

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Keep our park green

To the Editor:
Having the Farmers Market back in City Park would be nice, but the idea of a 40 foot by 80 foot metal and concrete pavilion in the park has not been welcomed by many Willits citizens.

Manager Micheal Foley fortunately has a solution that lets us have our cake and eat it too.

Forgo the pavilion and simply welcome the Farmers Market back to the park.
They are happy to move back to the park on the grass as before with their booths and shade structures. The trees on the west side of the park are now offering shade that would be a bonus.

Let's keep our park green and unpaved.

In his recent letter to the editor Market

Suzanne Beers, Willits

100+ Women Strong Gathering, October 1 at Barra

Submitted by 100+ Women Strong

100+ Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County hosts the next gathering on Thursday, October 3, 5:30 pm, at Barra of Mendocino in Redwood Valley.

The three nonprofits presenting are The Good Farm Fund, Mendocino County Youth Project, and Ukiah Main Street Program.

The Good Farm Fund, a program of North Coast Opportunities, run by volunteers, is dedicated to making grants to local farmers in need of special services, support, or equipment. The Mendocino County Youth Project, Youth and Family Services, is comprised of licensed therapists dedicated to supporting children and youth ages 0-25 and their families throughout Mendocino County and offers counseling, housing supporting mental health and wellness via a variety of programs. Ukiah Main Street Program's mission is to improve economic management, strengthen public participation, and make downtown a fun place to visit by such activities as recruiting new businesses, rehabilitating buildings, and expanding parking.

At the 100+ Women Strong Gathering, each non-profit is allocated five minutes to make a presentation and five minutes for the audience to ask questions. After hearing from each of the speakers, everyone who has made \$100 donation will cast a vote for the nonprofit of their choice. The non-profit with the most votes will walk away with \$10,000. Any donations above \$10,000 will be split between the other two non-profits.

Read the rest of

Women

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Office of Emergency Services booth at Redwood Empire Fair

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

August 13 – Personnel from the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services were on hand at the 2024 Redwood Empire Fair in Ukiah, staffing a booth from August 1 through August 4. The booth allowed the public an opportunity to interface with OES and learn about evacuation zones, safety, and disaster preparedness.

Residents were also encouraged to sign up for both MendoAlert and Nixle, Mendocino County's opt-in alert and warning systems. The importance of early notification, and therefore, early evacuation was emphasized. Handouts were distributed explaining what should be in a go bag, disaster kit, and what important papers/documents should be ready to go.

Fair attendees were able to test their preparedness

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Booth

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THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

September 2024 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

The board agreed with my proposal to uphold the original intent of the cannabis ordinance which is limiting a parcel to 10,000 square feet of mature plants. The controversy was generated by someone asking county staff why there couldn't be two permits per parcel resulting in doubling the cultivation size.

County Counsel's Office said there was no restriction in the ordinance language. Since this was a legal decision, I brought the question to the board so that the board could make the policy decision. I am pleased that the board unanimously agreed that the original intent will be maintained.

In the final vote for the supervisorial raises, I voted no. Since we do have a structural deficit at this time because we used one-time-only money to balance the budget, I proposed that we wait on our increase until we have a balanced budget without using one-time only money. The vote was 3-2 in favor of implementing it now.

County finances are becoming clearer. There have been six audits in the last year. In the fiscal year 21-22 there were four audit findings. In 22-23, there were none. We are looking to close the books on fiscal year 23-24 in the next couple of months.

The groundbreaking for the Psychiatric Hospital Facility in South Ukiah was on August 21. The funding comes from the Measure B tax. Former Sheriff Tom Allman who was instrumental in the passage of Measure B spoke about the need for this service in our county instead of transporting patients in crisis to far-off locations.

Originally budgeted at \$19.5 million, I was expecting with inflation for it to cost

\$22 million or so by the time it is finished. Instead the county received a grant for \$9.6 million and the construction bid came in at \$13.5 million. This means that there will be more Measure B money for drug and alcohol treatment and other needed programs such as the mobile crisis outreach unit which is currently operational 24/7.

Planning and Building Services brought forward amendments to the inland zoning ordinance. Changes included revisions to accessory dwelling units and tiny homes, change minor use permits to administrative permits, and adopt new streamlined requirements for off-street parking. Allowing low-intensity camping (a very limited number of campsites as an auxiliary use) and prohibiting digital billboard advertising were referred to the Planning Commission.

Congratulations to the Round Valley Library! It was recognized as the "Best Small Library in America" by Library Journal. The library is the center of so many community activities including but not limited to forums, seed library, radio station, debates, movies, and educational activities for kids and adults.

One key to the recognition was the work the library does in regard to resiliency and emergencies. It is a safe place, cooling center, information and awareness clearinghouse, and more. The library is certainly a collaboration between county, Friends of the Library, and community.

There will be a Talk with the Supervisor on Thursday, September 26 at 10 am at Brickhouse Coffee in Willits. I am available by email at haschakj@mendocinocounty.gov or phone at 707-972-4214.

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; \$7.5 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members.

Thursday, September 19: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, Carrot Salad

Friday, September 20: Chili Relleno Casserole, Rice & Beans

Monday, September 23: Meal Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies, Roll

Tuesday, September 24: Carnitas Burrito, wet w/ Green Sauce

Wednesday, September 25: Sausage Rotini, Veggies, Garlic Bread

Thursday, September 26: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf

Friday, September 27: 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, October 12 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.



Certified Healthy

The Munchery celebrates Blue Zones endorsement with complimentary, healthy small bites and specialty cocktails

"Today we are celebrating the fact that The Munchery is a Blue Zones approved restaurant," explained Blue Zones Organization Lead Michelle Hutchins.

Mathew Caine
Features Writer
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"A few months ago, I came into The Munchery and evaluated the atmosphere, the environment that the folks who work here create, as well as the food served. Our restaurant pledge has a whole series of best practices to help restaurants make healthy choices easier. They don't have to meet all the practices, just a predominance of them, a certain threshold of points.

"The Munchery far exceeded those points," said Hutchins. "They have vegan options which are sourced locally. They have 'small bites' on their menu, so if a patron just wants a light meal, they have an option to have a very small healthy meal."

