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**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

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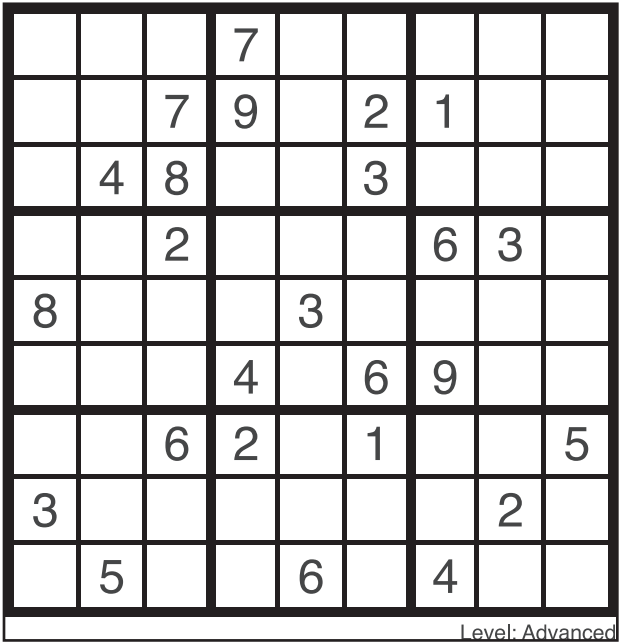






Willits Weekly's  
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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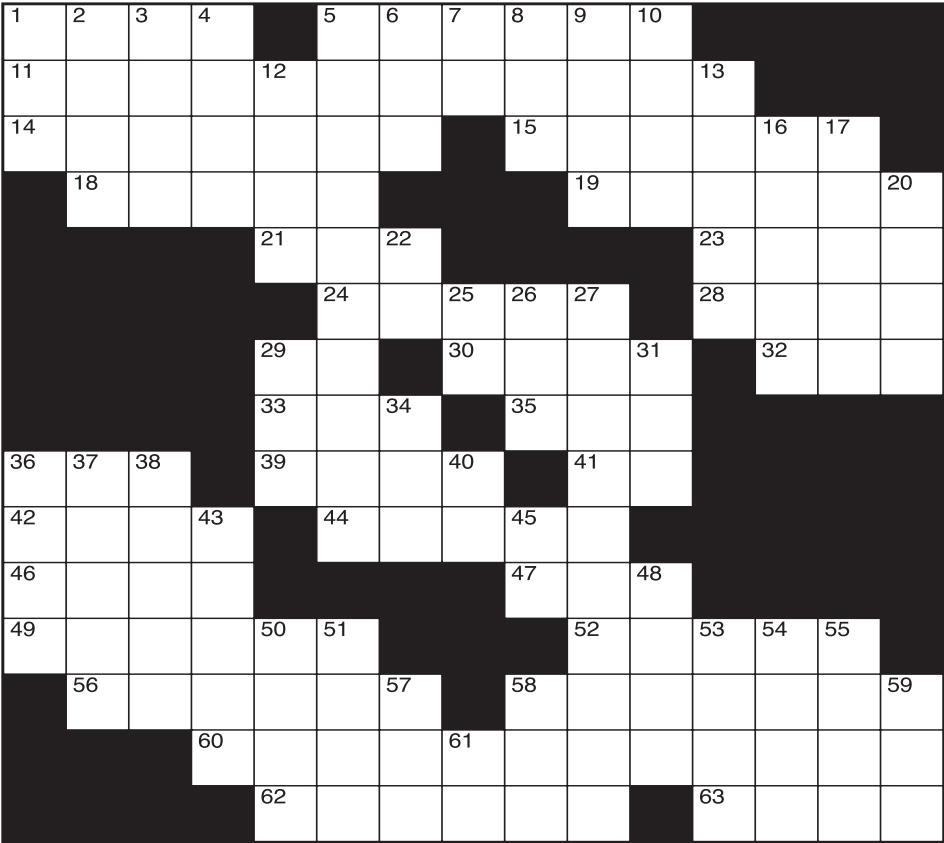
HOW TO  
SUDOKU

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

SIZZLING WORD SEARCH



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| ADOBO    | BURNT      | INDIRECT | SEASONING   |
| ASHES    | CARAMELIZE | LOIN     | SIDES       |
| BACKYARD | CHAR       | MARINATE | SLAB        |
| BARBECUE | CHILE      | PICNIC   | SMOKER      |
| BBQ      | DRY        | RACK     | SPATULA     |
| BRINING  | DURATION   | RIBS     | SPICES      |
| BRISKET  | FLIP       | ROAST    | TEMPERATURE |
| BURGER   | GRILLED    | RUB      | TENDER      |
| BURNER   | HARDWOOD   | SEAR     | TOPPER      |



CLUES ACROSS

- Garden tool
- A way to preserve
- Gratitude
- Domestic sheep
- Simpler
- Cavities containing liquid
- Large fish-eating bird
- Ocular protection index
- Phil \_\_, former CIA
- Icelandic poems
- Pop
- Device
- Actor Rudd
- A pituitary hormone
- Focus on an object
- Corpulence count (abbr.)
- Young women's association
- Not shallow
- Doctor
- Furniture
- Hindu male religious teacher
- Highly spiced stew
- A way to communicate

CLUES DOWN

- Popular Sunday dinner option
- Oil cartel
- Agile
- Greek goddess of discord
- Genetically distinct variety
- Indicates badly
- Popular Mr. T character
- Consumed
- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Within
- Palm trees
- Fungal disease
- Tall, slender-leaved plants

- Affirmative! (slang)
- A passport is one
- Two outs in baseball (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- Differential
- Where a bachelor lives
- Portable computer screen material
- A crying noise of a bird
- Sticky, amorphous substance
- Starchy dish of dried tubers
- Type of acid
- Partner to 'Ma'
- 16 ounces
- The Bay State
- A well-defined track or path
- Substitution
- Defined period
- Group of toughs
- Region
- Famed Scottish Loch
- Blood relation
- Not around
- Recipe measurement
- Father to Junior

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

March 31 to April 6

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **62 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

March 31

8:01 pm: DOUGLAS, Laura Meschelle (49) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Alder Lane and Alder Court. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear.

9:00 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Valley Street and issued a warning.

April 1

12:54 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:39 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of North Main Street.

