fuel, maintenance, and having that vehicle insured.

Alvarez has been reaching out to other local agencies in Ukiah and Redwood Valley to better understand how they're calculating their own fees, but this is research into the process and not a determinant as to what updated fee prices should be.

Board member Tony Madrigal clarified for the rest of the board, "We can't compare ourselves to Ukiah because [our fees are determined] by what we pay our fire marshal and what

Read the rest of LLFD Over on Page 13



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Above: Directors pose together to welcome students back to school including, from left: the Director of Willits Elementary Charter School Charlene Bredder; the Executive Director of La Vida Charter School Ann Kelly and one of the two directors of Willits Charter School, Sarah France. Not pictured: The other director of Willits Charter School Erin Vaccaro.



Messages from Willits Elementary, La Vida and Willits charter schools, and from the Waldorf School, school calendars and more A letter from ...

> The Executive Director of La Vida Charter School **Ann Kelly**

Dear Willits community:

There are two new things I would like to share that La Vida Charter School is implementing this new school year 2024-25. Our theme this year is "Back to Basics" and the



first item is directly linked to the theme. Surveyed parents said they were willing to give a Reading and Math Intervention Program a try. My Path, one of the online offerings of Imagine Learning, is a

that students participate in

twice a week. It is designed

to serve at the personal

level of each student based

curriculum

students one day and high school students the second day.

Niki, a plant dye artist, and Yusuke, a graphic artist, do commissions for some extremely famous Hollywood folks, we are told. Students will go out on the ranch to collect and identify dye plants, dye fabric, and spin a little wool from Ridgewood Ranch sheep, and learn about weaving. The artists' professional website is lookout and wonderland. com

The November session is with Pape Douf (Pape pronounced like pop) who teaches drum circles, which are very enlivening as he weaves in storytelling. He is a Senegalese musician and will be joined with another percussionist. https://actaonline.org/profile/dethie-papediouf/

**City Council** hears new plans for City Park

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By B.B. Kamoroff

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New plans for Bud Snyder Park, also known as City Park, were presented to the Willits City Council at their August 14 meeting by Willits Community Development Director Dusty Duley. Three major proposed changes involve a new pavilion with a concrete driveway through the park, the children's playground, and the restrooms.

The biggest change in plans is for the pavilion, now proposed to be a 40 foot by 80 foot structure with a concrete foundation, and a

Read the rest of Park Over on Page 13

#### **School** board ready for the new year

Addison Alvarado Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

On the evening of August 8, the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees convened for their monthly meeting, welcoming everyone back for the 2024 / 2025 school year. The agenda consisted of comments from the director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, the Willits Teachers Association president, WUSD Superintendent Mark Beebe, and the board members, accompanied by a lengthy consent agenda and an open discussion of the district-wide Cell Phone Policy.

#### **Brooktrails** hears ideas for energy efficiencies

Barbara O'Reardon Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

On August 13, Brooktrails board President Tina Tyler-O'Shea was excused due to a job-related responsibility. In her absence, Brooktrails Community Township Services District Board Vice President Rick Williams convened the meeting.

General Manager Tamara Alaniz provided information the upcoming about Brooktrails Flea Market which will be held at the Brooktrails Fire Station on Saturday, October 5, from 8 am to 1 pm. Fire Chief Jon Noyer added that there will be 20 identified stalls for vendors to rent for \$20 per space or \$30 for 2 spaces. Several spaces have already been rented. The deadline for space rental is September 21. Anyone interested in renting a space may call: 707-459-4441.

First up on the evening's agenda at the Tuesday, August 18 meeting was the "Review and Approval of the Accounts Payable Report." The board voted unanimously to approve the issuance of checks payable in the amount of \$95,527.60.

Read the rest of Efficiencies Over on page 13 Ann Kelly.

assessment results on and automatically creates lessons. Since La Vida is a home study model, the My

supplemental

Path program will be completed at home.

La Vida is very pleased that students are achieving the school's academic growth goals as measured by the MAP test. The majority of students are growing academically. However, too many are below grade level, and it is the hope that consistent participation in My Path, students will make strides to being more in step with their peers.

Another new program offering this year is the introduction of guest artist intensives. These are coming about through a community partnership with Leyna Lightman, a museum educator and community builder who has received two recognitions by the City of Los Angeles as an Impact Maker to Watch, and who recently moved to Ridgewood Ranch, here in Willits. https://www.leynalightman.com/

With the help of some Arts Grant Funding, three artists will provide two-day intensives for La Vida students. The Willits Arts Center will also host public events.

On September 24 and 25, Niki Livingston Tsukamoto and Yusuke Tsukamoto will visit and work with elementary



The last session in February will be a culinary experience with one of the chefs from Tiyya, an organization created by refugee women that has become an award-winning nonprofit that builds communities for displaced people. One of their programs is a restaurant, the Michelin Bib Gourmand Restaurant. International cuisines rotate and are curated by refugee chef participants. Our chef is a refugee. See https://www.tiyya.org/

The onsite high school program will continue this model of specialty intensives two days at a time.

Twice per month students will have an opportunity to deep dive into a project. Some of the intensives planned include Hummingbird Robotics, Digital Storytelling with sound engineering with a focus on Seabiscuit, Using the Zspace Virtual Reality computers to do 3D printing creations, CPR training, a solar power project for the bus. floral creations and more.

The year kicks off this week with a full faculty and staff in-service, and next week is Parent Orientation, August 27 to 29, and the first day of school is August 30.

It is a pleasure to be working in Mendocino County with so many wonderful schools, talented people, and dynamic programs. Enjoy your year!

#### Saturday Soaking

The quick, but valuable, deluge of rainfall Saturday afternoon delighted the dry ground and lots of people, too, when the sky opened up and dumped quite an impressive flow of water.

A rain gauge on the west side of Willits had recorded .25" on Sunday morning.

Even with the bit of rain, Brooktrails Fire posted a humorous reminder on Facebook Saturday afternoon: "Yes it is raining currently, NO you can not burn. If caught burning, you will be cited or worse!"

We still have some summer to go, but this was a nice reminder of the rains hopefully to come.

– Maureen Jennison

Read the rest of Ready

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#### Four candidates to run for city council

#### Submitted by City of Willits

August 15 – As of Friday, August 9, 2024 only one of the three Willits City Council incumbents up for election had filed their Candidacy Papers. Therefore, the deadline was extended to Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

As of this date, four candidates have filed their candidacy papers for seats on the Willits City Council: Incumbent Gerardo Gonzalez and newcomers Robin Leler, Matthew Alaniz, and Thomas Allman. The general municipal election will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Inquiries regarding the upcoming election should be directed to City Clerk Delores Pedersen at dpedersen@cityofwillits.org or by calling 707-459-7113.

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Thank you

#### To the Editor:

We, the members of the Country Pond Club, who use the small pool for water aerobics, are sending this thank you letter to let everyone in the community know we are so grateful for the financial help we received with the help of the Howard Foundation, the Blue Zones, Michelle Hutchins, Pooba, and the Little Lake Grange plus others who helped create the "April Pools" music fundraiser event at the Grange.

We have purchased an important sand filter, chlorinator, ozone machine, and are very grateful for the funding to be able to do this.

We will continue to look for more funding to keep this community project going, as it is contributing greatly to the health of our community, as Blue Zones is hoping for so many local projects.

Thank you again from all of those who use this pool for water exercise, which is easier on our joints and especially good for seniors with chronic body pain. For more information, please call Judi at 707-972-

7070 Thank you, Willits for your support of healthy

The Country Pond Club, WIllits

#### Mendocino County Democrats celebrate Labor Day in Todd Grove Park

#### Submitted by Inland Mendocino Democratic Club

Join local Democrats for the annual Labor Day Celebration at Todd Grove Park and Clubhouse, 600 Live Oak Avenue in Ukiah, on Monday, September 2, from 11 am to 3 pm.

"We will honor Senator Mike McGuire for his position as President Pro Tem of the California State Senate. Speakers will also include: Congressman Jared Huffman, California Democratic Party Chair Rusty Hicks, District 02 Assembly candidate Chris Rogers, and local labor leaders

The event is presented by the Mendocino County Democratic Party and the Inland Mendocino Democratic Club

Music will be provided by the Mendocino Gaggle of Raging Grannies, with a performance by a local Baile Folklorico dance group. Silent auction and food from Chef Denny. Bring a finger food dessert for a sweet connection with others!

Labor Day celebrates the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights in the labor movement of the late 18th century. Their hard-fought wins are the reason for many of the rights we enjoy and take for granted today, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. Those workers saw that there could be no freedom and liberty in this country without economic freedom for the working class.

Labor Day honors the source of this nation's strength - American workers, unions, and labor leaders. Democracy continues to be sweet!

More info: http://inlandmendodems.org

#### 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 22: Port Loin, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll

Friday, August 23: Pepperoni Pizza Casserole, Green

Monday, August 26: BLT, Chips, Pickles

Tuesday, August 27: Thai Chili Chicken Stir-Fry

Wednesday, August 28: Tuna Salad Sandwich, Mac Salad, Pickle

Thursday, August 29: Stuffed Bell Peppers, Rice, Roll Friday, August 30: Turkey Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll

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.









At top, from left: One of the many colorful vendors, Zoeitsa Zacharopoulos, sells Indian blankets in various sizes. Ron Lincoln gives the opening prayers and an insight into Native lore and tradition. The New Life Clinic, with Chelsea and Chris, has an informative booth at the festival. This Native woman exemplifies the name Round Valley Feather Dancers. At left: The festival consists of two concentric circles of vendors and information booths in an intimate setting. Above: The Round Valley Folks entertain the attendees. Below: The Round Valley Feather Dancers are comprised of all the tribes of Round Valley. At bottom: Luna Juarez of Luna Art has a colorful booth of handmade art.