Friday, September 13 was a lucky day for the people who attended the ribbon cutting and certification of The Munchery by the Blue Zones Project. Free small plates of Blue Zones recognized food were given out. There were two special mixed drinks which were both colorful and refreshing. There was a band, Latchkey, to entertain on the patio, and generally a good time to be had by those who made it to this celebration of good health.

The four free dishes included a Fall Salad of mixed greens, apple, pickled beets, goat cheese, and pumpkin seeds. A Blue Zone Mincestroe Soup had chickpeas, red kidney beans, cannellini beans, dinosaur kale, celery, onion and tomato. A Marinated Grilled Veggie Sandwich of bell peppers, portobello mushrooms, eggplant, poblano peppers and hummus on a sourdough bun was quite satisfying in terms of taste and texture. The Friday the 13th cocktail was a raspberry hibiscus margarita with black lava salt, and the Blue Zones drink had vodka, green apple, and lemonade with a float of blue curacao.

"In the Blue Zones Project, our job is to

identify restaurants, grocery stores, and work sites that affect a large percentage of the population," continued Hutchins. "I knew this was going to be a popular restaurant for Willits. I'm really excited to work even further with this restaurant because now that it's an approved site, we can hold walking groups that would meet at this restaurant, take a walk on the hospital path that also has the par course element. We can educate the public to what those par course elements are, and then we can come back here and celebrate what we've just done.

"Tonight, we're having the ribbon cutting," Hutchins said. "It's a formal moment to recognize The Munchery, their staff, the work that they did in the approval process. Blue Zones and The Munchery together are providing free food for the public that is Blue Zones inspired so the food element that got them approved will be free tonight to the general public."

At 6:45 pm, the official ribbon-cutting ceremony began with a few words from Hutchins, explaining to the attendees the work of the Blue Zones Project and how The Munchery fit into their list of criteria. After the talk, Hutchins called up Shauna Martin, owner of the restaurant and her daughter / restaurant manager, Marissa Grover, to wield the huge, oversized scissors to cut the ribbon and officially declare The Munchery as a certified Blue Zones establishment.

"The first time I heard about Blue Zones is when I saw that Dahvi down at Dahvi's Kitchen became Blue Zones certified," said Martin. "I know that it promotes healthy living in Mendocino County, whether it's exercise or food or positive relaxation. We fit in by offering healthy food and a place where you can gather with your friends and family. I've read about Blue Zones and the criteria for prolonging life. I was really focused on the food part. I love that having good friends, exercise, purpose, and

Read the rest of Munchery Over on page 9



Above, left: This book contains the criteria for selecting restaurants to be Blue Zones certified. Above, right: One of the two drinks created for the event was this cocktail called Friday the 13th, a raspberry hibiscus margarita with black lava salt. At right: Shauna Martin, owner of The Munchery, shares a tender moment with Blue Zones Executive Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea. Photos by Mathew Caine



VOTE 

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6th, 4-6 PM

CANDIDATES FORUM

FOR THE NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION

LITTLE LAKE GRANGE, 291 SCHOOL ST., WILLITS

AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM - <https://tinyurl.com/WillitsCandidatesForum>

4:00 PM - WILLITS CITY COUNCIL - 5 Candidates for 3 seats:
Matthew Alaniz, Thomas Allman, Gerardo Gonzalez, Robin Leler, Saprina Rodriguez

5:00PM - DISTRICT #3 CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2 Candidates for 1 seat:
Michelle Hutchins and David R. Strack

5:20PM - WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD - 3 Candidates for 2 seats:
April Lamprich, David Likier, Dianne M. McNeal

There will be time for audience questions (submitted in writing)

Tables at the back will offer information on other matters on the ballot

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

Forum sponsored by League of Women Voters of Mendocino, Little Lake Grange, Mendocino Women's Political Coalition, WELL (Wellness Economic Location), and Willits Chamber of Commerce

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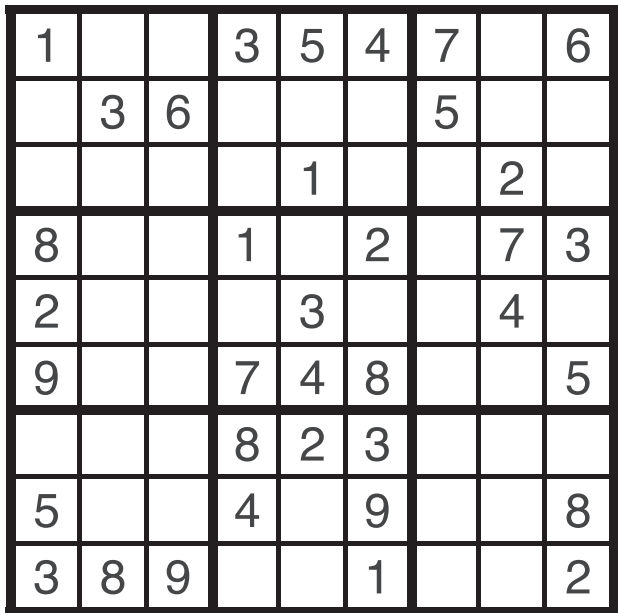
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Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