11:58 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

7:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Commercial Street and North Marin Street and issued a warning.

8:20 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Monroe Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:29 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:35 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Oak Street and Railroad Avenue and issued a citation.

9:51 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

10:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Oak Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

April 2

7:27 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of East Hill Road and Haehl Creek Drive.

8:18 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

12:10 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of Grove Street.

8:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Walnut Street and issued a citation.

April 3

12:30 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Marcela Drive following a report of suspicious activity.

9:03 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

8:14 pm: CARVER, Jeffrey Wayne (42) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with two or more priors and on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 4

2:33 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

10:26 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a warning.

10:36 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of School Street and West Mendocino Avenue and issued a warning.

7:06 pm: THOMAS, Samantha Ann (25) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery.

8:40 pm: WILSONANGE, Rachael Marie (54) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol), resisting an officer, and failure to appear.

April 5

1:07 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

4:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a hazard near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and Tuttle Lane and issued a warning.

5:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.

April 6

11:21 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

10:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School Street.

Fatal solo crash on Covelo Road

Submitted by CHP Humboldt

On April 5, 2025, at 1:55 pm, Humboldt Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call about a solo vehicle crash on State Route 162, aka Covelo Road, near mile post marker 5.7. California Highway Patrol officers arrived on scene at 1:58 pm and found the solo occupant of the vehicle was unresponsive.

CHP officers provided life saving measures on the driver until relieved by Laytonville Fire Department. The driver, Dennis Shepherd, 78, of Covelo, was ultimately pronounced deceased at the scene.

Caltrans assisted on scene as the roadway was reduced to one-way traffic control for scene investigation and vehicle recovery. Shepherd was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

A preliminary investigation shows Shepherd was driving westbound on SR-162 and for an unknown reason Shepherd's vehicle travelled off the roadway and collided with two trees and the embankment. The CHP Garberville Area Office is investigating the cause of this crash.

The California Highway Patrol wants to remind motorists the importance of wearing their seatbelt while operating or riding in a motor vehicle.

May Faire at the Waldorf School, May 2

Submitted by WSMC

A joyous celebration of spring, the May Faire is a beloved tradition at the Waldorf School of Mendocino County. Families and community members are invited to join us in making flower garlands, singing songs, and dancing. This annual event embraces the ancient traditions of May Day, welcoming the warmer days ahead and honoring the beauty of nature's renewal.

The 2025 May Faire is set for Friday, May 2 at 10:30 am, at the WSMC Campus, 6280 Third Street, in Calpella.

The Faire is open to all—students, teachers, parents, grandparents, and community members are welcome to participate.

May Day marks the transition from spring to summer and has deep historical roots. Originating in ancient Roman celebrations honoring Flora, the goddess of flowers, the festival continues as a symbol of fertility, renewal, and the interconnectedness of nature and community. Participants will enjoy crafting beautiful flower crowns, dancing around the Maypole, singing, and a picnic on our great lawn.

This event fosters a sense of togetherness and community involvement, inviting people of all ages to celebrate the season's warmth and joy. It's a wonderful opportunity for families to experience tradition, music, and dance in a festive setting.

Come celebrate with us and welcome the arrival of spring in a fun and meaningful way

For more information, please contact Renata Abbade at development@mendocinowaldorf.org.



Thursday, April 10

**'A Bit and a Bite' at the Museum:** Friends of the Mendocino County Museum presents light refreshments, history and conversation. Curator Lindsey Dick will share the unique history of the Willits Creamery. Friends of the Museum hosts an Ice Cream Social. Thursday, April 10 at 12:30 pm. 400 East Commercial Street. More info: at [www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum), [museum@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:museum@mendocinocounty.gov) or 707-234-6365.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Join your neighbors Thursday, April 10 and every Thursday from 3 to 5:30 pm at the market at Little Lake Grange, 391 School Street, for the freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot dinner, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Flying Dog Bluegrass Band at Shanachie:

Flying Dog is made up of regulars of the Willits Bluegrass Jam, happening on 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons for about three years. This Thursday, April 10 show, starting at 7 pm, kicks off the Shanachie Pub 25th Anniversary Celebration, with many of your favorite local bands that have been a big part of Shanachie over the years. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie:

The Cosmic Family Band is 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." This Saturday, April 12 show at 8 pm is next in the Shanachie Pub 25th Anniversary Celebration shows, featuring many of your favorite local bands that have been a big part of Shanachie over the years. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Friday, April 11

**Sober Grad Tri-Tip Drive-Thru Dinner:** Sober Grad's biggest fundraiser for the annual Graduation Night party is set for Friday, April 11, from 4 to 6 pm, at the Willits High School Ag Farm (behind the high school, 299 North Main Street). Dinner for 4 includes Marinated & Grilled Tri Tip, Baked Potatoes, Green Salad, Dinner Rolls, Cookies, and a Beautiful Rose donated by Flowers by Annette. Tickets, \$65 for dinner for 4; are pre-sale only. Available at 101 Trailer & RV Supply and Monkey Wrench Men & Women's Wear. Or call Karen Thiel, WHS , 707-459-7700, ext. 1504 or Carrie Lambert, Willits Sober Grad, 707-671-6173.

Leza at Shanachie:

Leza is a Brazilian psych-pop/surf rock band formed in São Paulo, Brazil by Gustavo Athayde. Leza has been sharing their music at the Pub for the past couple

of years, and have become a fast favorite. This Friday, April 11 show starting at 5 pm, is next in the Shanachie Pub 25th Anniversary Celebration, through April 19, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Wednesday, April 16

The Harmony Keepers at Brickhouse:

Duo Kate Black and Anita Blu perform at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Wednesday, April 16, from 12 to 2 pm, and on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Beautiful vocal harmonies, with guitar and keyboard, and some songs with dulcimer or ukulele. Music from

**Willits Drum Circle Jam:** Friday, April 11, starts at 7 pm every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of the month, at Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial. Info: Bill Bruneau at 459 3390.

**Art Talk at WCA:** Willits Center for the Arts' Art Talk this month is on the life and work of Diego Velázquez (1599–1660), one of the most influential painters of the Spanish Golden Age, renowned for his masterful portraits, historical and mythological subjects. Talk by art historian Gary Martin on Friday, April 11, at 6:30 pm at the Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street. Free. Art lovers, students, and anyone with an interest in history and painting are encouraged to attend. Info: (707) 459-1726, or Gary Martin at (707) 972-3326 or visit [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org).

