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WPD Hi-Lo Siren drill

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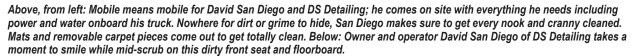
Spread the word: The Willits Police Department is set to conduct a Hi-Lo Siren Evacuation Drill on Wednesday, May 28. Do not evacuate, this is only a training.

As fire season is upon us, we at the City of Willits Police Department want to ensure that all residents are aware of the Hi-Lo Siren's distinct sound. Willits Police patrol cars are equipped with Hi-Lo Sirens which will only be activated in emergencies that require an immediate evacuation. "When you hear the Hi-L,o it's time to go!"

On Wednesday, May 28, at 3:30 pm Willits Police Department will conduct a Hi-Lo Siren Emergency Evacuation Drill in patrol cars driving City of Willits streets with sirens activated. DO NOT EVACUATE as this is only a drill. The drill will end by 3:40 pm. Please do not call 911 (unless you have an emergency) or police dispatch during the drill.

In the event of a real Hi-Lo Siren evacuation you will receive a Nixle Alert of what and where the danger is and directions of travel to evacuate. To receive Willits Police Nixle Alerts, text,





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John Pinches, а Mendocino legendary County rancher, budget hawk, and three-term county supervisor remembered for his folksy wisdom and fierce advocacy for rural residents, has died. He was 73.

The news of Pinches' passing on May 17 was first shared by his longtime friend Jim Shields, editor and publisher of the Mendocino County Observer, out of Laytonville, who called him "a good, good, good man who always cared about and represented the best interests of working people and salt-of-the-earth ordinary folks who had no one fighting for them."

fourth-generation А rancher from northeastern Mendocino County, Pinches served on the Board of Supervisors for a total of 12 years, first from 1995 to 1998, and again from 2007 to 2014. Clad in his signature cowboy shirt and jeans, he became a trusted figure in county politics and chaired the board three times.

Former Sheriff Tom Allman remembered

Read the rest of Pinches Over on Page 4

your Zip code to 888777 or sign up online at nixle.com.

Additionally, we suggest you go to mendoready.org and sign up for Mendocino County-wide emergency alerts. Thank you.

County seeks change of venue in Cubbison civil case

By Mike Geniella, mendofever.com

May 21 – In a stinging rebuke to the County of Mendocino, lawyers for Auditor Chamise Cubbison on Tuesday attacked a change of venue motion as a "waste of still more taxpayer dollars on an untimely, legally defective, and utterly frivolous" court filing.

"The County is attacking the assigned judge to the civil case, Ms. Cubbison's criminal and civil counsel, and every member of the press, and apparently every sitting judge in Mendocino County," declared Therese Cannata, a San Francisco attorney seeking damages on behalf of Cubbison.

In the meantime, the costs of the high-stakes standoff between outside county attorneys and Cubbison legal team are mounting.

Read the rest of Cubbison Over on Page 11











scrubbers, special towels and more to work his magic.

"I started my detailing business on Halloween day in 2022," explained San Diego. "I had been brainstorming on something new to do after working in grocery and for the retail cannabis industry and realized that there wasn't any sort of mobile detailing business around. I was always a clean freak with my own car, would detail it myself, and felt like there was perhaps a need for that in our area as cars always need to be cleaned, kids, dogs, dirt roads, etc. repeat business! ... so I started up DS Detailing."

Boy was he right.

With clients ranging from one-clean and repeat-business private customers to monthly and weekly business contracts, like with a clinic in Ukiah and the County of Mendocino, San Diego travels all over the area and neighboring counties, doing in work from Willits to Ukiah to Lakeport to Clearlake to Fort Bragg to Geyserville and beyond.

While mobile is all a part of the convenience, San Diego comes to your home or business with all needed tools and supplies on board - including water and power – and will work away, while you work away. He also has an in-town shop, too.

"I have a shop space in Jim Montalvo's building across from Safeway," said San Diego. "This way, if customers live too far out, or don't want to have people come to their property, we can meet in town. They can just drop off their car at the shop, and I can have it ready for them to pick up later that day."

The shop also is allowing a good, clean space for San Diego to work on perfecting a new service he's offering: window tinting.