Level: Beginner

HOW TO SUDOKU

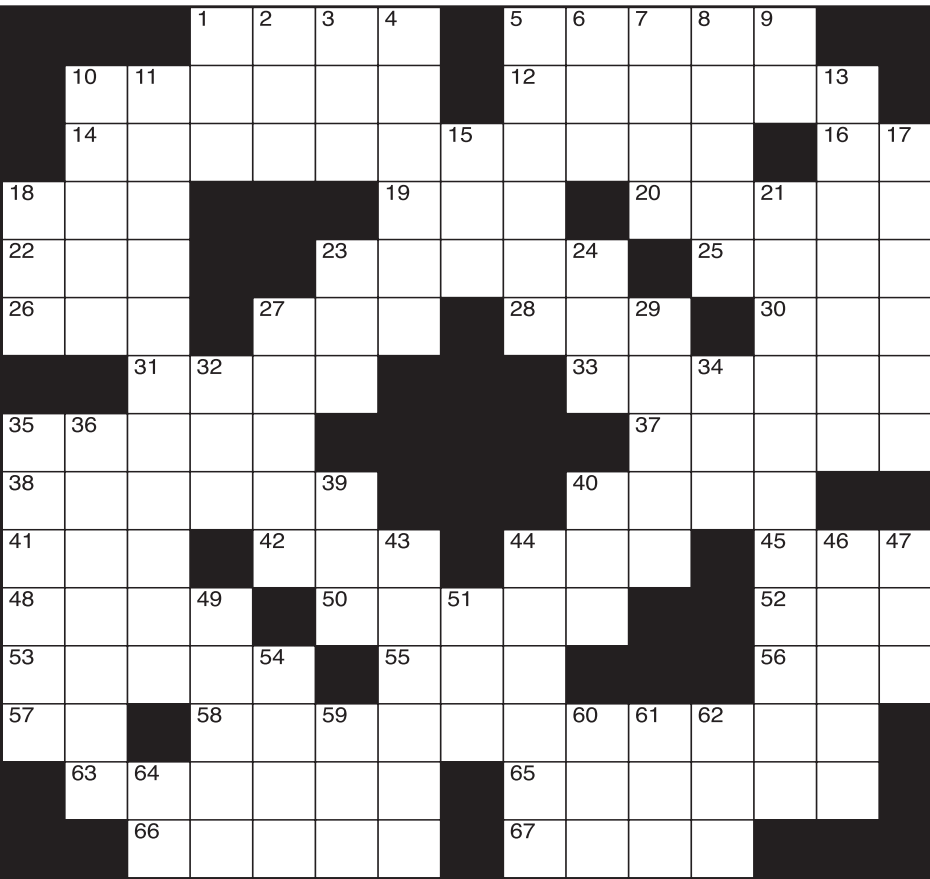
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

FALL SEASON WORD SEARCH

T L G W E Q U I N O X Y C R W A K K U N O Y
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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| AUTUMNAL | COZY | FOLIAGE | OCTOBER |
| CHESTNUT | CRISP | GOURD | PUMPKIN |
| CHILLY | EQUINOX | HARVEST | RAKE |
| COOLER | FALL | HARVESTING | SCARECROW |
| CORN | FIREPLACE | HAY | SWEATER |



CLUES ACROSS

1. Wrest
5. Russian river
10. Grupo Montpamasse founder
12. One who quits prematurely
14. Related to the nature of being
16. Early multimedia
18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
19. Tease
20. J.M., Irish dramatist
22. Pounds per square inch
23. Surrendered
25. Notable Dallas Cowboy
26. Dash
27. Man who behaves dishonorably
28. British Air Aces
30. Data executive
31. Spiritual leader
33. Flower cluster
35. Of the cheek
37. Tears down
38. Uncoordinated
40. Touches lightly
41. Soak
42. Founder of Babism
44. Not good

CLUES DOWN

1. Greenwich Time
2. Metropolis
3. Complete
4. Scheduled
5. One who obeys
6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
7. Days (Spanish)
8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
10. Tributary of the Alabama River
11. One who eliminates
13. Ballroom music
15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
17. Denies
18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. Make vital
23. Former NFLer Newton
24. Kashmiri tribe
27. Indigenous S. American person
29. Capacitance unit
32. MLB great Scherzer
34. Taxi
35. Bogy
36. Artist's workshop
39. Feline
40. Prosecutors
43. Freshwater perches
44. Young ladies
46. Whittles
47. Licensed for Wall Street
49. Type of gene
51. Express displeasure
54. Fly high
59. Norwegian krone
60. Investment account
61. Chinese surname
62. Language
64. By the way (abbr.)

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

September 9 to September 15

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **74 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 9

No incidents to report.

September 10

No incidents to report.

September 11

12:04 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

7:26 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street.

September 12

6:24 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Holly Street and Locust Street.

3:06 pm: HIATT, Rhonda Leanne (48) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

3:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

4:47 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

5:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of Pine Street.

10:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Alder Court and Alder Lane and issued a citation.

September 13

7:20 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

12:50 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

2:08 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of Mill Street.

3:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of North Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street.

4:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

4:17 pm: Officers responded to a report

of illegal camping near the intersection of Alameda Avenue and South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Alder Lane and issued a citation.

10:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Hawthorn Court and Hawthorn Lane.

September 14

12:21 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

7:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.

9:06 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:29 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

September 15

7:16 am: BERUMEN, Charles Dominic (34) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

2:42 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:50 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of West Valley Street and McKinley Street.

10:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

Editor's Note: The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office announced September 12 that arrestees' mug shots will no longer be posted on the Mendocino County Jail Booking Log. Older mug shots appear to be removed, too.

"Due to a recent ruling of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in the case of Houston V. Maricopa," the post on the "Mendocino Sheriff" page on Facebook reads, "the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is not posting photographs of arrestees on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office booking log website."

MCSO finds no evidence of shooting in Redwood Valley

By Lt. James Elmore for MCSO

On September 16, 2024 at approximately 6:53 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the 1000 block of Road B in Redwood Valley for a call involving suspicious circumstances.

The initial reporting party advised there was a suspicious male subject who was seen on their neighbor's property and was now walking up Road B. An additional reporting party contacted a Sheriff's Office deputy as he arrived in the area and advised they had observed a male subject breaking into a residence in the area.

Sheriff's Office deputies responded to that residence and observed signs of forced entry. Deputies searched the residence and did not locate anyone.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center began receiving additional calls from a male subject stating he had been shot. The male was not forthcoming with information and would not say where he was located or provide his exact whereabouts.

Sheriff's Office deputies continued to search the general area where they believed the caller to be located, based on the GPS location of the phone which was used to call 911. This location was further up Road B from the property where the subject was initially seen, and the location of the residence which had been broken into.

At approximately 8:20 pm, Sheriff's Office deputies were able to locate a 43-year-old male from Fort Bragg. The male advised that he had been shot in the leg while in front of the small, abandoned residence where he was now located. Deputies observed some type of wound on the subject's leg and summoned medical assistance.

The male subject advised deputies that two unknown subjects wearing ski masks and assault rifles had chased him to the location and shot at him while he was in front of the residence. The male subject was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment.