**Funkacillin at Shanachie:** Funkacillin, a six piece band featuring Mendocino County locals, brings the remedy for your funk deficiency playing originals and old school funk, rock and soul. This Friday, April 11 show starting at 8 pm, is next in the Shanachie Pub 25th Anniversary Celebration. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, April 12

**Sit-N-Sew:** Second Saturdays at the Willits Library. April 12 this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop-in—bring your sewing project and have fun. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: [www.mendolib.org](http://www.mendolib.org) or 459-5908.

**Skunk Train Easter Express:** Easter trains run from April 11 to April 20 out of the Willits Depot. "Step onto our vintage train for a 2-hour journey through Tunnel #2, taking in the blooming beauty of spring as you travel deep into the heart of the redwoods." With the Easter Bunny, festive cookies, pink lemonade, and an egg hunt at the Crowley stop, with the Golden Egg earning a year's worth of train rides. To book your Easter Express tickets, visit [www.skunktrain.com/easter-express/](http://www.skunktrain.com/easter-express/)

**Taste of Chocolate at Methodist Church:** The Willits Methodist Church brings back the Taste of Chocolate fundraiser by popular demand, Saturday, April 12 from 1:30 to 4 pm. "Come and sample all of the chocolate treats that have been entered and vote for your favorite chocolate treat and the best decorated table. \$5 for tasters; \$15 per family. If you want to enter a chocolate treat, \$15 entry fee, call 707-459-2855 or email Lynn Williams at [laughinglynn2@gmail.com](mailto:laughinglynn2@gmail.com). All proceeds to community outreach programs.

**Coastal Poets at WCT:** Fort Bragg poets Joe Smith and Larry Felson read their poetry at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, on Saturday, April 12 at 7 pm. Smith and Felson are well-known in the county for hosting their reading series at the Cobalt

Gallery in Fort Bragg. An open reading will follow the featured poets. Admission is by donation. This reading is supported by Poets and Writers, a nationally known organization that supports literary artists.

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Tuesday, April 15

**Shanachie 25th Anniversary Celebration:** On Tuesday April 15, Shanachie Pub celebrates its 25th Anniversary! Join us for a Potluck and Musical Showcase from 5 to 10 pm! Look forward to delicious food and sweet sounds from some of our favorite musicians that have been gracing the stage throughout the past 2.5 decades, such as Forrest Glycer, Malakai Schindell, Scott Ireland, Isaac Shovelman, Sherwood Mountain Boys, and many others. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

**Willits Stamp Club:** The monthly meeting of the Willits Stamp Club is on the third Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, April 16 this month, from 5 to 6 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Bring your collection and enjoy time perusing stamps. All are welcome. Refreshments provided. Info: [talsofam@pacific.net](mailto:talsofam@pacific.net)



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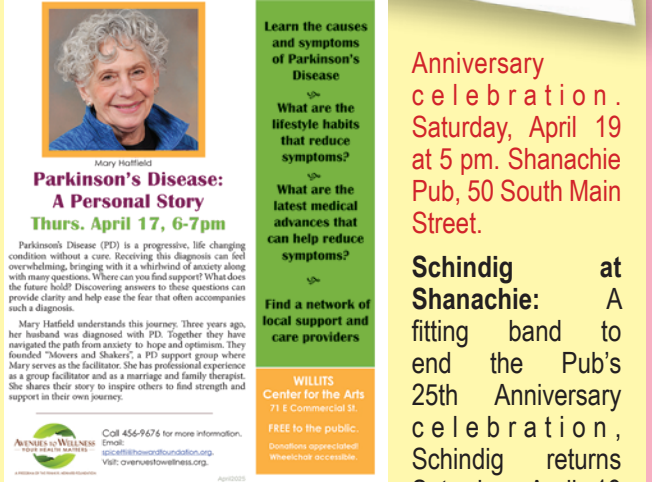
**WCT Auditions. April 12. 19:** Willits Community Theatre continues to hold auditions for Richard Greenberg's Tony Award-Winning drama "Take Me Out," a main stage play about identity, homophobia, racism, and the personal struggles of professional baseball athletes. Director Jeff Shipp says roles are available for new or experienced male actors ranging in ages 20 to 60. Auditions continue April 12 and 19 at 10 am at the WCT playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.. Performance dates are July 11 through 27. For more information contact Jeff Shipp at 214-912-7884.



ATW Talk

on Parkinson's Disease:

Avenues to Wellness presents 'Parkinson's Disease: A Personal Story,' a talk by Mary Hatfield on Thursday, April 17, from 6 to 7 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts. 71 East Commercial Street. Mary's husband was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease three years ago. They founded "Movers and Shakers." a Parkinson's disease support group where Mary serves as the facilitator. Free to the public; slairlift available. Avenues to Wellness is a wellness program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit: [avenuestowellness.org](http://avenuestowellness.org) for an online archive of past events. Info: call (707) 456-9676 or email [spicetti@howardfoundation.org](mailto:spicetti@howardfoundation.org)



**Shanachie 25th Anniversary Celebration:** Saturday, April 19 at 5 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Schindig at Shanachie: A fitting band to end the Pub's 25th Anniversary celebration, Schindig returns Saturday, April 19 at 8 pm. "A band of homegrown Mendocino County boys playing a unique eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, blues with a jolt of world music thrown in for good measure." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Friday, April 18

**Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library:** This group meets monthly to discuss books, authors and genres, this month: Friday, April 18, 12 to 1 pm. Come talk about why you love books! All adults welcome. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: [www.mendolib.org](http://www.mendolib.org) or 459-5908.