# **Blackberry Festival**

Native dancers, unique crafts, live music, and a wide variety of tasty food at annual Covelo event

Sunday morning at the 41st annual Blackberry Festival in Covelo began with words from tribal elder Ron Lincoln,

some words of blessing, some words of healing that you can carry

with you," began Lincoln. "There's goodness in each one of us. My blessings and my prayer songs are for human beings in their hearts. No matter how weird or strange you are, it's always there and it will come out. People do change. It's a blessing. The way that the Creator had created it is very unique. Every aspect of our body, as science has proved now, is very unique. Our cells, our separation and everything in our bodies, the only thing that is holding them together is gravity.



"Look at that solid tree," said Lincoln. "You analyze it. There's space there but the gravity holds it together. Gravity holds us to the earth. That's how we get to walk perfect area where we can survive. How unique is that?"

Photos by Mathew Caine

He went on to speak of positivity and the power of love. It was an apt beginning to the day as the diverse crowd of festivalgoers enjoyed the company of strangers and new friends, exploring ideas and merchandise in this intimate

informative booths, offered entertainment and knowledge, fronted by the ever-present Mickey the Clown, this year



Blackberry Festival

is welcoming and

shaded. Local

singer and artist Marjo Wilson

entertains with her

husband, Morten

Jensen.

Randall Cantua, LUTCF

16 W. Valley St. Willits CA 95490

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Garberville, CA 95542

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enjoying each bite.

Discover how mindful eating is ne of the 9 ways to live a healthier life

Grange Mathew Caine eatures Writer willitsweekly@gmail.com

\$10 buys you a plate of the best "scratch" pancakes and local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. To make our delicious scrambled eggs even better, we are now serving salsa on each table from Cocina Picante, familiar to those of you who frequent the Willits

of Influence, with the application of appropriate

August 25

Join us at the Grange

Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Dusty Duley, dduley@cityofwillits.org or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 pm, on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, All public comments received will be provided to the Council and uploaded to the City's website Oral comments may be presented to the Farmers Market.

> Our tasty breakfast: all you can eat Pancakes, choose

Land Use Plan meeting set for August 28

#### Submitted by City of Willits

exercise!

The Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on August 28, 2024, at 6:30 pm, will conduct a public meeting on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

Project: Presentation and discussion of General Plan Land Use Element Update Request: To receive a presentation, hear public opinion on the matter, and to provide feedback and direction to staff regarding the Public Review Draft Land Use Element Update Proposed Policy and Sphere of Influence Area. Location: The entire City of Willits (~1,801 acres including the City center area and the Willits Municipal Airport (Ells Field) and the Willits Water Treatment Plant and Morris Dam portions of the City of Willits; the ~12 acre existing SOI along Meadowbrook Drive; and the proposed ~875 acre SOI that includes areas along West State Route 20 and Cropley Lane, along Locust Street, portions of the Mill

Dept. or Willits Library. Meeting Location: Council Chambers at City Hall located at 111 East Commercial Street. Willits. Project Description: The proposed amendments to the City of Willits Land Use Element and Land Use Diagram include: 1. The identification of a Planning Area that

includes the City as well as surrounding land that bears relation to City planning; 2. Changes to existing and new Land Use Element policy intended to expand the land supply for housing of all types, provide for focused planning for Willits' commercial

http://ca-willits.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter/ City-Council-1

centers, provide for land use flexibility and compatibility, ensure community health and vitality and environmental health and sustainability, and to expand and improve in advance of the meeting.

maintenance Willits City Council during the August 28 public 3. Changes to Land Use Designations meetina. within the City to support residential and In compliance with the Americans with

City Land Use Designations, to support a potential Sphere of Influence Amendment application to the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission. How to Participate: Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the project documents and agenda will be available on the City's website at

land use designations and general plan

Pancake Breakfast

Submitted by Little Lake Grange

> Breakfast, Sunday August 25, from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

who imparted wisdom and thoughts of healing, to which the attendees respectfully listened, seemingly deriving comfort around. The Creator put us in the universe in a spot in a and solace. "Today, we're going to talk about

and amiable setting. As in the last 40 years, the kiosk, which was the central focus of the two concentric rings of attractions, goods, and







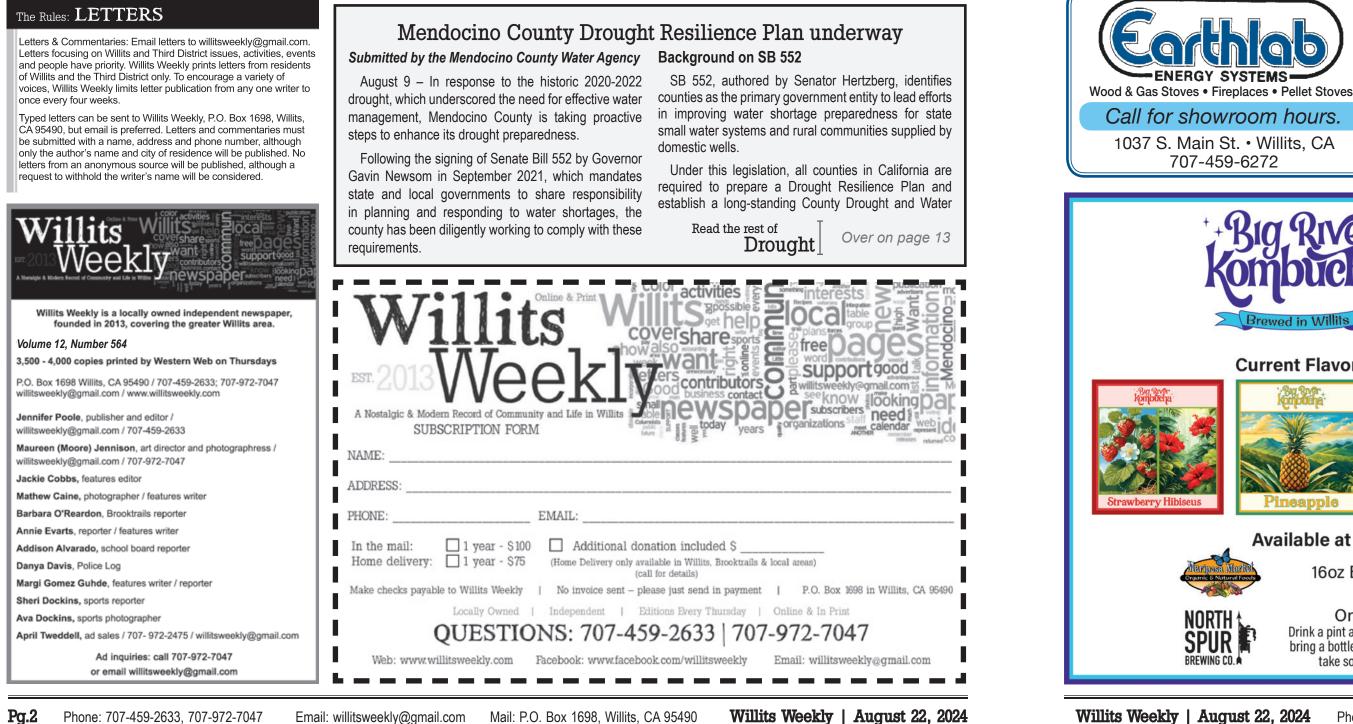
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reek Drainage, along Muir Mill Road, along East Valley Street, and east of Grove Street. Environmental Determination: Discussion item only. The public draft Environmental Impact Report is available to review at project is not appropriate; website https://willitslanduseupdate.com/ or physical copy available at Community Dev

commercial development, as well as for open Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance space purposes, and changes to apply Land to participate in the public meeting, please Use Designations that best reflect the use and contact the City Clerk at (707) 459-4601. character of existing development within the Notification at least 48 hours prior to the City where the current Land Use Designation meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable accommodations are made to 4. Proposed expansions to the City's Sphere provide accessibility to the meeting.

our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free, with Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea. \$10; \$9 seniors; \$5 kids under 10.







### Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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HOW TO SUDOKU Department handled 45 incidents in this Sudoku puzzles are 7-day reporting period. formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 Summary of Active Investigations boxes. To solve a sudoku. the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column August 12 and box. Each number can 1:21 am: Officers responded to a appear only once in each disturbance in the 400 block of Mill Street. row, column and box. You can figure out the order 11:50 pm: ESCOBAR, Rutilio (59) of in which the numbers Willits was contacted in the 100 block of will appear by using the Alder Court following a disturbance. He numeric clues already was arrested on felony charges of evading

an officer (reckless driving), evading an provided in the boxes. The officer (driving on the highway in the more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve opposite direction of traffic), battery against the puzzle! an officer, and disorderly conduct (alcohol).

block of South Main Street

6:28 pm: Officers responded to a report

9:40 pm: Officers responded to a report

of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of

and issued a warning.

Spruce Street.

August 15

drugs).

Road

August 16

Commercial Street.

South Main Street.

and Arrests

August 13 **KINDERGARTEN WORD SEARCH** 2:59 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue and issued a citation. E С pm: Officers 10:01 initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Muir Lane. August 14 9:21 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street. 3:34 pm: Officers ITEL С F S I E R U S U O V R E N conducted a stop in the 800 **BIVO** 

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26. Macaws

29. Divinatory

34. Explosive

36. Sea eagle

of reins

(abbr.)