Deputies canvassed the scene and did not locate any evidence of a shooting taking place at the location. Deputies conducted further investigation to include speaking with neighbors and reviewing surveillance videos from the area and were unable to corroborate the male subject's claims that a shooting occurred or that he was shot.

Medical professionals were unable to determine if the injury to the male subject's leg was a result of a projectile grazing or some other abrasion / cut.

Based on the evidence located during this investigation and the inability to corroborate the male subject's claims about the shooting incident, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office does not believe a shooting took place and does not believe there are any outstanding suspects.

This incident is still being actively investigated, and anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at (707) 463-4086 or by calling the non-emergency tip line at (707) 234-2100.

Well, here's your official reminder to go get a mammogram

By Maureen Jennison

No, that's not a wig cap, that's my round, bald noggin.

I had a dream about six months ago to go get a mammogram, and I thought, "wow, a strange dream, but as I'll be 40 this year, I should probably get on that at some point." As life does tho, it got put off until I finally had some odd redness and prioritized getting it checked, and I finally had a mammogram on July 12. Turned out it was full on breast cancer - bilateral, and some lymph node activity, to boot.

Thankfully, the amazing Dr Kathleen Persky and Dr. Hengbing Wang at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley assured me that, as a young, healthy person, the diagnosis is for a fully treatable, beatable result, and fast-tracked me into treatment. I've completed my second of six chemo infusions and am glad to be one-third of the way done.

They are once every three weeks, with the last one falling on December 5. The three weeks after (the "conclusion" of the treatments) lands on December 26m which is the day between Christmas and my 40th birthday. A real Merry Birthday indeed.... Well, with good news it WILL be!

Meanwhile, I'm continuing to focus on having a good attitude about it all, realizing that it's all temporary, a small blip in time, and to focus on the things I can control. I'm putting all my faith in modern medicine and the continuing advancements of the medical community to get this dumpster fire of a situation solved fast and effectively.

My husband, Matthew, is getting time off work to come with me and take care of me, thanks to the amazing and understanding staff and coworkers at the United States Post Office, and is being an amazing help, incredible househusband, my total rock,

and a total trooper through this hard left turn in our lives. Denise and the Caring Kitchen crew and Jill and Mayte of the Cancer Resource Centers have been so amazing to have on our team from the very start; GamGam and Topah for being there every step of the way; Judy's magical cooking skills; Joshi's and Yolanda's magical cleaning skills; Shawna and Izzy's magical hands; Rosanna's, Saprina's and the I.S. staff's magical toddler assistance; Danya, my sister-from-another-mamma-and-mister's amazing heart and friendship; Lockwood's invaluable real-time co-miseration and understanding; Christina and Dane's magic barbering skills; Gracie's magic big sister skills; Mike and his magical jewelry replacement skills; all of you and your magical kind words and support on the email/messenger/text update thread; the school staff and admins and the whole North Coast Network Adventist Health marketing crew for your flexibility and understanding for all the schedule shuffles; and Jennifer Poole who promises it'll be OF if we take a newspaper break if needed, though I'm doing my best to refuse to let her, and the rest of the Willits Weekly community, down by needing to do so. Despite some late posts. Sorry about that.

Thank you to everyone else who's reached out and offered to help in any number of ways, to bring more food, to show all the support, it's all so wonderful, and thank you so much for everything.

I am happily throwing myself into work, and grateful to be functioning for the most part, a few sleepy days after treatment seems to be the norm, which is OK with me.

Excited to do surgery in the new year (even with our \$\$\$ deductible resetting),



Above: Matthew my amazing husband gives the best foot rubs, mid-infusion. At right: Hey, at least I'm saving on shampoo.



which is recommended with a wonky gene that runs in my family, and to get to have eighth-grade, cute, perky, happy C-cup boobs once again. I've also been told that it's likely for dark wavy hair to regrow on my head too, so that's hopefully exciting. Mermaid hair, here I come.

Silver linings, eh?

So, let this be a warning, a motivator, and an unignorable "dream" moment for you: Go get scheduled to be seen - mammogram, colonoscopy, annual, pap, whatever. I PROMISE it's better to know now and get things solved fast before it becomes a real problem. (This has easily become a 0/10, do not recommend situation.)

Here's three amazing medical professionals who I cannot recommend enough and who will be happy to help you in every way:

Dr. Jodi Parungao just moved up to Long Valley Health Center in Laytonville and is one of the BEST docs! She's amazing, kind, caring, understanding, and taking

appointments. She helped deliver Maggie and is hands-down fantastic. 707-984-6131.

Dr. Cameron MacInnis is a great doctor at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, is amazing, and has seen me, Matt and Maggie. He has a wonderful bedside manner and is really nice, calm, and understanding. If you prefer a male provider, give him a call!! 707-463-7495.

For women's health specifically, the incomparable Carolyn Wyatt, who works as a nurse practitioner at the Ukiah and Willits branches of Little Lake/Hillside Mendocino County Health Centers Care for Her. She, too, was there when Maggie was born, and I can't have imagined my medical journey thru my life without her. She's the most caring, wonderful person, and I can't recommend her enough. 707-468-1010.

I'm so grateful that we can take care of each other, so we can also have the ability to take care of ourselves. Thank you to everyone over again who's helping make that happen. I still have a lot of things to do, and am going NOWHERE.

Love to you all.

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Thursday, September 19

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Tastes like Chicken at Shanachie: A local Willits band, a "high energy, rocking good band, with an excellent selection of covers and originals guaranteed to get you moving!" Friday, September 20 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Willits Branch Library with a special performance by the Ballet Folklorico dancers of Mendocino College. Saturday, September 21, from 1 to 1:30 pm. The performers will talk about their costumes and what the dance means to them. They will even teach audience members a few dance moves too! 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908

Harvest Moon Celebration: the annual Willits celebration takes place 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 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 and goodies.

What's Happening Around Town

Harvest Moon Celebration
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Selassie at Shanachie: hip-hop artist, part of the #FriscoFive, social justice activist, and event producer Selassie stops in Willits on his 2024 conscious hip hop tour, also making stops in San Clemente, Los Angeles, Vallejo, San Francisco, Eugene, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, too Saturday, September 21 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, September 22

Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join your friends at the monthly Little Lake Grange Breakfast on Sunday, September 22, from 8 to 11 am. "Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods: All you can eat pancakes (choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free), Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Salsa on each table from Cocina Picante, known to Willits Farmers Market customers, Real Butter, Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea." \$10, \$9 for seniors, \$5 children under 10. Also: extra sides of Organic Fruit \$2, Amish Organic Maple Syrup \$1, Fresh-made fruit syrup \$1, Extra Beepers Bacon \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of Main Street).