**Hillshaker at Shanachie:** Formerly known as the Clay Hawkins Duo, playing "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart." Hillshaker is another local favorite performing as part of the Shanachie Pub 25th Anniversary celebration, Friday, April 18 at 5 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

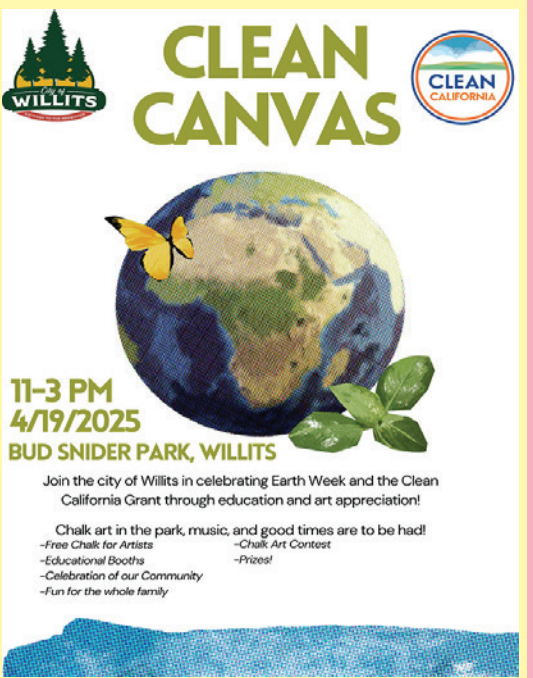
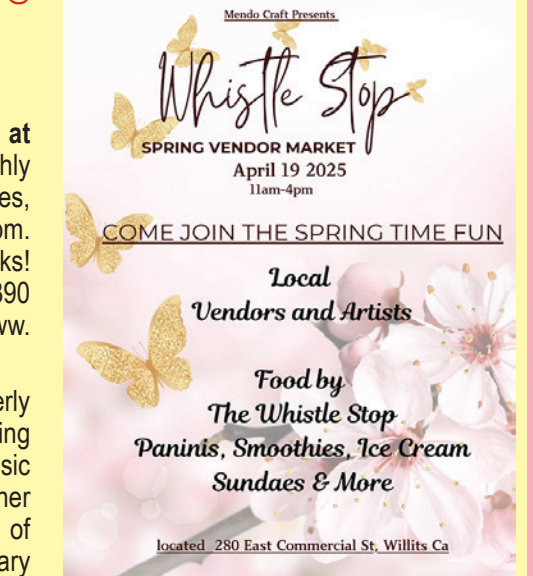
**Self Fulfilling Prophecies at Shanachie:** Back together again, this Shanachie favorite features Morgan Stocker (nacho the stockrocker) Buckminster West, and Bodhi Idarius, playing music with elements of punk, folk, and rock - all original compositions. Part of the Shanachie Pub 25th Anniversary celebration, Friday, April 18 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, April 19

**Clean Canvas at Bud Snider Park:** Join the City of Willits in celebrating Earth Week and the Clean California grant through education and art appreciation. Saturday, April 19 from 11 am to 3 pm. Chalk art, music, free chalk for artists, educational booths, Chalk Art Contest, prizes, celebration of our community. Fun for the whole family.

**Spring Vendor Market at the Whistle Stop:** Come join the springtime fun with local vendors and artists. Mendo Craft presents, on Saturday, April 19, 11 am to 4 pm, 280 East Commercial Street. Food for artists, educational booths, Chalk Art Contest, prizes, celebration of our community. Fun for the whole family.

**Adam Manus Band at Shanachie:** This rock trio has come back to display their skills and bring down the house. Please welcome back local musicians Adam Manus, Jeff Martin and Colten Boatwright. Part of the Shanachie Pub 25th







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Above: The varsity softball team poses for a photo: from left, Coach Adam Sherf, Jocelyn Galvan, Gloria Gutierrez, Alexandra Ramos, Ava Dockins-Kline, Abigail Sherf, Chloe Wright, Adeline Jones, Mia Chavez, Ava Holmen, Emily Garness, Lisa Arkelian and Head Coach Ray Britton. Below, left: Cruz Ojtenbruns cools down after his first-place win in Cloverdale. Below, right: Nikolas Bloyd at the Cloverdale track meet.



Above: The WHS Golf Team smiles for a photo together celebrating after their big tournament in Healdsburg. Below, left: Leo Moratti finishes strong at his race, placing second. Below, right: The Willits Otters swim team poses for a photo: from left front, Malia Niesen, Colton Rowell, Kyana Walker, Asha Steffen, Caroline Pinon, Weston Rowell, Tula Clark, Zinnia Harris, Orion Fisher, Noah Whitaker, Oliver Channell, Charlie Pinon, Wesley Channell, Cora Brunner, Anderson Griffen, Sophie Chavez, Kathia Mendoza and Luna France.



Above: Kate Winter uses her technique to make it down the lane. Below: Rickey Ramirez prepares to catch the pitch at the league opener.



Photos by Ava Dockins-Kline

## COMMUNITY SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Spring season starts strong for Otters and Willits High School

**Willits youth Otters swim team is ready to explode out of the water for their new season!**

Returning coach and Willits alumni Mary Colvig will be leading the Willits youth Otters swim team as head coach this year. Colvig plans to keep the Willits swimming legacy alive and brings an enrichment of experience with her. She swam on the Willits Otters and the WHS swim team, holding the record for 200 IM and 100 butterfly. She also swam on the Ukiah Dolphins. When Colvig left WHS, she was the captain of the division-one swim team at Colgate University.

Coaching alongside Mary Colvig are three assistant coaches, the first being Linda Colvig, who very successfully ran the Willits City Pool for 20-plus years and coached the Otters.

Second is Mattie Pinon, who is also the awesome WHS head coach, and who Mary also taught to swim. Pinon, also a well-versed swimmer, swam on the Otters and the WHS swim team, holding the record for the 100 backstroke time. When she left WHS, Pinon swam for CSU East Bay.

The third assistant coach is Nicole Karkar, who is a local Willits women's wrestling marvel, also swam on the Otters, loves to teach people to swim, and is a beneficial fit to the group of amazing coaches.

The Otters have a big squad of determined, athletic swimmers this year and plan to do great things! They have been practicing diligently, and will have their first swim meet next weekend in Sebastopol. They will have a dual meet in Ukiah on May 3, a trip- meet in Ukiah on June 14, and a Willits home meet on July 19 and 20. Come support our amazing local swimmers! You have your community's support, swimmers! Let's go Otters!

### Wolverines JV softball team makes headway on a fantastic season!

The Wolverines JV softball team traveled to Covelo on Thursday for a rematch with the Round Valley Mustangs. They showed up with nine players and, due to an injury in warm-ups, were forced to play short-handed with only eight. Despite the disadvantage, they came out on top with a victory. The final score was 17-5!

