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Low-key Max

Max was surrendered to HSIMC when his owner passed away. Max has been enjoying life in a foster home in Laytonville with a senior husky friend. We are thrilled that this senior guy gets this extra-special treatment. We want you to know that Max is available for adoption! If you would like more information or set up a time to meet Max, give us a call and we would love to talk to you! Max gets along well with other friendly dogs and lived in a home with kids prior to coming to HSIMC.

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.mendohumanesociety. com, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.



Charming Almond

Almond is a loveable, funny guy who is sure to keep you entertained. From his victorious bark to his belly-up sleeping, he's always there to make you laugh. He definitely knows what he's a fan of and what he doesn't care for. He loves his large-breed housemates and loves to try and cuddle up and give them kisses, he loves to eat all sorts of treats and goodies. He also loves to sunbathe all day and loves to sleep in as long as he can. This Chihuahua / terrier mix is not too much of a fan of walks or car rides, although he'll tolerate it if he needs to, he just prefers not to. He's an overall good companion in the house and to carry around.

To learn more about Almond, 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.

Outgoing Tiger

Tiger is a friendly guy who loves to explore! Tiger came in as a stray with an unknown history. We know he loves treats, pets, and can be a bit of an escape artist.

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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How to help pets acclimate to new homes

Welcoming a new pet into a family can be an exciting time. Pets are wonderful companions and can even be beneficial to their owners' overall health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that pets may create increased opportunities for exercise. In addition, studies have shown that relationships with pets may help lower blood pressure and cholesterol and reduce triglyceride levels, feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and other ailments.

A new pet requires owners to make various changes to help both humans and companion animals. It can take a period of transition for everyone involved to determine their new roles. Here are some strategies to help pets and people acclimate to new living situations.

Create a safe place. Any person who has moved understands that relocating can be stressful. Pets may be on edge when moving into a new home because they don't have the capacity to process why a move is taking place N even if positive. Establish a quiet spot that is away from high-traffic areas so the new pet can grow accustomed to the sounds, smells and routine of its new environment. Then he or she can retreat there when necessary.

Retain some of the pet's items. Owners may want to buy their pets new toys and supplies, but they should utilize some of the pet's original and familiar items to make it easier for the animal to adjust. This familiarity can be comforting for the animals.

Consider the 3-3-3 rule. Animal rescue and training organizations, such as Alpha and Omega Dog Training, say the general rule is that pet owners can expect three days of a new dog feeling overwhelmed and nervous; three weeks of settling in; and three months of building trust and bonding with new owners. New pet owners should not feel disappointed if it takes some time for a pet to settle in. Cats and other animals may acclimate differently.

Be patient with behavior. Pets who have moved to new places may temporarily forget their training. This means engaging in undesirable behavior, such as having indoor accidents (or those outside a litter box), jumping up on people, howling, barking or meowing, and more. It will take some time for pets to feel safe, so reinforce training with patience.

Stick to a routine. Animals prefer knowing what is coming next and are creatures of habit, says the American Kennel Club. Individuals should establish and stick to daily routines where feedings, play time, walks, and other activities occur at roughly the same time. This will help pets feel more relaxed.

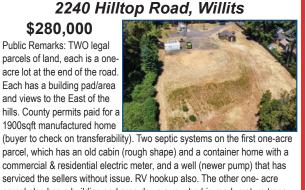
It can take some time for new pets to settle in, but with patient and reassuring owners, pets will eventually acclimate to their new homes.







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(buyer to check on transferability). Two septic systems on the first one-acre parcel, which has an old cabin (rough shape) and a container home with a commercial & residential electric meter, and a well (newer pump) that has serviced the sellers without issue. RV hookup also. The other one- acre parcel also has a building pad area down a roughed-in road, mature trees, and a septic system. The whole property has a fence around it and a private, serene feel. Less than 10 minutes to downtown Willits!



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Since my column is a journal, was going through an old journal from some years ago and came across this entry from 1995. "We've had a terrific series of rain storms ... Actually it's been quite beautiful here. The water rushing down the hills in gushing streams, the trees, fresh and green with the old leaves blown off, are greening up with all this lovely rain.