44. Actor Brosnan

Joseph

51. Swiss river

53. A French abbot

52. Mollusk

54. Hoagies

19. Volcano in the Philippines 58. Not present (slang)

14. Compensated

35. Follows sigma

37. Type of bread

39. Bit used with a set

40. Time away from work

42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)

45. It s part of packaging

46. Towards the oral region

47. Public Theater creator

48. Ancient Syrian city

41. Parts per thousand

24. One who publishes

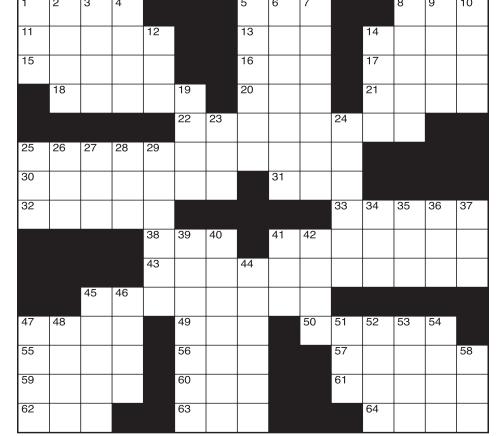
27. Matchstick game

28. We all have our own

25. Expression of bafflement



Y G P U A G S E T A M S S A L C T U A N





August 12 to August 18 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police 4:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of East Commercial Street

> 5:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

> 5:26 pm: THORNTON, Troy William (28) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street following a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

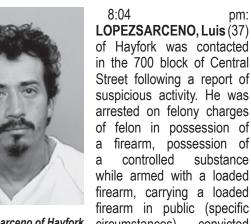
#### August 17

6:23 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street. 12:23 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 700 block of Railroad Avenue.

1:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Redwood Avenue.

7:02 pm: Officers responded to a 2:11 pm: Officers responded to a report disturbance near the intersection of Blosser of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of Lane and Franklin Avenue. Baechtel Road.



of felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm, carrying a loaded firearm in public (specific Luis Lopez Sarceno of Hayfork. circumstances). convicted

felon carrying a loaded firearm, carrying a loaded handgun (not registered owner), carrying a concealed firearm in vehicle with prior convictions, carrying a loaded concealed weapon on person, driving while intoxicated with prior convictions, violation of probation, and failure to appear, and misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

4:20 pm: HOOD, Jacob Isaac (47) of 11:12 pm: BRUNELL, Jessie Pearl Willits was contacted in the 200 block of (32) of Willits was contacted in the 400 Holly Street following a report of suspicious block of Grove Street following a report of activity. He was arrested on misdemeanor suspicious activity. She was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, and driving with a blood alcohol content of 9:40 am: Officers responded to a report 0.15 percent or higher.

of vandalism in the 100 block of East August 18







#### 2024 Harvest Moon Celebration set for September 21

The 2024 Harvest Moon Celebration is coming up on Saturday, September 21, from 2 to 7 pm, with live music by Soul Circus Band from 3 to 6 pm.

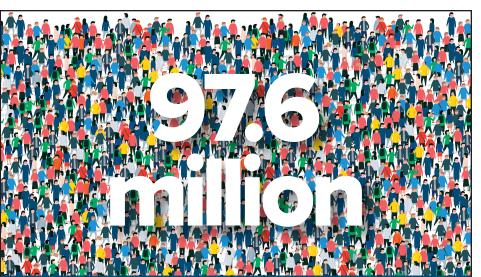
Held on Main Street in downtown Willits. between Wood Street and East Commercial Street, Harvest Moon Celebration is the perfect start to the fall season in our hometown!

Harvest Moon is a fun and free family event, put on by the Willits Chamber of Commerce. It features a Kid Zone with bounce houses, live music, food, shopping, lots of vendors, more family activities, and local eats goodies for everything.









## Those interested in being a vendor at

Harvest Moon should request a Vendor Packet by email info@willits.org or by phone: 707-459-7910, download a packet online at willits.org, or pick-up a vendor packet at the Willits Chamber of Commerce office at 299 East Commercial Street (in the

Skunk Train Depot). The vendor fee is \$40 for a 10' x 10'

space. No fee for nonprofits, churches, service/informational groups, schools, and Silver thru Platinum members of the Willits Chamber.

> – Misty Johnson, coordinator, Willits Chamber of Commerce



#### 50. S. American rodents **CLUES ACROSS** 55. Swedish rock group

1. Unequaled 56. Influential American 5. \_\_-fi (slang) president 57. Volume 8. Synthetic resin 59. Begged 11. Chadic language Bura-60. Resinlike substance 13. Influential come secreted by certain lac Election Day insects 14. Bucket 61. Spiritual leader of 15. European river a Jewish congregation 16. Earn a perfect score 62. Good friend 17. Horizontal passage 63. Body part 18. Barely sufficient 64. Tableland 20. Dekaliter **CLUES DOWN** 21. Goo Goo Dolls hit 22. Australian city 1. Barrels per day (abbr.) 25. Female servants 2. Body parts 30. Plumbing fixtures 3. Invests in little enterprises 31. Tooth caregiver 4. Rock legend Turner 32. Book of Esther antagonist 5. Dug into 33. Say aloud 6. Laughed 38. Thyrotrophic hormone 7. Northern European nation 41. Absolute 8. San Diego ballplayer 9. Eight 43. Untimely 10. Substitutes (abbr.) 45. Area or neighborhood 12. Moved swiftly on foot 47. Juicy fruit

49. Expresses distaste,

disapproval

12:37 pm: Officers initiated a fraud 12:48 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of South Main investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Street

5:14 pm: Officers responded to a 1:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of disturbance in the 100 block of Sandy Elm Lane. Avenue.

#### Fatal accident south of Willits

#### Submitted by CHP Ukiah

On Saturday, August 17, 2024, at fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased approximately 12:40 pm, in cloudy and at the scene by medical personnel. The raining conditions, a 2006 Chevrolet was CHP report indicates "no" in the "safety being driven south on US-IOI south of equipment used" section. Ridgewood Ranch Road. For reasons still

The name of the deceased is being under investigation, the driver lost control of the Chevrolet and left the west road withheld until notification to family members can be made. Alcohol or drug use does edge of US-101.

not appear to be a factor in the crash This The Chevrolet overturned and came to rest on its roof. The driver, a 36-year-old crash remains under investigation by the male from The Dalles, Oregon, sustained Ukiah CHP.

#### Arson suspect arrested in Ukiah

#### By Sgt. T. Del Fiorentino for MCSO

On August 20, 2024 at approximately 11:04 pm, a sergeant with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office overheard radio traffic of fire personnel being dispatched to the 2000 block of McClure Subdivision Road in Ukiah, for a reported vegetation fire in the area.

Upon the sergeant's arrival, the fire was an estimated 10 by 20 feet in size and was burning in grass and vegetation along the roadway. Fire personnel quickly suppressed the fire and stopped the fire from spreading to nearby structures.

The MCSO sergeant and fire personnel from the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority began an investigation into the cause of the fire. A male subject was contacted in the area who was observed watching the fire upon the arrival of law enforcement and fire personnel.

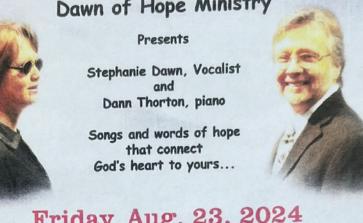
The subject was identified as Edward Charles Vikart, who is a 63-year-old male from Ukiah. Vikart was questioned regarding the fire and, as a result of the combined investigation and evidence obtained, probable cause was developed to believe Vikart was responsible for starting the fire in violation of 451(d) PC (arson).

As a result of the investigation, Vikart was subsequently placed under arrest for arson (451(d) PC), possession of a controlled substance (11377 HS), and possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 HS).

Vikart was transported and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for the above listed charges where he was to be held in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

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

# Dawn of Hope Ministry



#### Friday, Aug. 23, 2024 7:00 pm

Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church 399 W. Mendocino Ave., Willits, CA

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."

The go diagnosed, and control of your diabetes with regular care and screening tests such as the retinal exam, can give you enough time to change the outcome.



Scan the QR code or go to: dolhaveprediabetes.org



CALL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT (707) 456-9600 LITTLE LAKE HEALTH CENTER 45 HAZEL STREET., WILLITS

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Torth County 107.459.6224 mendocino.edu/counseling	help you succeed! With convenient hours and mult support you need. UKIAH CAMPUS Mon Fri.: 9 am – 5 pm Tue. & Thurs.: 9 am - 6:30 pm NORTH COUNTY CENTER Nicole: Wed. & Thurs.: 4 pm – 6 pm	Unlock Your Potential with & Career Counseling reer path? Our dedicated counselors are here to	Mendocino College students ride for free on Local 9 Evening Bus Service in Ukiah Submitted by MTA
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	m = minimum day, school ends at 2:10 p.m. e = early day, school ends at 12:18 p.m. E=Extended Learning Days 8AM-5PM	5	students. We look forward to seeing you on the Local 9 bus!

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#### A letter from ...

The Director of Willits Elementary Charter School **Charlene Bredder** 

Willits Elementary Charter School (WECS) is excited to begin the new school year. This year, our focus is "Student Voice and Student Choice," in areas of student leadership, campus culture, and in learning. Teachers are focusing on providing choice within content, demonstration of knowledge, and how students engage with lessons.

and the wider community through daily

responsibilities and projects that they

We will continue to hone our

implementation of a robust literacy program

that provides targeted interventions to all

students who need help with reading. We

are so pleased to see the growth of student

progress in developing reading skills and

will continue explicit phonics instruction in

kindergarten through third grade. We also

have strong small group intervention with

In math, we will focus on developing

ways for students to demonstrate their

thinking through math journals and

exploring mathematical problems to

promote critical thinking. We will use the

Big Ideas curriculum as a base to further

As in the past six years, WECS will

On campus, leadership

positions will give students

develop.

struggling readers.

explore concepts.

for our students, and our grains, proteins, fresh fruits, and vegetables. We are partnering with local farms to get locally grown produce that is used in cooking the meals. All meals are prepared Charlene Bredder. at Willits Charter School. We campus. opportunities to interact with their peers

as a community.

continue to be a sugar-free We are so excited for the upcoming 2024-25 school year at Willits Charter School! We will continue our focus on developing This year promises to be a empathy for others and responsibility for

offer nutritious meals to all

students free of charge,

regardless of income level.