"Every Wolverine had a solid day at the plate, putting up 18 hits as a team," said Head Coach Adam Sherf. "Megan Perkins went four for five, driving in four RBIs. Vada Morgan went three for four, adding two walks, hitting a double, and scoring three runs. Stormie Nowles hit two for two, walked three times, and scored three times in her first game with the Wolverines.

"Abigail Sherf had a great day on the mound, striking out seven Mustang batters and allowing only six hits in seven innings. Ariana Vasquez had 12 putouts at first base. Taylor Valente cleanly fielded four ground balls at second base. Perkins and Vasquez both turned double plays in the infield.

"This Wolverines JV team is playing really well this season," said Sherf. "The team has a great attitude. The players are all working well as a whole, and they are having fun together, on and off the field. They have a record of 5-1 in the regular season games, and 0-3 in tournament play this far."

### Wolverines varsity softball wins their first league game against Credo!

The WHS varsity softball team headed south on Friday for a game against Credo. Junior Lisa Arkelian struck out 11 batters over seven innings while giving up three earned (and five unearned) runs off five hits. She has been consistent. She hasn't tossed less than six strikeouts any time she has pitched this season. She also stepped up at the plate, scoring a run and stealing a base while getting on base in five out of seven.

Junior Ava Holmen scored five runs, and stole a base while getting on a base in five out of six. She also put up two RBIs. Sophomore Abigail Sherf scored two runs and stole three bases while going four for six. Senior Mia Chavez scored many runs, solid with her catching. First-year player Ava Dockins-Kline contributed to the outs with a great catch in the outfield, and an RBI.

"The varsity team has shown great improvement this season, with a slow-start in the pre-season, with strong performances in both league games," said Head Coach Ray Britton.

"The players have been working hard on their batting and fielding skills, leading to better teamwork and communication on the field. Key players have stepped up, contributing significantly. I believe if we keep moving forward, we are one of the top teams in league," said Britton.

### Wolverines varsity baseball pitching in for a big win at home on Friday!

The Willits Wolverines baseball team took to the field on Friday, ready to take on Technology High School in their greatly anticipated first league game. The boys intrigued the crowd with a great game, turning up the heat with Corey Rockey throwing some sinkers on the mound, pitching solid for five innings, while Darrel Simmons pitched steady for the rest of the game.

Great catches, batting and runs were made by Adrian Lopez, Rickey Ramirez, Landon Honeycutt and Jayden Schlegel, and it was a notable game with hitting for Grady Cooley, leading the Wolverines to a 15-5 victory!

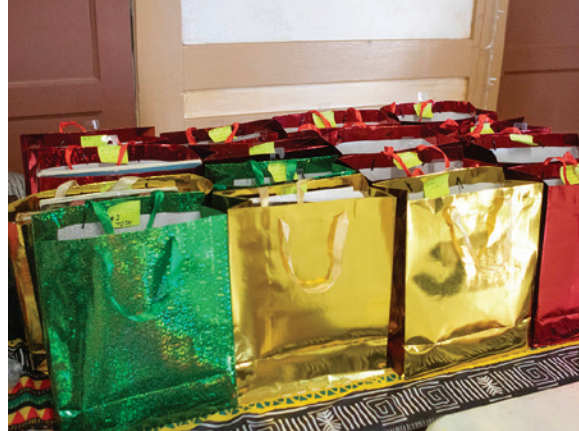
### The Wolverines golf team makes victory par for the course this season!

The WHS golf team is in a dominant stance so far this season, with a current record of 5-0. They ventured down to the beautiful Tayman Park in Healdsburg last week for another successful tournament. Top performers Cole Lane (88), Zahry Lopez (81), Ritchy Ferri (100), Brody Bowen (101), Nikolai Ritchley (124) and Ezra De

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Above, left: The Taste Buds window was a popular place to meet and sample some great vegan foods. Above, left: The stage at the Little Lake Grange was done up in the colors of Jamaica where reggae originated. Below, left: A colorful array of silent auction items, all with a reggae theme. Below, right: The DJs, James "Big Jim" Snidow, Devi Genuone, and Larry Hacken can be heard on KLLG and KZYX radio stations.



## Old School Reggae

Little Lake Grange hosts dance and dinner party to benefit KLLG reggae show

From 5 to 10 pm last Saturday evening, the Little Lake Grange was transformed into a Jamaican dance hall, with DJs from KZYX and KLLG spinning a combination of well-known and more obscure reggae vinyl to get people out of their seats and onto the dance floor.

Although the party didn't really get going until around 8 pm after the sun went down, the event attracted around 100 people, according to DJ Devi Genuone, who took on much of the emcee and introductory duties, as well as singing a set later in the evening.

The Old School Reggae Dance Party, as it was called, was a benefit to keep KLLG-LP FM on the air from its studio in the Grange, and hopefully finally have the ability to stream their programs outside the Little Lake Valley.

In addition to the music, Kevin and Wendy Copperfield offered an island rum punch, chock full of fruity goodness, and also Frey wines to keep the spirits in motion. Food was provided by Taste Buds, a new-to-Willits vegan restaurant, which brought a variety of tasty vegan treats including a Caribbean-inspired jerk tofu.

The music was provided by two main disc jockeys, James "Big Jim" Snidow of KLLG and Larry "Heavyweight" Hacken of KZYX, both of whom play reggae on their respective stations and possess an extensive knowledge of the genre.

"Big Jim" has been into reggae from the time he was a boy living in Jamaica. "My father was a football player for the Cleveland Browns and the Redskins, but he broke his leg, and

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Above, left: KLLG Program Director Jeff Shipp and Finn the Fantastic manned the intake table. Above, right: There was plenty of room on the dance floor, but it was still fun to move to the reggae beats. At far left: Kevin and Wendy Copperfield took care of the bar duties dressed in colorful outfits apropos of the occasion. At left: Devi Genuone, a programmer on KLLG and KZYX, welcomed the attendees. Below, left: Friends had a great time laughing and dancing through the night. Below, right: Sam and Cody brought tasty vegan food from Taste Buds, which proved to be quite popular at the event.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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Worship Service - 5:00 p.m.  
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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-6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

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Willits, CA 95490  
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Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - English  
10:30 a.m. - Spanish  
Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.  
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# A visit to the firehouse

Little Lake Fire Department hosts Imagination Station students and staff for annual field trip

There wasn't a kid around who wasn't excited to get their turn to check out the fire engines, hold the hoses, and sit in the big seats of the big red truck during Imagination Station's annual field trip to the Little Lake Fire Department.