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Wednesday, September 25

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 September, the exhibit is "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit at the Museum.

The Wednesday, September 25 activity is "Twist it: 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: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365

Dave Pierce at Brickhouse Coffee: Join Writer/Guitarist/Vocalist Dave Pierce at Brickhouse Coffee, on Wednesday, September 25, 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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Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library: This group meets monthly to discuss books, authors and genres, Friday, September 27, 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.

Willits Senior Center & The Willits Lions Present: **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner**

A Benefit for Harrah's Senior Center

Friday, September 27, 2024 | 5pm till 6:30 pm

Willits Senior Center | 1501 Baechtel Road | Willits, CA

Pre-Sale Tickets Only | Price \$40.00 (dinner for 2)

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Purchase Tickets at Willits Senior Center

Benefit Dinner: Willits Senior Center and the Willits Lions Club present a fundraising Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner to benefit the Senior Center.

Friday, September 27 from 5 to 6:30 pm at the center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pre-Sale tickets only: \$40 for dinner for 2: 1/2 Barbecued Chicken; Cole Slaw; Calico Beans, Rolls, and Brownies. Delivery options in the Willits area, too! Buy tickets at the Senior Center or online at www.paypal.com/mcp/payment/HEH94X36D9CWN Leave name, phone and delivery address. Questions? 707-459-6826.

Brooks Forsyth at Shanachie: an American musician and songwriter from Boone, North Carolina. Forsyth's musical style includes flatpicking and finger-picking, and encompasses a variety of genres, particularly within Americana: folk, country blues, bluegrass, and roots-rock; along with components of jazz and contemporary rock. Friday, September 27 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Funkacillin at Shanachie: Celebrate Virgos before it's too late, at Funkacillin's Delinquent Virgo Party, with a mix of originals and old school funk, rock and soul ... that will have you flashin' back to the days of paisley prints and platform shoes." Friday, September 27 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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2nd annual Friends of the Museum Fall Fest

Come join the Friends in celebrating the Mendocino County Museum and our great community! Our 2nd Annual Friends Fall Fest is coming up on Saturday, October 5 and features food, live music by 2 Much Fun, and friends, 400 East Commercial Street. Admission is free for current member of Friends of the Museum; memberships start at \$20; join online <https://mendocinocountymuseumfriends.org/> or at the door. "Your membership supports the Museum's efforts in preserving and sharing Mendocino County history with our community."

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

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

Senior Dance Hall: Willits Library has resumed the Senior Dance Hall, Fridays from 2 to 3 pm. Seniors ages 55 and older are invited to bring your dancing shoes to enjoy jazz, pop, swing, and ballroom selections. Don't feel like dancing? Please come and enjoy the music, catch up with friends new and old, and share some light refreshments.

Story Time: Friday mornings each week, 10:30 to 11 am. 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."

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!

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

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

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

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

'Speak No Evil'

The Story: Horror story, psychological thriller. (Some unavoidable spoilers ahead.) Meet Louise and Ben Dalton: an upper-middle-class Tesla-owning couple with mostly unspoken marital stresses, possible infidelity, and an emotionally fragile daughter. They are on holiday. They meet Paddy (James McAvoy). He is charismatic and charming. Because this is a movie, we all recognize that Paddy is a smirking psychopath, but the Daltons do not.

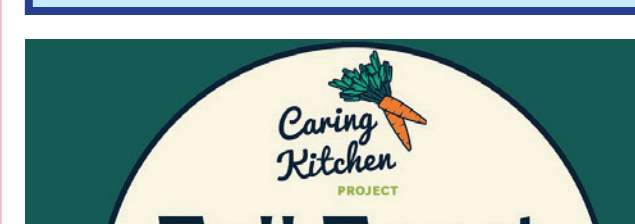
Paddy owns a sexy-preppy, but vaguely too young wife, Ciara (Aisling Franciosi), and also a quiet little boy (Dan Hough). He's quiet because he's mute. Paddy invites the Daltons to his farm in rural England, where there is no cell phone service. It's a spider/fly situation. The poor Daltons are in trouble.

My Thoughts: I was entertained, and I have a prediction: The audience will be sitting there in the dark in their comfy velvet theater seats, and all and everyone will be frantically screaming at the movie screen (but silently because we're polite) to those feckless Daltons, "Don't go! Get out!" And all and everyone will be certain as their blood pressure rises that cathartic violence is inevitable.

This flick reminds me of another movie which I recommend most highly: director Sam Peckinpah's infamous 1971 high action, home invasion flick "Straw Dogs," starring young Dustin Hoffman. It is available to be streamed.

Parents: No children. Rated R, this flick has terror, some brief sex, considerable violence, and some of the violence aimed directly at children.

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



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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@f2foodbank.org; 707-964-9404

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

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

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

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

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.

Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the library. Call or email to make an appointment: LiteracyWillits@gmail.com or 707-456-7729

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100+ Women Strong Gathering, October 1

100+ Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County hosts the next gathering on Thursday, October 3, 5:30 pm, at Barra of Mendocino in Redwood Valley. The three nonprofits presenting are The Good Farm Fund, Mendocino County Youth Project, and Ukiah Main Street Program.

At the 100+ Women Strong Gathering, each non-profit is allocated five minutes to make a presentation and five minutes for the audience to ask questions. After hearing from each of the speakers, everyone who has made \$100 donation will cast a vote for the nonprofit of their choice. The non-profit with the most votes will walk away with \$10,000. Any donations above \$10,000 will be split between the other two non-profits.

For more information and to become a member of 100+ Women Strong for Inland Mendocino County visit <https://communityfound.org/community/leadership-projects/100-women-strong-inland-mendocino/> or call Karen Christopherson, 707-272-5570.

WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS Presents

3rd Annual HALLOWEEN GALA

An eerie evening for everyone over 21

Oct. 19th 7pm - 11pm

Silent Auction Bar Bites Costume Contest

Live Music by Steven Bates Band

\$30 for one Save the Date \$50 for two

WCA Halloween Gala, October 19

Willits Center for the Arts will kick off the Halloween season with its 2024 Halloween Gala, "an eerie evening for everyone over 21," on Saturday, October 19 from 7 to 11 pm. Rock out with the Steven Bates Band, win a prize with your spooky costume, enjoy yummy bar bites and splendid libations! Support your Art Center Fundraiser.

Tickets to benefit the Art Center are \$30/each or 2 for \$50. For more info or to buy tickets online, visit <https://www.willitscenterforthearts.org> and click the "Buy tickets" button under the Gala info.

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Above, from left: Kate Black's mastery of the guitar is evident in most of the songs the pair plays. The Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church assists with several causes, including raising money for the food bank and Willits Daily Bread. Anita Blu sings the melody to a Joni Mitchell song. At right: About 40 people sit, transfixed, while the Harmony Keepers entertain with mostly Joni Mitchell classics. Below, left: This lovely hand-painted canister is one of the silent-auction items for the attendees to bid on. Below, right: Bill Bruneau and his wife, Pastor Betsy Bruneau, stand in front of the church's natural wooden cross.



Above: The Harmony Keepers, Anita Blu and Kate Black, mesmerize the audience with their stellar harmonies; Blu sings the melody while Black sings the harmony. Below: The Harmony Keepers receive one of two standing ovations from the appreciative audience.



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Harmony Keepers

Anita Blu and Kate Black perform benefit concert for Willits Daily Bread

Last Sunday, September 15, approximately 40 lucky people got a musical treat, along with some tasty soup and fresh bread. The Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church was host to the intricate and skillful music of the Harmony Keepers. The duo, made up of Anita Blu and Kate Black, generously lent their time and talents to the fundraiser for Willits Daily Bread. In addition to raising money for this cause, Saint Francis also provides housing for the Daily Bread from which to operate, make and distribute meals four days a week.

"This is a benefit for Willits Daily Bread," said Bill Bruneau, an active member in the church. "The Episcopal church here in Willits is sponsoring this concert. It's free with donations. The Willits Daily Bread, for their part, are selling \$5 dinners of soup and bread, concurrently with the concert, and they're usually sold out at the end. It's a taste of what they do for anybody who wants to show up and eat, Monday through Thursday. You show up, they feed you, no questions asked, to provide people with something warm and nourishing. They are balanced meals with some fruit, dessert, the whole thing.

"On Saturdays, there is a rotating program of bag lunches in City Park, across from the fire station," said Bruno. "There is still a hole on Fridays and Sundays that we are working on. For right now, that is what we can do. The food bank is in continued danger. They're struggling to have enough money to continue on. The food bank in Sonoma was bringing up food twice a month and people would line up for hours by the library. They're not doing that anymore. Willits Daily Bread needs these benefits to keep going."

On the patio, where the soup and bread were being served, two tables were set up to accommodate a silent auction of an eclectic mix of donations: an electric lap guitar, a flowery canister, a watercolor painting, a Saint Francis statue, Claudia Wenning Quantum Level Health salves and tinctures, a serving plate, scarves, a plate of brownies, a create-a-cookie kit, a shiatsu neck and back massager, and a stew pot were all up for bid.

The aptly named Harmony Keepers received two



standing ovations at the end of their two sets, as the attendees showed their appreciation of the mostly Joni Mitchell repertoire sung with sweet harmonies and accompanies by Blu on the keyboards (and bells) and Black playing a variety of guitars (in different tunings) and a dulcimer. They also performed songs from Elton John, Carole King, James Taylor and Leonard Cohen.

"When Anita and I got together, a few years back, she contacted me initially to do some jazz together," mused Black. "I said 'great!' But then, here came the pandemic and there wasn't very much live performing going on, so we went to the studio. We realized at the rehearsals that we both really like the music of Joni Mitchell and Anita knew some wonderful keyboards to Joni's songs. I had a couple on my guitar of the open tunings. During the pandemic, we really kind of honed that and decided we would do a tribute to Joni Mitchell.

"What we did when we were trying to figure out a name for our group," explained Black, "we made out long lists of possibilities for our name. We can't remember which one of us came up with the name Harmony Keepers, but it was good. We picked that because that is really our forte, the harmonies that we do together. We find that our voices lock together pretty well with harmonies and we really enjoy that.

"We wanted to do the benefit today because it is such a worthy cause," added Black. "Willits Daily Bread serves people who are going through a rough patch. Can't we all relate to that in different ways? We heard that the church had done some benefits, so I spoke with Bill and Betsy [Bruneau] and offered to do a benefit concert, we would be really happy to support Daily Bread because we were very happy and appreciative about what they do in the community."

Cindy Savage, executive director of Willits Daily Bread, spoke about the need for funding: "We always need money to operate. It costs a lot to do this stuff. Rent, garbage is over \$100 a month. They pick up once a week and I pay over \$100 for that. Then, insurance, workman's comp, all this stuff. Counting myself, we have four paid employees. When we file our taxes, we have to pay \$90 to a middle person, online, to e-file the returns. I have to pay the Department of Justice \$50, just to exist. There are all these little fees, nickel and diming us. It's weird how much we have to pay to exist. We average around 50 to 60 people we feed each day, four days a week."

"Food is a really basic human need," said Black. "You can't think or make decisions or get anywhere if you're hungry." The Harmony Keepers can be heard at Brickhouse Coffee every third Wednesday, noon to 2 pm.

For further information on Willits Daily Bread, visit their Facebook page or call 459-3947; for Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, visit their Facebook page or call 459-0688.

The rest of **Munchery** | From page 3

healthy eating are part of it." Grover added, "The special menu for tonight is highlighting things that we already offer that are Blue Zones certified. We don't buy any pre-made sauces or soups or food. Everything is fresh. And we have vegan, dairy and gluten-free. We get most of our meats locally, as we do with our fruits and vegetables. We fresh squeeze our fruits to make juice. Even our alcoholic drinks aren't made from mixes that have a lot of sugar."