We offer a healthy brunch

and hot lunch each day. We

are committed to wellness

remarkable one, filled with new our own actions. Students participate in opportunities for accelerated daily morning meetings, where problems learning and personal growth.

and challenges are discussed and we grow commitment Our providing a robust educational WECS continues to offer strong science, experience is highlighted by

Flex Block offers personalized

support, helping students

catch up in areas where they

may need extra assistance

music, art, and Spanish programs. WECS several key programs. We are has quality, low-cost before and after school proud to offer college dualprograms. Our Summer Fun program was enrollment classes, which allow very successful, with a space theme and high school students to earn loads of activities and projects that students college credits while still in Sarah France. targeted practice for students who are completed. high school, setting them on

a path to academic and career WECS is a free, public, K-5 charter success. Our Friday Academy school for Willits and other local school electives provide students with district students. the chance to explore a diverse We look forward to a year of joyful range of subjects and interests, learning, lots of leadership from our

enhancing their educational students, and new projects that enrich our journey with hands-on, practical school and wider community. experiences. Additionally, our innovative

In gratitude for the continued support of the Willits community,





meals focus on whole A letter from ...

The Directors of Willits Charter School

### **Sarah France & Erin Vaccaro**

opportunities to further their strengths.



individualized attention. allowing for a more tailored educational experience. This approach helps to meet each student's unique needs and fosters a more engaging and effective learning environment.

We look forward to another fantastic year of growth and achievement and are excited to welcome both new and returning families to WCS!

Go Sasquatches!

To learn more about Willits Charter School or to schedule a tour, please contact us at 707-459-5506 or wcs@willitscharter. net. Our website is www. willitscharter.org. We can also be found on Facebook.

Sponsored by the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church with services provided by Willits Family Dentistry & Implants, Main Street Barbershop, and 1st Nails Spa Hea **Downtown Willits!** 

Willits

Charter

<u>WELCOME BACK</u>

**SASQUATCHES!** 

**IMPORTANT DATES** 

Above: Waldorf students work on an art project, an important element of Waldorf Education.

#### A letter from ...

#### The Administrator of Waldorf School of Mendocino County

### **Maya Stuart**

As we gear up for the 2024-25 school year, we're excited to welcome the children back into our campus. This is a time for creativity and adaptability, and we're here to ignite a love of learning, and to support our students in thinking independently and engaging confidently with the world around them. We're also committed to modeling these qualities

ourselves, and the positive Maya Stuart.

our graduates, high school teachers, and

Since 1919, Waldorf schools have been

all about offering meaningful, beautiful,

and excellent education that goes beyond

just meeting economic expectations.

For us, education is a blend of passion,

imagination, care, and joy - elements that

parents tells us we're on the right track!

feedback we receive from

improve.

like cooking and cleaning. They spend plenty of time outdoors, gaining a deep respect for the environment, overcoming typical challenges of childhood, and

practical skills, setting them up to be active and engaged community members.

Waldorf Education nurtures the whole child-mind, heart, and hands-encouraging them to think, feel, and act effectively. Our graduates show a real passion for learning, independence, integrity, and a sense of global responsibility.

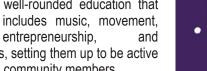
often aren't part of traditional classrooms. At We're accepting applications for the the Waldorf School of Mendocino County, 2024-2025 school year, from preschool we strive to make learning heartfelt and through eighth grade. If you're interested in engaging, so that children connect deeply exploring whether Waldorf Education is a with their subjects, and most importantly, good fit for your family, we'd love to hear with each other. We help students see the from you! Give us a call at 707-485-8719, world as something they can shape and email us at enroll@mendocinowaldorf.

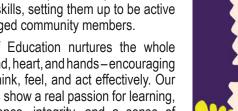
org, or check out our website: www. From preschool on, children at WSMC mendocinowaldorf.org to learn more and explore and learn in a nurturing, warm, and schedule a tour.

safe environment. They get to be creative Looking forward to another great school through play, stories, crafts, painting, and year! 1-707-485-8719 music, while also picking up practical skills

learning to assess risks.

By first grade, they start to link academic subjects to their creative experiences, making reading and math come alive. As they continue, they receive a well-rounded education that includes music, movement,







**NEW STUDENT** 

ORIENTATION

\*\*NEW STUDENTS ONLY\*\*\*

**GRADES 6 & 7** 

AUGUST 21ST

5-6 PM

Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Pg. 7

#### Sunday, Sept. 15 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

🗸 Dental care 🛛 🖌 Health screening Foot care 🗸 Massage Free Bibles & prayer Hair cuts

2024-25

YEAR

**NEW STUDENT** 

ORIENTATION

\*\*\*NEW STUDENTS ONLY\*\*\*

**GRADES 8-12** 

**AUGUST 22ND** 

5-6 PM

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Thursday, August 22 Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, Thursday, August 22, 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.

Evenings Thursday the at 474 East Valley Rd. - corner of East Valley & South Lenor Museum: Mendocino Countv look for WISC Center sign at the big parking lot For more information, call 707-456-9128 Museum Willits in revisits permanent gallery exhibits, 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 at the Museum. The Thursday, August 22 activity is "Printing on Fabric." 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included with regular Museum admission. Info: , museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

AUGUST

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Willits

ents will be provided

Willits Gem & Mineral Society Meeting: Join the Willits Gem & Mineral Society for a free meeting. Come talk rock with fellow rockhounds, lapidary artists, silversmiths, sculptors, mineral collectors, and crystal enthusiasts. Bring show and tell. Free cool rock to all attendees. Every 4th Thursday, this month Thursday, August 22, 7 to 8:30 pm. Willits Grange, 291 School Street.

#### Friday, August 23

Dawn of Hope Ministry: Dawn of Hope Ministry presents Stephanie Dawn, vocalist, and Dann Thorton, piano. "Songs and words of hope that connect God's heart to yours...." Friday, August 23,

7 pm, at Willits Seventhday Adventist Church, 399 West Mendocino Avenue.

Dallas Burrow Band at Shanachie: After many years singer/songwriter - and storyteller - Dallas Burrow, born and raised in central Texas, returns to Shanachie Pub with his band, Friday, August 23, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

#### Saturday, August 24

Mariposa Market 45th Anniversary: Come celebrate Mariposa Market's 45th anniversary on Saturday August 24 from 10 am to 4 pm at Mariposa Market, 500 South Main Street. Food Sampling, Music, Vendors, Kids Crufts, Sales, Raffles & Prize wheel.

Willits Community Garden Open House: The public is invited to an Open House / Tour, on Saturday, August 24, from 4 to 6 pm at the Willits Community Garden, near the corner of East Valley and South



What's Happening

Poet Laureate at the Muse: LocalLights presents the Poet Laureate of Mendocino County, Devreaux Baker, Saturday, August 24 at 7 pm at the Muse, 30 East San Francisco Avenue, Dave Pierce at in Willits. Devreaux is the winner of several national and international Writer/Guitarist/

awards and fellowships and has published five books of poetry. She is the first poet laureate for our county and this will be her first featured reading as the new poet laureate. An open reading will follow the featured reader. The event is free, donations appreciated,

**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: 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. www.mendocinocounty.gov/ Info<sup>.</sup> museum, museum@mendocinocounty. gov or 707-234-6365

The Willits Death Café: a place to talk about death and dying. Third Sunday of the month this month, Sunday, August 25. 1 to 3 pm. "Come all, bring your older and younger friends!" 2351 East Hill Road. Under the

Great Oak tree. This is not a bereavement support group. Questions? Email mere.melvin@gmail.com

#### Tuesday, August 27

WHS Girls Soccer: Willits High plays a home game against Fort Bragg High on Tuesday, August 27 at 5 pm. 299 North Main Street.

WHS Volleyball: Willits High Volleyball plays home games against Upper Lake on Tuesday, August 27. JV at 5 pm; varsity at 7 pm. 299 North Main Street.



www.Willits.org info@willits.org



Vocalist Dave Pierce at Brickhouse Coffee in Willits, Wednesday, August 28, 11:30 am to 2 pm, for an afternoon of originals and cover songs in a variety of styles - Light Jazz, Americana, '60s & '70s Pop-Rock, Singer/Songwriter, Blues, Folk. 3 South Main Street.

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#### Friday, August 30

Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library: This group meets monthly to discuss books, authors and genres, Friday, August 30, 12 to 1 pm. Come talk about why you love books! All adults welcome. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www. mendolibrary.org or 459-5908.

WHS Football: Willits High Football plays home games against Weed High on Friday, August 30. JV at 5 pm; varsity at 7 pm. 299 North Main Street.



moment into laughter. 'Steel Magnolias' runs August 30 through September 15, with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door.

> Los Guvs at Shanachie Pub: Ukiah trio Los Guys, formerly "Those Guys," "came together on the eve of 2020, trading an itinerant and aimless jam for something resembling sculpted songs in the course of their socially distanced sessions." Friday, August 30 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B Main Street.

#### Saturday, August 31

Paws and Tales at the Library: Animalthemed story time with special guest, Casey the therapy dog. Saturday, August 31, 11 to 11:30 am, All ages welcome. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908.