Around 100 students took turns visiting the station where they watched an educational video, heard sirens and alarms, watched the firefighters put on their gear, and explored the engines. Kids also received a special coloring book and were able to smile for lots of photos with their friends and firefighters.

—Maureen Jennison

Above, from left: Two classes of 3ish-year-olds pose at the back of one of the engines at the Little Lake Fire Station during a recent visit. Fernando sits on one of the engine's seats. Myla smiles in the engine's pass through. Below: Before touring the engine bays, students watched an informational cartoon video focused on good fire-awareness safety tips and more.

At left, above: Little Lake Fire Department's Fire Captain Harry So puts on his turnouts in front of the children to help show that, even while looking different in his official garb, there's no reason to be scared. At left: So smiles in front of the Toddler Turtle group who takes their turn posing for a group photo at the back of the engine.

Photos by Saprina Rodriguez

From far left: Clayton takes a turn smiling in the engine's pass through. Addison is ready to roll out and drive the big engine to the next emergency. Catilaya and Maggie try their hands pulling out and maneuvering the heavy water hoses. LLFD's Harry So smiles alongside the youngest class of attendees, including Aubrey, in back, Kairo, left, and Olivia, right.

## The rest of Bender

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annual salary in 2022 was \$145,132 with other pay of \$19,527, for a total salary of \$164,659. Bender received a one-time \$5,000 payment to his retirement account in March 2024, and a two-year extension to his contract via a 5-0 vote, after a favorable evaluation but no increase in salary.

A rough calculation of eight months of total salary would be somewhere around \$110,000. "Aggregate salary" in the context of a release agreement like this usually means total compensation, including the value of any benefits.

The city has also agreed to reimburse Bender up to \$5,000 for attorney fees from January 2025 through the March 21, 2025 end of employment date, relating to the separation agreement. The city also agrees to pay Bender all earned, unused vacation, holidays and accrued benefits. Sick leave will be compensated as usual for senior management employees, and the right to continued health care for eight months will be offered through COBRA.

The final amount the City Council will compensate Bender with is anticipated to be listed in final budget documents for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

## The rest of Cubbison

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and outside county attorney Morin Jacob made to Superior Court Judge Ann Moorman this week.

"The parties met and conferred on March 20 and again on March 27 but were not able to reach resolution on any of the outstanding issues," according to a joint filing signed by Jacob and Cannata.

Moorman on Friday agreed to the attorneys' mutual request that she delay scheduling oral arguments on Cubbison's formal bid for reinstatement and at least \$250,000 in back pay and benefits until June 9. (Cubbison immediately returned to work after Moorman cleared her of any criminal wrongdoing.)

Attorneys Cannata and Jacob agreed the delay will allow their law firms to "continue to work to address any outstanding issues before oral arguments on the writ petition are scheduled."

County supervisors have huddled behind closed doors multiple times with attorneys of the law firm of Libert Cassidy Whitmore of San Francisco to discuss the pending litigation. Clearing criminal charges against Cubbison has increased her chances of winning substantial awards for damage to her professional and personal reputation and county supervisors' denial of due process. Days after Eyster charged Cubbison with a felony, the board suspended her without pay or benefits on October 17. Two weeks later, supervisors finally granted her a public hearing.

The litigation delays are costly for the county, which has already spent close to \$200,000 on legal fees for civil and criminal cases, and Cubbison, who has racked up debts to defend herself of more than \$200,000. In addition, Cubbison's co-defendant, Paula June Kennedy, also freed of criminal charges by the court, was also provided a public defender at county expense because she could not afford private counsel.

The costs are significant compared to the \$68,000 in extra pay that DA Eyster accused Kennedy and Cubbison of misappropriating over three years during the COVID pandemic. Eyster, who had battled with Cubbison over his office spending, accused the two veteran county employees of felony misappropriation of public

## 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

**Thursday, April 10:** Pork Chops, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll  
**Friday, April 11:** Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies, Roll

**Monday, April 14:** Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roff

**Tuesday, April 15:** Italian Sub Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

**Wednesday, April 16:** Pork Tacos, Rice & Beans

**Thursday, April 17:** Pasta Primavera (vegetarian), Garlic Bread, Green Salad

**Friday, April 18:** Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Veggies, Roll

April Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday, on April 13 this month, 8 to 11 am. Menu choices are: 1. All-you-can-eat pancakes with 2 eggs, choice of sausage or bacon, or 2. Biscuits & gravy with side of eggs only.

## The rest of Weathertop

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dedication over the years. She will miss this place greatly and would have liked it to turn out differently. She feels we are all going though big changes and wishes everyone the very best on their journey.

It is said when times of change occur, it brings us to a place where we find ourselves becoming more creative and open to new possibilities. May everyone's creativity and determination shine brightly into the unknown of the future ahead.

Sending much love and gratitude. Thank you all!

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funds. The controversial case never made it to trial.

Besides Eyster, Cubbison lawyers plan to depose CEO Antle about her knowledge of a years-long pay struggle Kennedy had been engaged in with county administrators and when she learned of the alleged illegal Kennedy payments.

Antle's testimony during the Cubbison preliminary hearing is being questioned, considering a sworn deposition given in March by former county CEO Carmel Angelo.

In what Cubbison attorneys described as a "stunning revelation" that suggests a cover-up, Angelo said Antle, Eyster, and other top county administrators learned months earlier about the disputed extra pay than what was claimed in court testimony and public statements.

Angelo also linked County Counsel Christian Curtis to the circle of officials aware of what led to a criminal case laced with backroom politics.

County supervisors in 2021 sought a forced merger of the county's two independent financial offices – Auditor/Controller and Treasurer/Tax Collector – in hopes of creating a new Department of Finance, eliminating two voter-elected department heads, and eventually aligning control over county finances more closely with the Board of Supervisors and the CEO.

Eyster, who had publicly condemned Cubbison and blocked her appointment in 2021 as interim auditor until she was elected, became engaged behind the scenes with board members and, among others, Antle. On a private email account, Eyster wrote a three-page plan outlining the steps board members could take and sent it to former county Supervisor Glenn McCourt, Angelo, then still CEO, distributed it to other administrators.