There are several factors that suggested The Munchery would be a great partner with Blue Zones. "They price entrees with plant-based proteins lower than their meat entrees," explained Hutchins. "In terms of side dish and ingredients, they offer a vegetable, fruit or 100-percent whole grain or salad as their default side dishes for all of their entrees. They offer whole grain alternatives. They source their fruits and vegetables as closely as possible to the actual restaurant.

"For dessert, they have an option that is just fresh fruit," said Hutchins. "There's a piece on education and awareness and their servers are trained to mention fruit, salad, and 100-percent whole grain offerings as the side dishes. They offer promotions and discounts on the type of food that we would consider Blue Zones inspired. They also allow patrons to split plates, at no additional charge."

To learn more about the Blue Zones Project, visit https://mendocinocounty.bluezonesproject.com/ or visit their Facebook or Instagram page. For information about The Munchery, visit www.themuncherywillits.com, or their Facebook or Instagram page.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

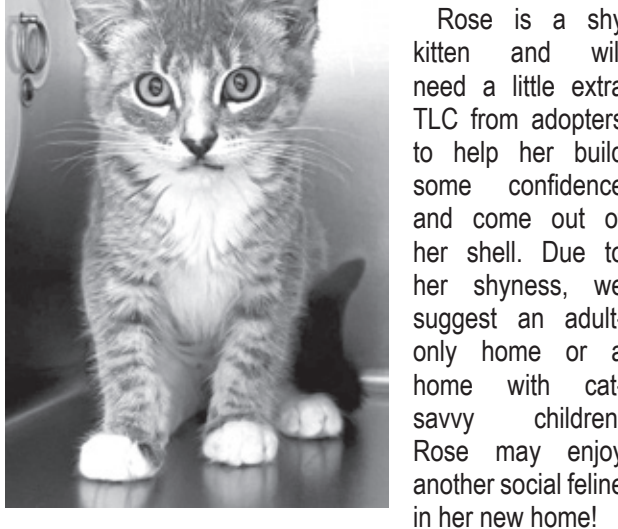


Patient Hank
Hank is deep in thought, wondering when his person will come.

Hank is a treasure of a dog! Hanky Panky was found in the vineyards in Redwood Valley. Stoic and calm, he was waiting for the right help to come along. Hanky is one of our longest residents now. He is a volunteer favorite, and being in his company is a real treat. Hank loves his ears rubbed and is learning lots with our team. Hank is ready to try out life in a home, and we hope you will come and meet him soon!

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

Sweet Rose



Rose is a shy kitten and will need a little TLC from adopters to help her build some confidence and come out of her shell. Due to her shyness, we suggest an adult-only home or a home with cat-savvy children. Rose may enjoy another social feline in her new home!

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

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- Youth Corrections Officer** \$55,348 - \$67,267

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To learn more about Chevella, 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.

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Photos courtesy of WHS volleyball



At top: The WHS varsity volleyball team smiles for a photo after receiving an award in the silver bracket at a recent tournament: from left, front, Mia Chavez and Shiloh Moyer; main row, Evie Kale, Gloria Gutierrez, Chloe Wright, Jazz Marie Henson, Dannyka Smith, Abigail Sherf and Alexandra Ramos; back, Jon Jessup, varsity volleyball coach. Above, left: Corey Rocky drops back to make a pass to one of his wide receivers. Above, right: Kolbe Bufardeci takes a handoff from Corey Rocky. Below: Pancrazio Bertolino, the ball carrier, makes his way through the Saints defense. At bottom: Lincoln Nass starts on the line of defense.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
 City of Willits RESIDENTS: Do you live within the City limits and want to serve on the Measure K Committee? There is currently 1 (One) vacancy. We are accepting applications now through October 4, 2024, at 5:00 PM. Volunteer to help guide the allocation of Measure K Funds.
 Meets quarterly 9:00 AM.
 For more information or to apply, please visit or call the City Clerk's office at (707) 459-7113, or email: dpedersen@cityofwillits.org
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The rest of **Brooktrails** | From page 1

The county has recently received notification from the California Public Utilities Commission that the project has not been recommended for award in the latest round of Federal Funding Account funding.

"This decision means that we are unable to move forward with the project at this time," the letter continued. "We are actively exploring additional funding opportunities and will continue to advocate for the resources needed to bring this essential infrastructure to your community."

Alaniz further reported that also included in the packet were pages regarding Measure P Fire Funding allocations, and she pointed out that Director Santos has regularly provided updates on the allocations received from the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts. The information included in the pages tracks the funding that Brooktrails receives.

Alaniz also said there were strike teams that served at the Pine Fire northwest of Potter Valley, and two staff persons were deployed to the Boyles Fire in Clearlake.

Groundbreaking is also occurring to begin the installation of the new metal building that will increase the Brooktrails Fire Department's storage capacity.

Alaniz finished her report, saying: "The county lake levels are good. Lake Emily is at 166.9 acre feet, which is 66% capacity, and Lake Ada Rose is at 92% capacity, which is 108.9 acre feet."

The board then voted to approve the Consent Calendar Accounts Payable for two separate dates, making note that the board had last met on August 13 and two account cycles had occurred since then. The amounts were: \$77,223.64 and \$60,028.40.

The afternoon of the meeting Director Joanne Cavallari had sent an email to the accounting department regarding some questions she had about some payments listed in the reports and since she hadn't received a reply to the email she cast a dissenting vote.

Soon-to-be Brooktrails board member Susan Mahoney was then introduced by the general manager and welcomed by the board. "Susan will be appointed in lieu to the position on the Board as Director Santos did not run as an incumbent," Alaniz said. "Only two people ran, the other being Tyler-O'Shea, so they will both be appointed in lieu. Mahoney will fill the position vacated by Santos upon his retirement in November."

Next up on the agenda was a discussion of the Lexipol Policy Manual for the Fire Department that the district has subscribed to and is now implementing. Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer has worked for the last year to develop and launch the policies and standard operating procedures contained within the manual, and he stepped to the podium to discuss it.

"Lexipol is a public safety policy management system created by experts in the field," Noyer said. "They do fire, rescue, emergency medical services, law enforcement, some local government policies, and their claim to fame is that they have industry experts who vet all of their policies through legal, based on federal, state and local requirements."