Claws for a Cause at Ridgewood Ranch: Willits Rotary Club hosts the annual Claws for a Cause event, Saturday, August 31, 5:30 pm, at Howard House, Ridgewood Ranch, south of Willits. A benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Dinner features Maine lobster and prime rib, live & silent auctions. beer & wine, and live music by The Back Porch Trio. Tickets are \$100 for dinner and a drink ticket, and can

be purchased at Willits and Ukiah senior centers, or online at www.seabiscuitridingcenter.org/events-1/ claws-for-a-cause-1, or by calling 707-391-3873 or 707-272-1918,

'Steel Magnolias' at WCT: The beloved beauty shop comedy-drama 'Steel Magnolias' continues Saturday, August 31 at 7:30 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Check Friday, August 30 listing for more details.

Richie Blue Band at Shanachie Pub: "Back to rev up your weekend with Twangin' Rockabilly, Cool Ass Surf. Rockin' Classic '60s, '70s Rock & Roll, and Boogie Blues. With Richie Blue, Doc Morse, and Frank Boen. Saturday, August 31 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B Main Street.



#### Sunday, September 1

your creativity!"

drop in!"

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THEATRE

57 East Commercial Street - Willits

707-459-6660

Cine Noyo! Movies in Spanish every Thursday.

This Thursday: Blink Twice - 4:30, 7:15

'Steel Magnolias' at WCT: The beloved beauty shop comedy-drama 'Steel Magnolias' continues Sunday, September 1 at 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Check Friday, August 30 listing for more details.

> Shanachie Pub **Ongoing Events** Shanachie Pub. 50 South Main Street

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

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

Wednesday Open Mic Night: Shanachie Pub

presents its popular Open Mic Night every

Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local

musicians and performers from around the world.

Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7

pm, you can be entered for the lottery. Lottery

determines order from which you pick your 20

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minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm.



#### SOCCER LEAGUE Willits Youth Soccer has bee educating soccer players since 1983 Shout out to our cor oaches that are keeping our prog alive for 40+ years! ITS NOT TO LATE TO REGISTER! 1 LMT With White Start playing this week! Skills & ball techniques Footwork exercises Strategy & teamwork exe S Fun games & matches



#### **CITY OF WILLITS SWIMMING POOL 2024 FALL SCHEDULE** AUGUST 19TH TO SEPTEMBER 27TH **MONDAY-FRIDAY** 6:00AM-9AM LAP SWIM 5PM-6PM AQUA AEROBICS



#### **ADMISSION PRICE** LAP SWIM \$5 AQUA AEROBICS \$7 **SENIOR DISCOUNT \$6**

WILLITS

#### ONGOING EVENTS

SPIRITUAL

PATHWAYS

Agape

**Bible Church** 

290 S. Lenore Ave.

Willits, CA 95490

Where love is first

Sunday Services:

10:00 a.m. - Worship

dult Sunday School 9:00 a.m

Info? 707-459-1905

www.agapebiblechurch.com

**Amazing Grace** 

**Assembly of God Church** 

803 Coast Street

P.O. Box 489, Willits

Worship Service - 5:00 p.m

Pastor Kris Strickland

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Church

of Christ

What must we do to be saved

Acts 2:37

1095 S. Main St., Willits

(next to Super 8)

(707) 459-5023

Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m

Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service-

6-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study-

7-8:00 p.m.

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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.mendocinocountv.org/museum

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

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

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

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



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into Romulus and (maybe)

find stuff to steal/confiscate

and sell to pay their debts

and buy their freedom. Cool!

Nifty! But not so fast: this

movie is named "Romulus,'

abandoned spaceship/

but it's also named "Alien."

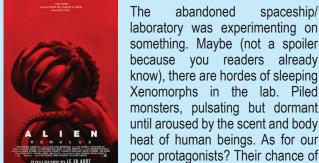
#### COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES **'Alien: Romulus**'

The Story: Time: The future. Place: A distant galaxy. Specific locations: A free floating spaceship/laboratory, and a godforsaken mining planet where all the inhabitants work for The Company. Everyone buys food and necessities at The Company Store. It's cruel and controlling, and no matter how hard and how many hours people work, they are always in slavish debt to the Store.

News comes to our protagonists: Romulus, a spaceship laboratory, has been abandoned and is free floating without a crew in empty space. Our protagonists think they can break



Dan Essman



survival is very low. Very very low. My Thoughts: The production is high-class. The actors are appealing. The Xenomorphs are as ghastly, bug-ugly weird as most readers will remember. Also, they still bleed some kind of acid which sizzles and dissolves everything it touches, except other Xenomorphs.

This is a scary, scary movie. I did have one problem with the flick. As our protagonists ran in terror through empty laboratories, clambered up and down ladders, and hustled frantically through clanging airlocks and the metallic nightmare corridors of spaceship Romulus - well - I didn't really know where anyone was going. I got lost. But maybe that's just me.

Parents: No children. Way too, too scary. Because: Monsters! Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by

the wisdom of the imagination.

Wednesday, August 28

History Makers at the Museum: 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 28 activity is "Book Press Printing," 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included with regular Museum admission. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays with your Mendocino County Library Card. Info:

The Aeolian

Trio at the

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September 6

Bruce Huebner and Tokyo

guitarist Koufuu Suwa join

New York percussionist Todd

Isler to form the Aeolian Trio,

reuniting ancient traditions

and bringing them into the

21st century with jazz and

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alcoholic beverages with

be served. Tickets are \$20

in advance online at www.

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'Steel Magnolias' opens at WCT: The beloved beauty shop comedy-drama 'Steel Magnolias' opens Friday, August 30 at Willits Community Theatre. Codirected by Kelly Kesey and Lisa Wilcox, the Robert Harling classic features the intimate and remarkable experiences of six women in their loving and devoted friendships while they gather together at the local beauty shop. They come to Truvy's for her true wit and uplifting spirit, and for the way she can turn a sad

3rd annual Little Lake Blues and Brews, August 31

The Willits Lions Club and Cosmic Pickle Productions bring you the 3rd annual free Blues and Brews concert at the Rec Grove in Willits on Saturday, August 31 from 11 am to 6:30 pm.

Blues & Brews features live music, a beer and wine garden, food, and craft vendors. Open to all ages.

Californian jazz group Come early for the opening act: Cynthia Dearman & Brothers and Aeolian Trio takes the stage Sisters in the Light Gospel Blues Ensemble. Next to take the stage, in the Great Room at the the Sean G. Lehe Trio. Headlining the show is the great Roy Willits Center for the Arts on Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings. Sound by Ancestor Radio. Friday, September 6, from 7 to 9 pm. Shakuhachi master

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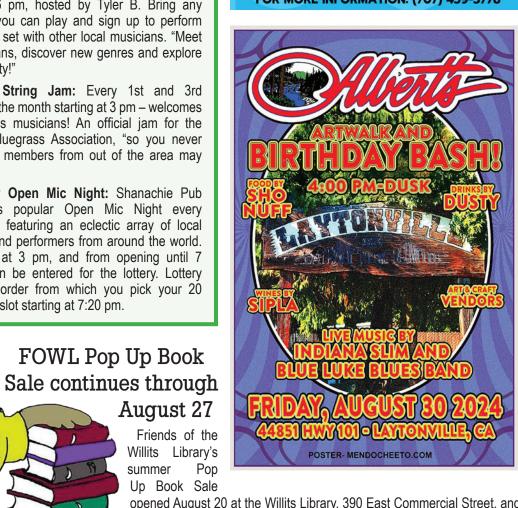
Come on out and top off your summer celebrating community good times with your Willits friends and neighbors! Interested in a craft

booth? Contact Virginia Jorge at (707) 495-5323 or vovo1944@ aol.com. Interested in a food booth? Contact Tony Madrigal at (707) 489-0104 or tonymadrigal36@yahoo.

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gmail.com

Saturday Scramble: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday FOR MORE INFORMATION: (707) 459-5778 from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any



opened August 20 at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, and runs through Tuesday, August 27, during Library open hours. "Come and find some great deals, support your library, and check out all the wonderful things the Willits Branch Library offers." All books \$1, including garden and home project books, as well as children's, fiction and non-fiction titles.

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Mon.-Wed.

4:00 & 6:45

No Thursday show.

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

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to noon. We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe". Topics will range and will be announced ahead of time."

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

Willits Walk and Talk: Join the Willits Branch Library staff for a 20- to 30-minute walk around the neighborhood. Come enjoy a little bit of exercise as well as some pleasant conversation. All ages are welcome. Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am; meet at the front entrance to the library, 390 East Commercia Tech Help: Now every Saturday from 11 am to 12 pm: Is your computer on the fritz? Want to install a new app? Bring your tech questions and get help from the library's tech savvy volunteer Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome!

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



Above, from left: In a moment of solidarity, Katharine Cole and Liam UiCearbhaill share a dance. KZYX has no shortage of swag to share with the people. KZYX programmer DJ YV also has a degree in drumming and has a show, "The Red Percolator." Below: Finn and his father, Jeff Shipp, have hosted shows on KLLG. At bottom, left: KZYX personality, Jim Beatty of the "Dancing Grandpa," came to enjoy the music and meet people from KLLG. At bottom, right: KZYX Music Director Katharine Cole brought some sound equipment to entertain the attendees.