"Inside we're cozy and warm when the wood stove gets going, and now we can even take long, hot baths (we lived in a little cabin

95 Acres on Walker Road

in the woods at the time with only cold running water, so would heat water in big pots on the stove for a bath in a round metal tub). We even watch a video occasionally while charging the batteries. Lovely!" We were off-grid with only a very small generator and some car batteries for very limited electric, enough for a reading light for the week. We'd watch a VHS tape on a tiny TV while the batteries charged; our big treat of

"There's hardly a greater pleasure in life than sitting around

a warm wood stove on a winter evening, reading and snuggling up with the dogs and each other."

Then I ran across an old, now yellowed letter from my late friend, Gail Richards. She cc'd me a copy and I'm sure she'd approve that I include it here for you to read. It's regarding the passing of our beloved friend, Sherry Martin. Gail was one of the kindest people I've known.

"Susan Plummer-Freeman, Phoenix Hospice.

Dear Susan:

City water and many

incredible buidling sites

and views. Property has

been held by the same

family for over 100 years

Bill Barksdale and I met with you July 12 (2004) and I just wanted to tell you again what a pleasure it was meeting you. We did not realize then how little time we had, and I'm sure the same realization came to you when you found yourself conducting Sherry Martin's evaluation in her hospital room

One of your duties was to offer Sherry's son the names of several potential nurses to care for his mom upon her release from the hospital. Little did you know, you sent an angel. If you haven't met Gloria Hamson, you should.

How do you measure grace? Tranquility? Gentle nurturing? Gloria is all of those, and more. Not only did Sherry respond to her immediately, but family and friends did too. An almost audible sigh of relief was heard when she entered the house very late that first night and we knew instantly we had been blessed to receive her care. There is no abrasiveness or aggression in her take-charge approach, and her many years of experience have served her well because her self-

assurance inspires confidence in others they didn't know they had.

Sherry died July 23 ... in her own home. We could not have done that for her without Gloria. Confidentiality standards would probably prohibit you from providing me with her address, and I understand, but could you please forward the enclosed copy of this letter to her? It's important for her to know how very much her services were appreciated. I will never forget her.

Sincerely, Gail Richards"

Not long before the above event, received this note from Sherry: "Dear Friends,

How I wish I didn't have to send this card to you, but it has to be. You love each other and have a good life together. I am glad of that, as I know you must be. Hopefully, we'll all see each other again. Much Love, Sherry"

How blessed my life has been to have known both of these wonderful friends. They both made my life so much richer. Joe and I were with Sherry when she died. I was playing her favorite music on her stereo, opera arias, so she left us to the glorious melodies of Puccini.

In 1999 I wrote: "Today we took Robin to the vet, Frank Grasse, and had him put down. He's been in very bad health since the stroke. He kept going though. Unfortunately, he forgot how to use his cat box. He also was unable to clean himself. He only weighed about six pounds, less than half his normal weight. We stayed with him when he was injected with just went to sleep very quickly and 707-489-2232

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guess. I still expect to see him come walking around the Frank once told me that euthanizing an animal was the most

friendly cat much of the time. I did cry when he died though. Just the letting go of that 19 years of knowing somebody I

difficult part of his job. May 9, 1998 I wrote: "I heard two hermit thrushes singing to each other three days ago. First of the season. There was

a pair down by Timber Road and another pair up by the old homestead site. Very beautiful songs. That means it's spring!" For the many years we lived in the forest, I always noted in our household journal when I heard the first hermit thrush sing each year. They are truly the heralds of spring.

January 28, 1993: "Kate (our big brindle boxer) and I went on an expedition today. We walked the boundaries of the whole 22 acres with my compass and a survey map and flagged the lines. Couldn't find the two lower pins at the north-east corners but I cross-referenced as well as I could those corners and found old flagging all along the route I followed with the compass, so feel fairly confident that I was pretty accurate." Don't know if I could do that today all these years later.