After the revelations from the Angelo depositions, Cubbison's attorneys accused Antle of being "knee-deep in the cover-up of an unlawful scheme to oust Ms. Cubbison from public office."

Eyster on Friday continued his practice of not responding to requests for comments on his attempt to felony prosecute Cubbison, or his planned deposition.

Both include coffee, tea opr orange juice. \$12; \$11 Senior Center members; \$8 children under 8. Extra sausage, bacon, eggs and juice for additional cost.

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

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

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

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

## The rest of Cultivation

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included with the agenda item: "the Mendocino Cannabis Department implemented Internal Procedure # 09 – Cannabis Cultivation Business License Density. This Procedure is a result of a plain reading of the already existing Mendocino County Code Section 10A.17.070(D), which addresses Cannabis Cultivation Business License density."

A number of public commenters at the Willits meeting said they were there when the ordinance was being developed, and when a petition that limited grows to 10,000 square feet was being circulated in Mendocino County, and that there was no doubt at the time of the intent of the ordinance or the public's desire for the 10,000 foot limit.

Board Chair Haschak started the discussion at the board level by suggesting it was the supervisors' job to take responsibility for the ordinance, not to let staff reinterpret it. "And that's why I pushed for bringing this back to the board," he said, "because I don't think it's proper that Council Counsel's Office or staff gets blamed for this.... It's back here to the board where it should be, and we should make a decision, and I think that we really need to support the public's original intent, and support the 10,000 square foot limit."

Other public speakers, some of them speaking as legal cannabis growers with two permits, said they relied on what the Cannabis Department told them, as far as whether their permit allowed them to grow 10,000 or 20,000 square feet.

One speaker with two permits – one a nursery permit that he uses to grow mature cannabis plants to harvest for seeds – suggested that changing the ordinance to go back to a total 10,000 square foot limit would mean he would have to destroy those nursery seed plants, "after I've watered them and fed them and they've already been in place and yes there is a smell to it. But what sense does it make that I can collect the seeds from it .... but then I'm supposed to destroy that?"

Other speakers asked the board to remember that cannabis growers in Mendocino who try to work within the legal system should be acknowledged for their efforts and for the revenue their work produces for Mendocino County.

"if you look at the people in the room that are growing," one speaker noted. "It's affecting their whole lifeblood and their ability to stay in this industry. And to look those people next to you in the eye that are growing and say 'We don't think you should be able to have a business that makes sense that makes money, to me might be one of the most tragic things to come out of this whole thing.'"

Supervisor Williams, who was not on the board when the ordinance was originally adopted, said he didn't accept that the original intent of the county's cannabis ordinance was to limit grows to 10,000 feet. "I think those of us that read [the ordinance] probably read it the same way our counsel did and came to the same conclusion."

Public commenter Dennis Slota said he was involved in developing the cannabis ordinance at the time, and supported the 10,000 square feet limit.

"We have a legally adopted ordinance that says the limit is 10,000 square feet," Slota said, "and that's been in effect for seven years. We have at least a dozen citizens such as myself who were involved in the entire process. We're happily going to testify that yeah the grow size was a big topic of concern, and we all agreed the limit is 10,000 square feet."

"This board can change this ordinance any way it wants," Slota noted. "You can make it a 100 acre limit if you want – whatever you want – in a public process. However we are not going to tolerate an uninvolved staff member to unilaterally overturn a multi-year process with seven years of implementation."

## The rest of Sports

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La Fuente (103) led the team to a total winning score of

370, defeating Fort Bragg, Clear Lake, Upper Lake and Lower Lake. They will head to Hidden Valley for a tournament next week. Good luck Wolverines golf! You are amazing!

"The team is doing really good this year," said Head Coach Jeff Yokum. "With being 5-0 for the season, we are looking forward to attending the North Coast Sections championship, which will be held in Rohnert Park at Foxtail North Golf Course in May.

"Both Zahyr and Cole Lane have a chance at moving onto the next level individual championship as they are playing well this year. BIG thank you to Nolan Jergensen and Christina Aguilar for helping me get the team to do so well this year!" said Yokum.

## Wolverines swim team makes big waves with high-scoring wins!

The Wolverines swim team traveled to Calistoga to compete against Calistoga and St. Helena swim teams. The girls created impressive waves with their strengths in the stride of swimming, with times leading Willits to high-scoring victories. The final score was Calistoga 35-Willits 89, St. Helena 54-Willits 70.

Head Coach Mattie Pinon was very proud of her team. "The girls did a great job!" said Pinon. "They are continually improving their times!"

## Wolverines track team running with outstanding athletic accomplishments!

The WHS Wolverines track team headed south to Cloverdale High School on April 2 to compete in the first meet of the year. These young men displayed a great amount of athleticism and tenacity in each event, all achieving great goals.

Leo Moratti was first place in the long jump, with 20 feet 11.25 inches, while getting second place in the 100-meter dash, with 11.1 seconds.

Cruz Ojtenbruns was third in the long jump, with 16 feet 2 inches, while also getting first place in the 400-meter dash, with 58.8 seconds.

Nikolas Bloyd got fifth place in discus with 35 feet 2 inches.

"The boys did a great job!" said Head Coach Kristi Keller. "They gave it their all and they placed in several events. I am so proud of them for getting out there and doing their best. They are off to a great start!"

## Wolverines tennis team is serving up a fantastic season!

The WHS tennis team showed up to their home turf, looking dapper in their professional playing attire, and played an interesting, yet intense, home game against Kelseyville on Friday.

They all played with an immense amount of determination, while having fun, enjoying every swing. The second doubles team, Alexandra Suarez and Jacqueline Vieyra, won their match 2-0. It was a close game.

"We have had six wins so far this season, and the team is doing well," said Coach Keller. "I am proud of each one of my players and the constant effort they put into playing. Win or lose, they show good sportsmanship. They are all great young men and women. I am proud to be their coach."

Congratulations on an epic beginning to your season, Willits sports teams! You are all putting in the work and it shows! Your community is so proud of you and can't wait to see more! Let's go Wolverines!

## Willits Weekly's

# Rain Box

While the average rainfall for April 1 through 6 was just 1.4", Tim Hanna notes, it was enough to guarantee this year is wetter than last. The total average accumulation since October 1, 2024 stands at 64.5", versus 63.8" for October 2023 through September 2024. Based on previous years, we could see an additional 3 to 4" between now and October.