# Banding Together

Party at WCA celebrates KZYX joining forces with KLLG to share Little Lake Grange studio

Those who listen to both KZYX&Z and out of the Carnegie Library Studio," said Willits' own local low-power radio station. Liam UiCearbhaill, who is a member of KLLG-LP FM, know that each has its the committee that oversees the KLLG operations and is president of the Little Lake personality Mathew Caine Grange, the organization that sponsors the and mission. KZYX eatures Write exists to serve the station. "Unfortunately, their roof has not willitsweeklv@amail.com been repaired consistently. The studio has entire county with news, music, talk, and National Public gotten rather wet the last few winters. They

Radio programs, while KLLG serves Little were looking for a new home for their Willits Lake Valley (and sometimes beyond) studio and, eventually, we got in touch with with programs of local interest and an each other. They will be using the Willits eclectic mix of music with over 20,000 KLLG studio. titles. Although the stations broadcast "We will be splitting the time using a

simultaneously, they are not necessarily in competition. Many of the inhabitants of Willits listen to both, in order to find shows that have interest to them.

at the Carnegie Library, which helps us Although KZYX&Z is headquartered and helps them. It helps in other ways as in Philo, they have programmers who well. In the recent Grange Fire, down in broadcast in several other locations in the Philo, they weren't certain that the radio county, including Willits, out of the historic station hadn't burned up. They actually sent programmers up to KMUD, in south Carnegie Library building on Commercial Street, next to the Willits Center for the Humboldt County, to do the broadcasts. Arts. For the last several years, the building Obviously, we would be a lot closer. has fallen into disrepair, especially the roof "We don't have all the technology that leaks in heavy rains, rendering the installed yet, but there is not a lot, basically studio within unusable. Rain and electronic

equipment do not mix. "For many years, KZYX&Z has worked

Read the rest of Over on page 15 Radio

Google Calendar," said UiCearbhaill.

They're paying us a minimal amount,

basically the same as they were paying



### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### WW501 WW505 **Fictitious Business Fictitious Business** Name Statement Name Statement 2024-F0360 2024-F0383 The following person or The following person or persons are doing business persons are doing business as Proto Pipe, 273 Franklin as Zipps Senior Assist, 4051 Fisher Lake Drive, Redwood Avenue, Willits CA 95490; Valley, CA 95480. 707-841-3104. Registered owner: Denise Registered owner: Proto A. Gleason, 4051 Fisher Lake Pipe LLC, 273 Franklin Drive, Redwood Valley, CA Avenue, Willits CA 95490. 95480 This business is conducted This business is conducted by a limited liability company. by an individual. The registrant commenced The registrant commenced to transact business under to transact business under the fictitious business name the fictitious business name listed above on April 1, 1977 listed above on N/A. FBN statement filed with FBN statement filed with the the Mendocino County Clerk-Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 9, 2024. Recorder on July 25, 2024. /s/ Phillip E. Jergenson /s/ Denise Gleason Publication dates: August 15, Publication dates: August 1, 22, 29, September 5, 2024 8, 15, 22, 2024

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#### St. John's Lutheran Church welcomes new vicar



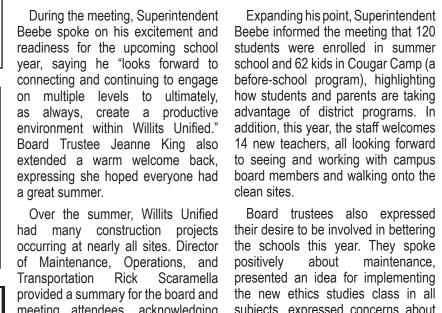
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This also raised concerns about

how technology is present in schools,

The rest of From page 1 Readv



to use phones while implementing 245 South Humboldt St., Suite B, Willits Board trustees also expressed their desire to be involved in bettering the no-phone policy without creating the schools this year. They spoke resistance. m not an attorney, and can only provide self-help services at your specific direction. about maintenance. A member of the public said: "We presented an idea for implementing as adults are addicted to [our phones] provided a summary for the board and the new ethics studies class in all as well. We're not separate from the meeting attendees, acknowledging subjects, expressed concerns about children," explaining to the board the he had "higher hopes we'd get more cell phones, and gave an idea of how schools cannot tell students to simply done." to introduce the elementary school "put the phones down." grades to music. Although there were many Superintendent Beebe agreed with this, the board construction projects Along QUNT reminding the meeting administrators consisting of several replaced floors, unanimously approved all items on **Mendocino County invites** that they need their phones the repainting of ramps and rails, the consent agenda, most notably applications for: to complete their jobs, further the installation of metal siding on the approving the intent to employ more staff for various sites across the complicating how they can implement gym and back doors, interior and Auditor/Appraiser exterior painting, replacing outside district. To bring the meeting to a close, the policy. The board discussed how \$68,515 - \$83,283 tables, replacing pool filters and drain there was an extensive discussion many parents are giving elementary **Community Services Officer** screens, installing a new kiln at Willits on the new district-wide Cell Phone schoolers access to phones and \$49,483 - \$60,132 High School, and more. A detailed Policy that all meeting members found phone-like technology because they **Corrections Deputy** important. presentation on this meeting's agenda are viewed as safety devices and how \$58,136 - \$67,308 can be found on the district website. the admin team wants to get this done Trustees backed the program and **Deputy Probation Officer I & II** Director Scaramella received many by thinking critically and proactively shared ideas for how it should be \$55,577 - \$74,505 compliments from the WTA President for the better interest of the students implemented; however, during the **Deputy Sheriff-Coroner** Brian Bowles and board for the work discussion, Superintendent Beebe \$84,323 - \$102,460 As the discussion ended, with done over the summer and how and the board realized that many **Deputy Sheriff-Coroner in Training** no real grasp on the situation, fantastic the school sites look. factors make such a policy very difficult Superintendent Beebe admitted, "I've \$25.33 - \$30.78 Hourly WTA President Bowles also to implement, hold disciplinary action Library Technician – Fort Bragg watched this evolution of technology,' for, and communicate to students and commented on the director of MOT's \$18.07 - \$21.98 Hourly and said, "It's a shame to tell you fantastic "attitude and interactions their families. **Registered Nurse** the truth, but on the upper levels, we with staff," addressing how "all things Superintendent Beebe \$78,977 - \$95,971 missed an opportunity to put this in our done behind the scenes directly affect acknowledged, "From Social Worker Assistant I/II [school] system in a healthy, effective the learning community." administrative point of view, if a way." Many ideas were pitched and \$41,974 - \$56,139 Looking forward to many things this student doesn't want to give us their Supervising Public Health Nurse discussed, but the board decided to phone, they don't have to give us year, Bowles is also working to work \$113,609 - \$138,091 continue this conversation and revisit together to better the community's their phone," and explained that the discussion at the next meeting. For a complete list of current job openings students proactively. "The students confiscating the phone would create and to apply: come first," Bowles said, "and the With more things to come, the board other problems with the policy if not welcomes everyone back to the 2024 www.mendocinocounty.gov/jobs district expands from there," with the set up where administrators can /25 school year in the Willits Unified seamlessly administer the policy tasks and initiative stemming from the EOE administration. disciplines. School District. PAILL TYAHPOSHFPKYGBSKF 5 6 8 3 9 ACE D H T R A N E I F T C U Y F B E F E SCAN J R Y V I E R I G B M D C Y E A Y 8 3 2 5 6 EDYLLNOITCUDORTNID AIDE VPIPDKDHET H A N D M A I D (VVPSDRACHSALFVAHEU 2 8 9 6

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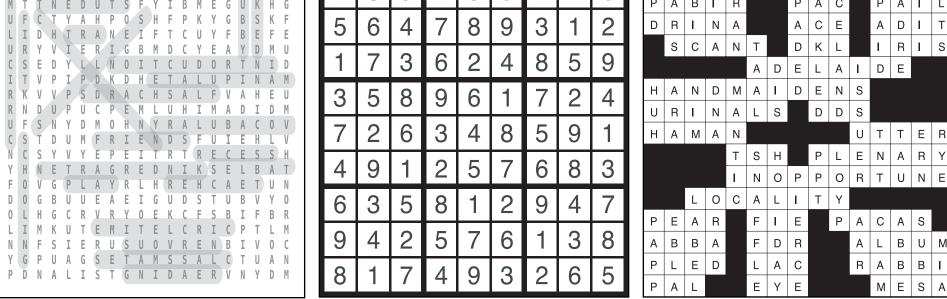
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personally by her nephew Alan Wagstaff.

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OBITUARY

#### Arlene Donnie Cader Wear

**OBITUARY** |

Monday morning, August 12, 2024, Donnie Wayne Cader, 78, of Willits was the doctor passed a stethoscope to called home to our Lord in Sacramento, on Arlene Wear's husband to hear her August 13, 2024. Donnie was the eldest last heartbeat followed by a whoosh son, born to Richard and Lavern Cader of air that carried her to heaven. on September 18, 1945, in Wildsville,

A Mendocino Community College Louisiana. He relocated to Willits later in graduate, Arlene taught reading at his childhood.

Brookside Elementary and Baechtel Donnie attended Willits High School Grove schools before becoming (Class of 1965), where he met and later a broker and opening Gateway married his high school sweetheart, Joyce, Realty. Active in the firefighter's auxiliary and local sorority, she also in February 1968. Donnie was a devout volunteered as a Camp Fire Girls follower of Jesus, a loving husband, lover leader. Her troop raised money to of the outdoors, camping, hunting, and fly buy gifts for children orphaned in the fishing.