August 3, 1991: "The last remaining of two original cherry trees that I planted when we first moved here has died. Two years ago it got attacked and pretty savagely munched on by the deer and it just never recovered. It's 7:30 pm and Joe is still out working on a job. I managed to get half a day off today. I've been trying to take Saturday's off but I may have to rethink

When I first started in the real estate business, my new broker, John Lazaro (a very smart and wonderful guy), said to me "be sure to plan to take one day a week off." I thought he was joking, but I soon realized as I got really busy that I was into a seven-day-a-week job. Most of the time for the next 31 years, I worked seven days a week often. As I look back on it, can hardly believe that I did that. I did love my work though I learned so much every day, and I met so many wonderful friends that are still friends today. One thing that was truly surprising for me was my fascination with business law! There was nothing in my background that would have prepared me for that. Although I'm not qualified to give legal advice, at least I knew when to say to a client, "You need to consult a qualified legal professional.

I can't imagine what my life would have been like had I continued to live in big cities like New York and San Francisco, places where I spent 20 years of my life. I've lived in Williits for about half of my life. I achieved my dream of living the country life, off the grid with an outhouse, a wood stove, kerosene light, and a big veggie garden – surrounded by the forest. I had a totally unplanned-for business career that I loved and learned so much about myself, including self-confidence. I've met friends that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Oh, and I learned how to live simply (some of the time), without all the things that many people consider essential for survival.

Like the old Shaker song written by Elder Joseph Brackett (1797–1882) goes:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained.

To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,

To turn, turn will be our delight.

Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

My secretary, Rosie, snuggled up next to me as she waits to go out for a walk, approves this message.

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Large sliders with picture windows in the dining and

living room flood the home with morning light. Over-

sized 2-car garage includes a bonus utility/workshop

downstairs, perfect for hobbies and tinkering.

The wrap-around deck, raised garden beds, and

ample off-street parking provide endless outdoor

enjoyment. The property also includes a versatile I-bedroom studio with a bathroom, kitchenette, and Do elections affect investment and tax planning?

Neighbors,

I wanted to share my thoughts on valuing one another. Your value has several angles. You are valued by your family, your neighbors. Valued for your riendship, your wisdom, your advice. Valued for your work, could be salary or volunteer.

Nicholas Casagrande Too often we think of one's value in terms of

possessions or salary, assets or liabilities. Value is a combination of many things

First and foremost, it's important you believe you offer something to friends, neighbors, employers, organizations . YOU DO. And you have friends, organizations that you value. Value is displayed in many forms

Whether someone is growing, selling, cleaning,

preparing, cutting, signaling, driving, owning, coordinating,

I love my work educating and providing wealthmanagement services to my clients. Most of the time, it doesn't feel like work because I believe in what I am doing: helping people understand, organize and plan their finances. There is value in this - peace of mind, reducing stress, stability. Together we see the results of planning, strategizing, or simply looking at an investment statement or the shrinking tax consequence on a tax return.

Every day I am shown gratitude from my clients - in different forms. Every day I try to show gratitude to my clients and employees. There is value in gratitude.

A few times a month I am asked to discount mv. and my team's, services after the work has been done. I take these requests very seriously as it's always good to hear from clients and I need to understand the reason(s) they are asking – was it our work, our service, what?

Some people want a discount because it is a game to them. Some are telling me they do not respect nor value

sometimes the work is done in a foreign country. I need to beautifying, etc. ... it generally is done with the utmost care know the issues that concern them as our industry requires much ongoing training, practical experience, many licenses,

credentials and security. In pricing work services, there are many things to consider There is what the "competition" is offering and charging, and the quality of that work. There is the time required by team

members; there are costs of doing business, etc. Whether personal or professional, you provide important value to others and are valued by others. Think about those

Understand your value. And remember this very important

"Price is only an issue in the absence of value."

people and experiences you value.

In addition to homeowners' insurance, does the current homeowner carry flood insurance?

When sellers put their house up for sale "as is," it signals they are not willing to take on

Sometimes it is in everyone's best interest for the seller to take on the responsibility to fix

something. If the seller is willing to repair or upgrade the house in a way that impacts the

property's appraised value, it can increase the size of loan you can get - and thus, the price

the seller can ask for the house. Contractors are often willing to bill the escrow account for

Regardless of what you may see in an advertisement or Multiple Listing Service posting.