Whether at the shop, or on location, San Diego's process is the same: check out the overall situation, assess if the seats need to be unbolted and removed for cleaning, and then he gets to work collecting all the garbage and debris into bags for disposal. Next, San Diego bags up any personal items (yes, he'll find things even if you swear you thought you got them all!) and

Read the rest of Over on page 11 Detail

At left, from top: "Before" followed by "After" photos of the outside, the driver's seat and floorboard, and the passenger's seat and floorboard, give a clear view of David San Diego's skill and attention to detail, making sure things look basically brand-new when he's done. Below, left: Shampooing the floors, seats and sometimes even the roof and interior lining makes everything amazingly clean. Below, right: Lots of surface area to cover, but San Diego made it look like a brand-new car when he was done.



Gunfight north of Covelo leaves 1 dead, 2 badly injured

By Capt. Quincy Cromer, MCSO

On Wednesday, May 14, at approximately 9:01 pm, deputies with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a 911 hang-up in the area north of Covelo.

The 911 caller was an unidentified male who advised he needed help for a friend and later disconnected. Utilizing the systems and technology from the Sheriff's Office Communications Center, the dispatcher was able to trace the 911 call to the 82000 block of Mina Road in Covelo.

MCSO deputies responded to the area of the 911 hang-up near Covelo and overheard radio traffic of a deputy in Ukiah being dispatched to the Adventist Health Ukiah Valley Emergency Room for an adult-male subject with possible gunshot wounds. This information was received on May 14, at approximately 10:55 pm.

Read the rest of Gunfight Over on Page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

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Fund Raiser success To the Editor: The Grateful Gleaner plant sale was very successful once again thanks to the generosity of plant-purchasing customers who came out in numbers throughout the beautiful spring day before Mother's Day. There was a vast array of plants available, thanks to the hard work and preparation of the Gleaner team of volunteers and many other local gardeners who willingly shared from their gardens and greenhouses. The list of gardeners donating grows each	year and includes: Tom DeMarchi, Janae Stephens, Marisela de Santa Ana, Robir Goldner, Ellen Drell, Beth Rosen, Katie Jeane, Don Willis, Medie Parrott, Golder Rule Gardens, Tam Adams and Kashaya Wally Stahl, and Nancy Stipe. Apologies to anyone we may have omitted. The event couldn't happen without the efforts and contributions of many. Thanks to the Willits Grange for loaning us their tables; Gleaner husbands, Monte Vander Horck and Ron Savarese, who helped move large numbers of plants; Gail Savarese who served as cashier; and the Dykes family members, including Hoss, Orion	 multitude of ways. Funds raised from the sale are primarily used to help develop food sustainability in the form of small grants to local farmers. If you are a local farmer or know of one who could benefit from a small grant, please contact us. Proposals can be short and very specific. For more information, leave a message on our voice mail: 707-367-7391, or contact us at our email, gratefulgleanersofwillits@gmail.com
Pinched by energy bills? ' Submitted by WELL	'Save Energy, Save Money,'	at Willits Library, May 31
Everyone is feeling the pinch of rising cos energy bill. Fortunately, there are ways to re wallet, while also reducing your impact on the WELL (Willits Economic Localization) an Library are co-hosting an event "Save Ener	educe the hit to your environment! d the Willits Branch • Christopher Ma	ation, and other home improvements; om the Senior Center regarding utility payment artineau, Eclectric Solar, on energy-efficient

Library are co-hosting an event "Save Energy, Save Money" on Saturday, May 31, 3 to 4:30 pm, to explore some of the options.

Join us for this kick-off event in a bi-monthly 'Sustainable Willits' series. We will hear from a panel of experts about a range of ways, from no- and low-cost to longer-term projects for saving money and electricity. Our presenters include:

 Crispin Hollinshead, a member of Climate Action Mendocino and the Sonoma Clean Power Advisory Board, on a perspective of energy issues;

• Owner of All About Energy, home energy audit services, about

appliances and solar systems.

There will be time for your questions, and we will also ask audience members to contribute their own energy-saving tips! In addition, the Willits Library and presenters will have useful resources available to take home with you. Finally, there will be light refreshments.