Vietnam war that were distributed He was well-known for his warm smile and kind heart. He was a staple on Main

Always creative, Arlene enjoyed tole painting, upholstery, July 4th float Street in Willits throughout the years, where building, teaching her grandchildren to frost cookies with paintbrushes, and you may have seen him taking a walk to organizing kids' summer parades on Mendocino Avenue. She authored two the nearest coffee shop for a cup of joe to catch up with old friends, or cruising in his

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Roger Wear Sr., and her red Morgan convertible. He will be deeply children Coni and Marvin Dixon, Tami and Glenn Casias, Chris and Carol missed. Wear, and Roger and Patricia Wear. Her grandchildren include Windi Donnie has been reunited in heaven with Kvasnicka, Katie Gray, Adam Dixon, Benjamin Casias, Caroline Larrieu his wife, Joyce, father and mother, Richard Casias, Teresa Casias, Joseph Casias, Craig McCullough, Kira Wear, and Lavern, his grandparents, as well Jasmine Wear, Joshua Wear, Kristina Wear, Aaron Wear, Courtney Ayers, as numerous family members and close Jenny Wear, plus 27 great-grandchildren. friends. He leaves behind one son, Mark

An important part of her life, Arlene enjoyed the Christian spirit shared (Lisabeth); brothers, Bruce (Lynnette), through the Agape Bible Church where a celebration of life will be held later. Rick (Doretta), and Buck (Candy); and

From Arlene's writings on her love of camping: "Don't drown in a sea of two grandchildren, William Cader and plenty. Take stock with your life and see just what's working for you and Savannah Vargas (Gabriel), and two greatwhat you are working for. Then adjust things accordingly and don't hesitate, grandchildren, Arjuna and Dhruva, with for sometimes the only way to get anything out of life is to get away from another due shortly after Donnie's birthday it all."

next month. **Congrats - Anniversary** 

The rest of From page 1 Efficiencies

Next on the agenda was a board update on "Energy Efficiency Solutions," provided by Climatec of Valleio. Three Climatec LLC representatives, Bernadette Carter, Tyler Girtman and Jake Andriola, were there to provide the update on the progress of the Comprehensive Infrastructure Renewal and Resiliency Program.

In February, 2024 the district put out a request for proposals to solicit firms to partner with to find ways to improve energy efficiency for responsible environmental stewardship of district systems and facilities and to support long-term operations.

things.' Bernadette Carter stepped to the podium and identified the program objectives. "This isn't a final scope," she said. "This is a preliminary step, to bring everyone up to speed and to answer any questions before we get further along in the process. At the kickoff meeting with the district and staff, we wanted to identify what the priorities were: reducing operational costs. What are some things that we'd like to get out of this program, to help mitigate the impact of utility rate increases, to get some other infrastructure needs met.

"The district wanted to look at renewables and other technologies." Carter continued. "ways to get ahead of utility rate increases, address some deeper infrastructure needs, like what else could be bundled comprehensively here.

"There was an interest and need for funding. So, what alternative funding could be brought into this program to help pay for the infrastructure work to get done?

"To recap what's happened since our award," she said, "immediately, we began the utility baseline development. The numbers for this district is \$238,000 in electrical, utility expense. That's trending at about 12% over last year. If you look across the state as a whole, we are looking at about 60%+ increase from just three years ago. So utility

The rest of From page 2 Drought

like lighting, controls. There are thermostats Shortage Task Force Group. that can be operated from a phone that we Mendocino County's progress and can bring in that would be low-cost, very plans beneficial and efficient. Your SCADA system [supervisory control and data acquisition]

Since 2021, the Mendocino County control system is tough. Staff needs help Water Agency has been actively holding with that system. Water meters represent a Drought Task Force meetings to address water scarcity during the drought. In "At our last meeting we heard loud and clear grant from the Department of Water

about the wildfire concerns in this area. This Resources to facilitate the development is a high fire threat district. We are exploring of its county DRP, which commenced in some wildfire mitigation technologies that June 2024. may be utilized to see the feasibility of those MCWA hired a consultant that

specializes in water resources planning, Additionally, there were a couple of sites EKI Environment and Water, Inc., to lead reported where solar structures might be the technical development of the county placed, to get an idea of what they may look DRP like, and what it would take to get them in

place. A number of sites were explored, and Public engagement and development workflow it was mentioned that solar over the pumping areas would be tremendously beneficial in The development workflow of the

DRP includes four main steps: data collection, vulnerability/risk assessment, Climatec's Jake Andriola honed in on development of short-term response the funding sources, to furnish additional actions and long-term mitigation clarification, "A couple different programs that strategies, and plan implementation. are being explored are utility programs and These steps will be carried out with active incentives," he said. "Brooktrails qualifies public education and engagement, in for the SW Wise program. We are hoping to collaboration with water suppliers and maximize that one as much as possible. managers throughout Mendocino County. "On the federal side we are looking at the To ensure comprehensive community Inflation Reduction Act, a program that's involvement, the University of California Cooperative Extension will support

and feedback

focused on giving money back on renewable energy. That's a more recent program that's allowing for public entities to apply for what's called direct tax credit. The base grant is 30% reimbursement. Once the solar energy comes online, you can apply for up to 30% and that would be a direct check to the district.

challenge, and there's a need for updating.

"Brooktrails is also situated nicely," Andriola said, "because of things that are called entitlements. Brooktrails qualifies for an additional 10% due to being an [economically]

To kick off the initial development of the DRP, the University of California Cooperative Extension is hosting a Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan meeting on September 5, 2024, in person and via Zoom. This meeting will showcase the initial development of the DRP by EKI Environment and Water February 2024, the county received a and is an opportunity for community stakeholders to get involved.

The Thursday, September 5 meeting is set for 3 to 4:30 pm, at the UCCE / Farm Advisor Building in Ukiah-limited capacity please RSVP for in person or online attendance at https://surveys.ucanr.edu/ survey.cfm?surveynumber=43418

Why attend?

Public participation is vital to the success of the DRP. By contributing your insights, experiences, and feedback, you will help shape both immediate and longterm strategies for addressing drought

and water shortages. We seek participation from key community stakeholders, including domestic well owners, residents relying on local small water systems, tribes, and public water suppliers.

For updates and further information about the DRP process, please sign up for updates and fill out the public engagement form if you are a domestic well owner or connected to a state small water system. and facilitate public engagement. Two

public workshops will be held to provide Sign up for updates: https://www. mendocinocounty.gov/departments/ an opportunity to discuss the DRP water-agency/drought-waterdevelopment process and its results, conservation/drought-resilience-plan/getallowing for transparent communication drp-email-updates

Public engagement form: Furthermore, DRP agenda items will https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/ be presented at the Drought Task Force departments/water-agency/droughtmeetings under the General Government water-conservation/drought-resilience-Standing Committee meetings in plan/drought-resilience-plan-publicengagement-form

> For more info, visit the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan webpage: https://www.mendocinocounty. gov/departments/water-agency/droughtwater- conservation/drought-resilienceplan

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concrete driveway across the park, 25 rubber from recycled tires might be feet long and 16 feet wide, to access the available, though it, too, has a limited life pavilion. The pavilion would be located span closer to the northeast corner of the park (the corner of State Street and Marin Street) to reduce the loss of usable park lawn due to the pavilion and driveway. Director Duley said that the concrete

Previous plans to demolish the old restrooms and replace them with a new building, a popular idea when presented to the community last January, have been changed to remodeling the current building. Duley stated that the current building is sound and would get a new exterior appearance and a new more attractive roof. Duley said that the cost



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to replace the restrooms exceeded the available grant funds.

City Manager Brian Bender said before

the presentation on the plans for City

Park that two council members had been

identified as having a potential conflict

on the plans. and that "when we receive

our opinion on how to inform the council

involving the potential conflict, we will

For this August 14 meeting, Bender

said, the initial presentation would go

forward, and the city would note any

comments from the public. "although

there may be one or two council members

who may not be able to speak during that

The potential conflict of interest is

because the two council members own

property within 500 feet of the park

boundary. Mayor Saprina Rodriguez and

her husband own the preschool and three

businesses across the street from the

park. Councilman Larry Stranske owns

a commercial building on South Main

Street, between Flying Dog Pizza and

Kelly's Diner. Stranske told Willits Weekly

that he was puzzled how any plans for

City Park could benefit him as the owner

of a Main Street building a couple of

blocks away, and not even visible from

None of the council members spoke at

the meeting. Responses from the public

to the update presented by Director

Duley were few as very few people

apparently knew about the meeting. The

city mailed a Notice of Public Meeting to

residents and businesses in the City Park

neighborhood. Those notices, mailed

on Thursday, August 8, were delivered

on Saturday, August 10, only four days

before the meeting. One of the residents

who did attend suggested that, when the

formal public hearing is scheduled, the

entire city be notified, not just people

in the neighborhood. "This is not a

neighborhood park; It is used by people

from all over Willits."

discussion

the park.

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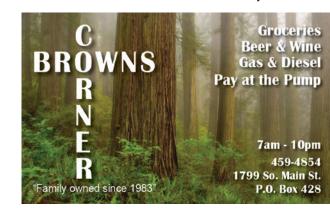


Above: A basket of summer squash, cucumbers, and zinnias picked at their peak. Harvest often for highest quality and steady production

Above, top row, from left: Beets are easy to grow and very drought-tolerant. This is Lutz, also known as Long Keeper. It can get very large and is very sweet. Calendulas are a flower that sprouts best in fall weather. They are edible, medicinal, and bloom whenever the temperature is above freezing. Plant now for winter and spring bloom. Photo by Karen Morton. This strange-looking vegetable is puntarelle, a type of chicory that makes a crisp, celery-like bulb. It is a winter specialty of the area around Rome in Italy. Photo by Brian Campbell. Cabbage is a high-yielding winter vegetable. For planting now, choose a fastgrowing variety.

Above, bottom row, from left: Cornflowers, also known as bachelor's buttons, are the perfect fall flower. They love cool weather, are a spectacular true blue, and bees love them. They last a long time in a vase and keep their color when dried. They're edible and sometimes used in teas. Collards are well-adapted to the Willits climate, both cold-hardy and drought-resistant. The Old-Timey Blue variety is also perennial. Carrots are a great fall staple, and planting now lets them reach maturity in the fall, when cooler temperatures develop their sweetness. This is Chantenav. a good choice for clay soil or winter storage. Cima di Rapa makes and you'll get a few leaves that never head up. a bouquet of savory leaves and buds that are a beloved winter vegetable in Italy. The overwintering type is ready for harvest in February or March, when the garden is mostly bare.