Thanks to Tim Hanna for his Rain Box.





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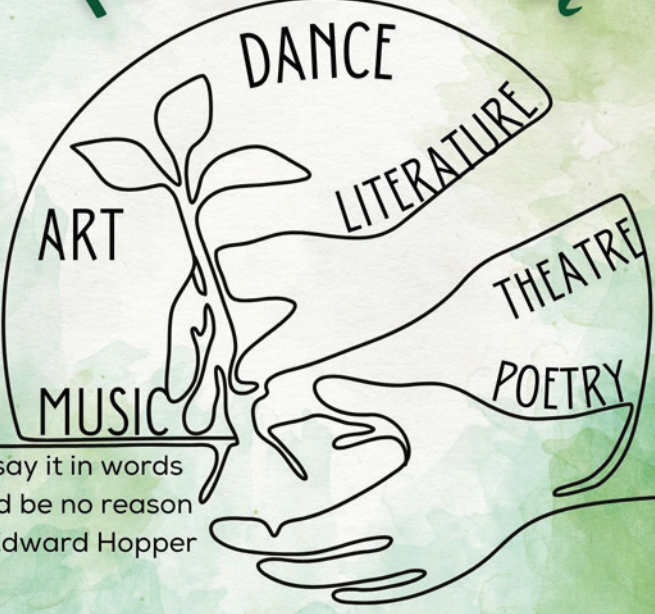
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| Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)   |                          |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |            |              |       | rainfall since 01Oct24 |
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| location  | Mon Mar 31               | Tue Apr 01        | Wed Apr 02        | Thur Apr 03        | Fri Apr 04        | Sat Apr 05        | Sun Apr 06 | weekly total |       |                        |
| Northbrook Way  | 1.56                     | 1.57              | 0.01              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.35       | 3.49         | 80.41 |                        |
| Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd  | 1.84                     | 1.25              | 0.00              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.36       | 3.45         | 73.89 |                        |
| Valley Rd   | 1.00                     | 0.77              | 0.01              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.25       | 2.03         | 55.63 |                        |
| Canyon Rd   | 0.99                     | 0.70              | 0.00              | 0.01               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.31       | 2.01         | 51.22 |                        |
| Pine Mountain   | 0.82                     | 0.79              | 0.00              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.30       | 1.91         | 52.91 |                        |
| South Main @ East Oak   | 1.54                     | 1.46              | 0.00              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.32       | 3.32         | 72.89 |                        |
| average   | 1.29                     | 1.09              | 0.00              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.31       | 2.70         | 64.49 |                        |
| data compiled from weatherunderground (https://www.wunderground.com)                  |                          |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |            |              |       |                        |
| California Nevada River Forecast Center   |                          |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |            |              |       |                        |
| Six day precipitation forecast for the Willits area                                   | Mon Apr 07<br>0.01 - 0.1 | Tue Apr 08<br>0.0 | Wed Apr 09<br>0.0 | Thur Apr 10<br>0.0 | Fri Apr 11<br>0.0 | Sat Apr 12<br>0.0 |            |              |       |                        |
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Snuggly Doug

Meet Doug Dimmadome! This delightful boy is looking for his forever home. Doug has cerebellar hypoplasia, which gives him a charmingly wobbly flip-floppy way of getting around, but that doesn't stop him from being full of life and personality. He's an adventurous little guy who loves to explore and play, bringing joy wherever he goes.

Doug is also a big fan of snuggles and is always ready to curl up for some quality time. If you're looking for a loving companion who embraces life with a positive spirit, Doug Dimmadome is your perfect match! Come meet him and see the magic he brings!

Doug Dimmadome's adoption fee has been generously sponsored by Darlene and Brian from B.A.S. Roofing.

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.mendohumaneociety.com](http://www.mendohumaneociety.com), on our Facebook page, and on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).

Sweet Bonnie

Bonnie is a little shy when she first meets new people, but does enjoy pets and attention! We think she was mostly an outdoor dog in her last home. We are currently working on leash training and helping her



Doug.



Bonnie.



Onyx.

to build some confidence when out and about on walks. Bonnie would probably love a large, secure outdoor area to run around in.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from 9:30 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays (closed for lunch each day from 1 to 1:30 pm). Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com). Call 707-463-4427 for more information.

Respectful Onyx

Young Onyx wants to please and entertain! He would fit in well with an active family. He is fast and energetic; running is his passion. Being completely dog and people friendly, his world is all about engaging and learning. He loves adventure and his love has no boundaries.

Onyx is crate-trained, great with livestock, and has experience with an e-collar for off-leash recalls. He will tag alongside your horse while respecting your equine. He is never mean or reactive. He is young, learns fast, and can entertain himself. Toys are his gifts of the heart!

To learn more about Onyx, or to view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://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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‘Minecraft’

**The Story:** Natalie (Emma Myers) and her young brother Henry (Sebastian Eugene Hansen) are carried off to a cubist dimension deep in an abandoned mine. All the animals there in the weird dimension are made of cubes. As are the buildings. As are all the people, many of them nightmarish and really quite threatening. Also metal “golems” and various types of animals.



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The brother and sister team are joined by self-aggrandizing video game master Garrett (Jason Momoa), and a personality-plus character named Steve (Jack Black), who is a designer of cube buildings and cube tools and cube (more or less) swords and cube (more or less) knives, who has a loyal cube-headed husky dog.

So, Natalie and Henry want to go home. But they can't because the glowing blue-glass cube that opened the trans-dimensional gates is being sought for by Piglin Queen Malgosha, an evil cubic hag witch who commands a menagerie of cube zombies, cube thugs, and a horde of unspeakable Piglins who are mean cubic-pig-people. The rest is a manic and chaotic chase of adversaries: the Good-Guys/Girls running from Bad-Guys/Piglins. Spoiler: there's a happy (enough) ending.

**My Thoughts:** A fun movie. A foolish movie. It is not a classic, but it is a visually thrilling myth-building tale that most (probably all) children will like. And to be honest and rather analytical, this simple adult me enjoyed it in much the same way that I enjoyed the curious spectacle of Looking Glass Alice (though clearly, not as dearly, and not nearly on the same level).

**Parents:** Kindness wins out...so...sure.

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



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