Sometimes, the only reason a house remains on the market for a long time is because it

Another reason a property doesn't sell right away is because it has a quirky set of features

If you have questions about real estate or property management, contact me at rselzer@

selzerrealty.com. If you have ideas for this column, let me know. (If I use your suggestion in a

column, I'll send you a \$25 gift card to Loose Caboose!) If you'd like to read previous articles

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vears. The opinions expressed here are his and do not necessarily represent his affiliated

that only appeal to a specific set of buyers. When I notice that a property has been on the

market for a while, a little red flag goes up. I get curious about whether there are some flaw

was originally overpriced. When sellers determine the sale price based on their emotional

attachment as opposed to the home's features, it can take a long time to sell.

repairs or consider minor renovations. However, as a prospective buyer, you can still ask.

How about earthquake insurance? Be aware that if they own the house free and clear, they

may be able to opt out of insurance coverage that a lender would require.

Ask about additional insurance needs.

the repairs and get paid when escrow closes

Is the house to be sold as is?

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Questions to ask when buying a home



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If you want to buy a home, prepare to ask a lot of questions. This is not a time to be shy or to hold back for fear of causing insult or offense. Since this real estate purchase is likely to be the largest purchase of your life, I suggest working with your real estate agent to find out everything you can.

Which appliances come with the house? The State of California helps buyers find out what they need to know about a property by requiring at least five disclosures when a property is for sale: one from the state, one from the if it isn't in the purchase agreement, it isn't included. Unless specifically identified, only real county, a transfer disclosure statement, a real estate agent's property that is physically attached to the structure is included. Something that is plugged in visual inspection report, and a natural hazards disclosure. Taken or attached to a gas hookup is not considered attached. together, this represents an enormous amount of information about How long has the house been on the market? the history and current condition of the property, but it may not reveal everything. (Note: these disclosures won't reveal anything

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if you don't read them.)

Here are some additional questions to consider.

What should I know about the property that wasn't included in the TDS?

A transfer disclosure statement is required by California law. Sellers must disclose any defects related to the house and all other items included in the sale, such as appliances or built-in furniture. However, if a problem was remedied, it may not be included on the TDS, so consider asking whether the seller has made any repairs or updates to the house, especially big ones like replacing the roof or fixing a leaky pipe under the bathroom sink that went unnoticed for a period of time.

Ask when repairs were made and by whom. Were licensed contractors employed or did the seller and his brother put a little plumber's tape on the leak and call it good? Past issues can sometimes predict future problems, so it's good to know about them.

Ask about homeowner association fees.

If the home you want belongs to a subdivision with a homeowner's association, ask for the bylaws or agreement as well as minutes of meetings. This will reveal important details such as whether you should expect an increase in dues or the fact that your prospective neighbor's avant-garde lawn art may not be appropriate for children. These and other issues may affect your enjoyment or use of the property.

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Office building for sale with great exposure, located right along South Main Street in Downtown Willits. Zoned C2, this building features 2 enclosed offices plus a large entry and plenty of open area with potential for more desk spaces. There is another room with a kitchenette, a half bath, plus an exterior storage room that is attached. Two entrances and a peaceful patio area where you can take a break and enjoy your Starbucks coffee (located right across the street). Multiple off street parking spaces along the alley and a few spaces behind the building as well. Whether you're looking to expand your business or invest in a prime downtown location, this property offers both functionality and visibility. Priced to sell, listed under appraised value.

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Beautiful Level Lot in Town

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There is a 1500+/- sq. ft. custom built farm house main home with 2 beds, 2 baths, laundry and office. With 3 well-built sleeping cabins, this property would be a perfect place to create a retreat and it has a bath house that is partically completed. Features are a beatiful pond several outbuildings, gentle land, fenced gardens, excellent abundant water from wells and year round springs.

\$550,000 22+/- Level Park-Like Acres

This beautiful land borders the South Fork of the Eel River. There are many open meadows throughout for lovely easy building sites. There is paved road access and PG&E on the corner of the property. Primary tree types are redwood and fir, with some mixed madrone and oak. It is zoned 12 which allows for residential, commercial up to Industrial use, many possibilities. It is approximately 15 minutes west of Laytonville right off of Branscomb Road. \$230,000

Level Commercial Lot on Main Street - Hwy. 101

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