Photos by Jamie Chevalier







#### August: Plant once – harvest until spring

The cooler, moister weather this week is not just giving us a taste of fall - it is also giving us a chance to sow fall crops. It was hard to keep the garden green during the heat waves we had this summer, never mind tiny seedlings. Now, longer nights, cooler days, and moister weather gives us ideal conditions to start them.

One sowing of winter vegetables can feed you for months. Instead of a harvest glut Jamie Chevalier all at once, they offer meal after meal whenever you care to go out and pick them - and with much

less labor. Weeding and watering are minimal once they are established.

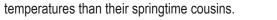
This is a busy time. But don't delay planting for winter. Spring planting times are forgiving: Start a couple of weeks late, and you'll still get tomatoes. Plant fall cabbage late,

A quick rule of thumb: Winter crops that make a flower head, like broccoli, a seed, like peas, a tight head, like cabbage, or a root, like carrots or beets, should be planted in August. Fast-growing leafy crops like lettuce, mustard, and Asian greens (as well as salad radishes and salad turnips) can be planted in September and still make a crop. Kale, collards, kohlrabi, chard, parsley, chicory, and endive are between the two: You'll get bigger plants and bigger harvests by planting now. Planting later will yield smaller, but still usable, plants.

Using the above rule of thumb, I'd plant broccoli, cabbage, carrots, beets, turnips, and peas as soon as possible. I'd plant kale, collards, escarole, parsley, and chard next. With each of those plantings, I'd include some lettuce, Asian greens, mustard, arugula, dill, and cilantro for continuous

harvest during the fall. A late sowing of peas for greens would round out the salad crops.

In September, I would do a large final planting of napa cabbage and other Asian greens. I'd plant a lot of winter lettuce as well, to cut continuously until hard freezes stop it. It's a good idea to plan now for these



Italy is a treasure-house of winter vegetables, most of which will thrive here in Willits. At Quail Seeds, one of our most popular items is the Fall in Italy Collection, which has seeds for five traditional vegetables, along with authentic recipes to cook them.

Chicory, radicchio, endive, escarole and puntarelle are highly varied in looks and color, but share a bittersweet flavor that's a great change from the cabbage/mustard flavors of many winter crops. They make other foods more digestible, and have a great affinity for cheese or pork. If you're having trouble imagining growing something slightly bitter, think of beer, coffee, Campari, or walnuts. All have a bitter edge that enhances the other flavors present. These greens are much less bitter than beer.

If you like bold flavors and Italian food, search out some seed for Cima di Rapa, often called raab in the US. The leaves and flower buds are used like broccolini. In southern Italy, Cima di Rapa is one of the most popular toppings for pasta, cooked with just olive oil, garlic, and perhaps a grating of cheese.

Tasting somewhere between broccoli and mustard, Cima di Rapa is actually a form of turnip. There are small varieties ready in 40 days, larger ones ready in 90 days, and some that overwinter to produce a big harvest in late winter/early spring. The kind I grow is the Seven Top Turnip, a historic heirloom variety from the American South. I plant now, and harvest for two months, usually starting in February. They make new growth much earlier in spring than kale or other overwintered greens. That's because they draw energy not from the sun, but from their large starchy root. They don't need heat to be productive.

Everyone has favorite foods they'll take a lot of trouble to grow. But that can't be the whole garden. We also need staples that grow easily in our somewhat difficult climate. We have neither the mild winters of the Bay Area nor the summer rains of the East. Crops that are well-adapted here will be our lifeline in hard times. They can be the basis for our own local food traditions. And they save us both work and money. Some of my favorite "Willits standbys" are shown in the photos this month. Email me at quailseeds@ gmail.com to let me know what you grow that's easy and Willits-adapted.







#### **Furry Friends** Hoping for a Home

Affectionate Steven Steven came to us semi-feral and took a while to warm up to staff, so he may be a little timid and shy in a new

Steven's

Animal

comes out



Ukiah, is open to the public from noon to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch from The rest of 1 to 1:30 pm) on Saturdays. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter. com. Call 707-467-6453 for more information.

#### The rest of From page 10 Radio

one rack of equipment. After the installation, they can broadcast from our studio as can we. The signal will go to our separate transmitters, or, if we want to, we can even do a dual broadcast. Their phone number will go into our studio. All of this doesn't take a whole lot of work, just a few pieces of equipment plugged into our internet.

To announce the plan of cooperation between the two entities, a dance and get-together was held at the Willits Center for the Arts on Saturday. Katharine Cole, music director at KZYX&Z, brought a sound system with her, as well as a few of the station's programmers, namely DJ YV, of "The Red Percolator" show and Jim Beatty, of the "Dancing Grandpa," an entertaining kids show on the weekends

"It was a no-brainer to contact Liam and Jeff and say, 'hey, is there a way to help you guys, split the internet cost, and have our programmers have a safe, dry spot, that's ADA accessible?" said Cole. "They've done a great job making their studio. We had Rich and Eddie, our operations staff, check it out and figured how, when our programmers come in, they won't interrupt the KLLG signal, how we can go separately on the air at the same time. We can help promote KLLG. Our tech people can help with any issues. It behooves us to help each other because we will be in the same space.

"Today is just about saying, 'Ta da! Yes, we're still here. KZYX is still here, and we like each other!' We can share programmers. KLLG can be a farm team for KZYX. There's a lot of incredible talent here in Willits and we want to tap that," explained Cole.

Jeff Shipp, program manager and sometimes programmer with "Remember the Revolution," which he creates with his young son, Finn, thinks the spirit of cooperation will turn out to be beneficial for both stations

"The hope is that over time we can do more together," said Shipp. "We're not really in competition with each other. They cover the entire county and we're a very small LP [low power] station. There are a lot of great LP stations down in Ukiah that work with KZYX. We're hoping to grow, and our little dance social at the Art Center is hopefully going to be a chance to shake hands, high five, and dance a little, and congratulate each other."

New programmer, Yiping Hsieh, who has a show about Buddhism on KLLG, and also is co-owner of Cocina Picante, provided chalupas for the attendees, along with her partner, Felix. The event was not crowded but those who showed up were extremely interested in the cooperative project and came to learn and spend a rainy afternoon dancing, talking and laughing





Above, left: Outside the gate, this gangster car - complete with bullet holes - is for sale. Above, right: Emily Ellickson-Brown answers questions about



At left, from top: The Carnegie Library, where KZYX has done some of their remote work would be difficult to bring up to standards

Yiping Hsieh, a new programmer and co-owner of Cocina Picante, supplied snacks.

Although not overly attended, the people who did come enjoyed the music and food.

Above: No, Liam UiCearbhaill of KLLG and Katharine Cole of KZYX did not coordinate their kilts for the event.

Below: KZYX Music Director Katharine Cole and Yvonne aka DJ YV enjoy a drum duet to the music playing on stage.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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To learn more about Hazel, 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.

#### Easy-going Rip

Rip is an engaging boy who loves to interact with people He is smart and an enthusiastic learner! In his previous home, Rip lived with

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Blackberry

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sporting a new white beard that seemed to frame his face as he introduced the variety of music, native prayers, and dancers.

The Round Valley Feather Dancers, who were comprised of the many tribes who inhabited the valley, were themselves a diverse group, with adult men and children in traditional feather dress and women in colorful garb. After several dances, performed to drums and whistles, they invited the crowd to join in one last dance, which many

were glad to do. The Blackberry Festival and the town of Covelo and Round Valley are filled with a colorful array of humans. Natives, cowboys, artists, and others who appreciate the uniqueness of this remote corner of Mendocino County, all come together for these two days to enjoy the cool, shaded setting, music, Indian tacos, and genial company.

The festival, as so many other aspects of Covelo life, falls under the aegis of the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library, who are responsible for building the library and other aesthetic pursuits.

"The library is the cultural center of the valley," said Pat Sobrero of the Friends, who worked the booth along with the Friends' president, Dane Downing, a recent Willits resident who has been with the organization for 40 years. "We have the radio station there. The Blackberry Festival is under the umbrella of the Friends as is the farmers market. The skate park project is under the umbrella of the Friends,"

One of the booths that is tied into the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library, is the skate park, which many people have been trying to bring to fruition for several years and now have some encouraging movement toward

kiddos, dogs and cats. Come meet







Above, left: Master dyer John Marshall has invited the Blackberry Festival to be held on his property for 41 years. Above, right: Marylou Mileck of the Blackberry Festival committee takes a moment to speak with Third District Supervisor John Haschak.

making it a reality for the youth of the valley.

"We're raising funds. We've been doing it for about two years," explained Jason Barr. "We started doing a once-amonth skate night. We get everyone together and set up a ramp and start to get some kids involved with skateboards, so they have some experience when we get the skate park. We've had great turnouts so far." They have enlisted one of the best skate park designers to help with the blueprints.

Another staple of Covelo life is the radio station, KYBU 96.9 FM, which built a studio next to the library. Through a generous donation, they have a full-power license but choose to operate as a local low-power station. The Community Foundation of Mendocino County donated funds for them to create an online presence at https:// kyburadio.org/. The station live-streamed the festival in its entirety.

John Marshall, on whose property the festival is located, is a master dyer of fabrics, mostly silk, from around the world. He is generous with his property and loves to meet the diversity of people who visit.

"The nice thing about the Blackberry Festival is that it brings culture and people from all over the state. It's not just local. We have artwork and cuisine from all over the world," said Marshall, on his front porch filled with fabric, Benin bronzes from Africa, Chinese and Native American sculptures.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak summed up how many felt about the event: "This is a great festival. There's something for everybody. There's great music. The food's delicious. And it's a great community activity."

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