Please join us for this FREE event on May 31 at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

For more information contact Denise Jesse at the Library, 707-459-5908, or Robin Leler, with WELL, at 707-459-0155.

Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)								rainfall	
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	weekly	since
location	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	total	01Oct24
Northbrook Way	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	81.66
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.95	75.24
Valley Rd	0.37	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	56.26
Canyon Rd	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43	51.97
Pine Mountain	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47	53.81
South Main @ East Oak	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	73.83
average	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.62	65.46

data compiled from weatherunderground (https://www.wunderground.com)

		California	Nevada R	iver Foreca	ast Center	
Six day precipitation forecast for the Willits area	Mon May 19	Tue May 20	Wed May 21	Thur May 22	Fri May 23	Sat May 24
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https://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/precipForecast.php?cwa=EKA&imgNum=1&mobile=0

Willits Weekly **Rain Box**

Monday, May 12 brought what will probably be the last significant rainfall until late August or early September. An average of just over 0.6 inches fell across the Little Lake Valley, bringing the total since October 1 to 65.46 inches. This is 2.6 inches more than the same period last year.

Dead worker found on Island Mountain

By Capt. Quincy Cromer, MCSO

On Thursday, May 15, 2025 at approximately 12:50 pm, a subject in Texas who owns a property in Mendocino County contacted the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office to report an incident that reportedly occurred at a property she owns on Bell Springs Road.

The property owner received second-hand information earlier in the week about her property worker who was living – Tim Hanna and working at the remote property in the 68000 block of

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, May 22: BBQ Chicken,, Baked Beans, Veggies, Cornbread Friday, May 23: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll Monday, May 26: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll Tuesday, May 27: Italian Sub Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

Wednesday, May 28: Fish Tacos, **Rice & Beans**

Thursday, May 29: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Friday, May 30: Sweet & Sour Pork over Rice

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 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.

searching the area down the hill from the residence.

Upon further searching and investigating the area down the hill from the residence. Sheriff's Office personnel located apparent human remains. It appeared the human remains were partially concealed with loose debris and foliage in an attempt to hide the decedent.

Due to the rapidly-approaching darkness conditions, it was decided that numerous Sheriff's Office personnel would remain overnight at the property while additional resources were requested to assist in the recovery of the remains and conduct further searching of the large property on Friday, May 16.

Investigators and deputies with the Mendocino County

Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue personnel from the

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Humboldt

County Sheriff's Office, and law enforcement personnel

from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office responded to

the property during the early-morning hours of May 16 to

During recovery efforts, the decedent was determined

to be an adult male, but positive identification was not

possible due to the advanced decomposition and condition

of the remains. The remains are consistent with the general

description, gender, and ethnicity of the missing property

worker, but the decedent has not been positively identified

Due to the circumstances learned during this case and

the suspicious nature of the human remains recovered

during this incident, this case is being investigated as a

homicide and additional information will be released as it

becomes available. A post-mortem examination is being

scheduled for the human remains recovered during this

continue searching and to recover the human remains.







FOWL Book Sale

Library anticipates cuts in federal funding – FOWL helps fundraise by selling used books

funding due to government austerity Mathew Caine programs currently in effect. In order to make up for these shortfalls, libraries' staffs and supporting entities are having to be creative in the manner in which

they allocate their monies. The Willits Library is fortunate to have a librarian, Denise Jessie, who is creative and detail-oriented in her approach to obtaining the needs of the institution and using the resources expeditiously. In addition, the Friends of the Willits Library has been raising money to assist the library in maintaining its collections of books and other materials, as well as providing funding for special programs.

To raise money, FOWL runs a series of book sales during the year, two major sales and a couple of pop-up markets. Last weekend, beginning on Thursday and running through Sunday, FOWL produced their Spring Book Sale, allowing the public to fill out their collections with used but in good condition books, at some amazingly low prices (from \$.50 for paperbacks to \$3 for coffee table and special books).