"Prior to this, we had loosely written guidelines," Noyer said. "Moving forward into this I have researched it: Ukiah Valley Fire uses it. Redwood Valley and Willits use it. So, in collaboration with the other chiefs, we thought we should all be on the same page since we all respond to each other's areas a good bit."

Noyer went on to explain: "With the help of Lexipol, I met once a week with my coach, and we went through all of the policies. At this time there are 193 policies. Several of the policies are mandated, but there were many that we had to readjust to make them ours. Every staff member and every volunteer gets a copy of the policies via email or on their cellphone. They have to review all of them and indicate to us that they have done so and that they comprehend them all. This provides us, the fire department and the district, with accountability."

Finally, the Brooktrails board focused on the nomination to the vacant LAFCo special district seat(s). LAFCo recently announced vacancies in two of its special district seats, both the upcoming full-term regular seat, as well as a vacated alternate seat. The seats will be available in January 2025.

It's important to have special district representation on the Local Agency Formation Commission to ensure that the unique nature of special district needs are included when LAFCo is considering policy and fee decisions.

After some discussion, appointed Brooktrails board member Mahoney, who will assume her board position in December, volunteered to fill the regular seat, and Director Cavallari volunteered to serve as alternate. They both agreed that they will carpool to the meetings.

The rest of **Women** | From page 2

Attendance is open to anyone who wants to participate in giving a financial boost to an inland Mendocino County nonprofit. Refreshments are provided by the Caring Kitchen, a nonprofit which creates nutritious meals and delivers them to cancer patients in the area. Barra wine and other beverages will be available.

100+ Women Strong is an inclusive all-volunteer group associated with the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. Anyone interested in attending the Gathering and hearing from three nonprofits doing indispensable work in our community is welcome.

To register, each attendee pledges \$100 on the 100+ Mendocino Women Grapevine website via the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. Click the "Become a Member" button. All previous donors to 100 Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County, who have not done so already, must redo their contribution information on the Community Foundation link. Pledging before arrival is high-priority. But

checks will be accepted at the venue.
 100+ Women Strong for Inland Mendocino County was spearheaded in 2019 by Katie Fairbairn and 20 volunteers. Previous winners include the Ukiah Senior Center, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness), Cancer Resources of Mendocino County, Ukiah Valley Trails Group, NCO Gardens Project, Caring Kitchen, Project Sanctuary, the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, Northern California Disaster Services, and KZYX Community Radio, Hospice of Ukiah, and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

More than \$200,000 has been raised to support inland Mendocino County nonprofits since 2019. For more information and to become a member of 100+ Women Strong for Inland Mendocino County check the website <https://communityfound.org/community/leadership-projects/100-women-strong-inland-mendocino/> or call Karen Christopherson, 707-272-5570.

The rest of **Chicken** | From page 2

important, and cigarette butts release toxic chemicals into the water, which can pose enormous harm to aquatic species.

Be part of the solution! To join the cleanup, pre-register through Mendocino County Resource Conservation District's website, <https://mcrd.org> or Facebook page, or directly at <https://tinyurl.com/RRRCleanup24> by September 23. Volunteers will gather for a safety talk and to divide into teams. Come early at 8:30 to sign in and get a cup of coffee donated by

Black Oak Coffee Roasters. Bring a water bottle, sturdy shoes, and work gloves. No flip-flops!

The event is co-sponsored by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Mendocino County Water Agency, and Redwood Waste Solutions, along with numerous local partners including the City of Ukiah and Black Oak Coffee Roasters. For questions or for more information, contact Jessica Reid at j.reid@mcrd.org.

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

Monday, September 23, 2024, and continue for approximately three to four weeks, as favorable conditions allow for safe and effective operations.

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

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

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

found true by the Marin County Superior Court more than justified the imposition of a maximum sentence of 21 years.

On the other hand, defendant Johnson's court-appointed attorney argued for a mitigated sentence of 3 years.

Once the case was submitted for decision by the attorneys, Marin County Superior Court Judge Kelly Simmons announced that she disagreed with both parties as to what the final sentence should be.

First, the Court denied the defense motion to strike the defendant's prior strike conviction. It also denied the defense motion to strike the multiple structure sentencing enhancement alleged by the DA and found true by the jury.

With those defense motions resolved and out of the way, Judge Simmons committed defendant Johnson to 15 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, an outcome that the DA told the judge he disagreed with as undeserved and too lenient.

The Court, perhaps in an attempt to justify her sentence, found that the young-in-age defendant suffered from some degree of mental illness and that that mental illness – while denied even now by the defendant – factored in to his criminal actions on September 12, 2021, thus the 15 year versus 21-year state prison sentence.

The DA had previously argued that the available evidence indicated that ongoing drug and alcohol abuse by the defendant – not mental illness – was the actual cause of the defendant's criminal misconduct.

Arrested on September 14, 2021, the defendant was, at the Monday hearing awarded actual days' credit of 1,099 days against his 15-year commitment.

Because arson of an inhabited structure is deemed a violent felony by the Legislature, current law holds that defendant Johnson shall not be allowed to earn or be awarded additional credits towards early release while in county jail or in prison greater than 15 percent of his

The rest of **Booth** | From page 2

knowledge by spinning the OES prize wheel and answering questions related to safety and preparedness. Prize-seekers were rewarded with informational and/or practical prizes, such as flashlights.

Anyone who did not make it to the OES booth at the fair can learn about disaster preparedness, sign up for emergency alerts, and find their evacuation zone by visiting MendoReady.org.



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2024 Grand Champs



AJ Osburn of the Potter Valley 4-H sold his Grand Champion rabbit meat pen to Rescue Solutions



Landon DeMarta of the Redwood Valley 4-H sold his Grand Champion market hog to Bray Trucking, Inc.



Bridget Aiello of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her Grand Champion market lamb to Thurston Auto Plaza



Kaylie Foster of the Ukiah FFA sold her Grand Champion market goat to Mendocino Roofing Inc.



Landyn Martin-Lundgren of the Willits FFA sold his Grand Champion poultry meat pen to Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits



Sophia Scott of the Willits FFA sold her Grand Champion market turkey to Mendo Mill of Ukiah



Whitney Fansler of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her Grand Champion market steer to Redwood Coast Fuels

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