Thursday's section of the sale was exclusively for the some 200 members of FOWL to obtain their books prior to opening the sale to the public on Friday. Sunday's sale encouraged readers to fill bags with books for only \$3 each. "A friend of mine talked me into joining FOWL but I've loved books all my life," said Lotus Baker, a fairly new member of FOWL who volunteered to work the sale on budget. The other thing we did to try and reduce our Thursday. "I thought I'd be a librarian when I was a kid but

Like many of the country's institutions, the Willits Branch that didn't happen. Today, I'm an ersatz librarian. One of Library (and all Mendocino County libraries) are losing the things I was doing was trying to find authors and putting their books together. I could do that for the next two days. We have tons of Lee Child books. We have Ken Follet and Baldacci books for those who like mystery and suspense. There's James Patterson, Elmore Leonard. There's a lot of Kellerman books, both he and she. We have a lot of John Grisham legal novels.

> "Basically, they all came in in tons and tons of boxes and I guess the high school kids from WHS worked on them," explained Baker. "The boys hauled them in, and the girls sorted them. Some of the girls had done this in prior years."

> Denise Jessie, Willits branch librarian, is dealing on a dayto-day basis with the loss of much of the federal funding. "We are all worried about our funding with the new fiscal policies. We are anticipating a reduction in our funding. We have to tighten the belt and not spend as much money. So, we've done some things, and I'm talking about all of the Mendocino libraries, not just the Willits branch. The library administration and the director have worked hard to create a budget where we can keep our doors open. So far, we don't have to let any staff go.

Above, from left: There is a good selection of mystery and suspense books to be had. Olga O'Neill and Nikki of the FOWL board of directors are present on the final day of the sale. Romance is almost gone by the final day of the sale, as is sci-fi and fantasy. At left: Members of the Friends of the Willits Library take advantage of the ability to get in early and select the books that are of interest to them. Below: Library Assistant Tobin Steiskal takes the opportunity to come in early and find some books to take home. At bottom: Joanne Moore looks for books her grandkid will enjoy.





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Bell Springs Road in Piercy (in the Island Mountain area).

The property owner learned that her worker was either in trouble or possibly murdered at the property. Nobody involved in this incident was able to reach the adult-male worker, and the last known contact with the subject living on the property on Bell Springs Road was approximately on May 5, 2025.

The property owner drove for approximately two days from Texas to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office in Ukiah to report this incident. Sheriff's Office deputies met with the property owner, who was requesting an escort to the remote property on Bell Springs Road to conduct a welfare check on her worker who she was unable to contact

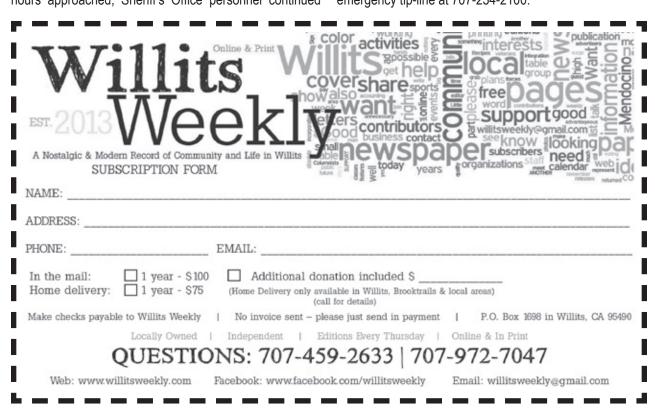
Personnel from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office obtained further information from the property owner, who advised that the property is extremely difficult to access and behind multiple locked gates so she agreed to respond and assist deputies in accessing the parcel.

It took multiple hours to respond to the property, and upon arrival, Sheriff's Office personnel searched the over-100-acre parcel for multiple hours. The property appeared to be utilized for marijuana cultivation, and deputies extensively searched the large property. As night-time

Anyone with information related to this investigation is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 707-463-4086 (option 1). Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the nonhours approached, Sheriff's Office personnel continued emergency tip-line at 707-234-2100.

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at this point in the investigation.



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Below: Members of FOWL peruse and purchase books a day before the Read the rest of general public.

Willits branch," Jessie said. "That portion, for all the branch managers has been cut in half. I'm going to get creative, and Friends of the Willits Library are going to help. A lot of the communities have said that their Friends of the Libraries are going to step up and add to the collection spending is a reduction in the digital spending, beginning

Photos by Mathew Caine

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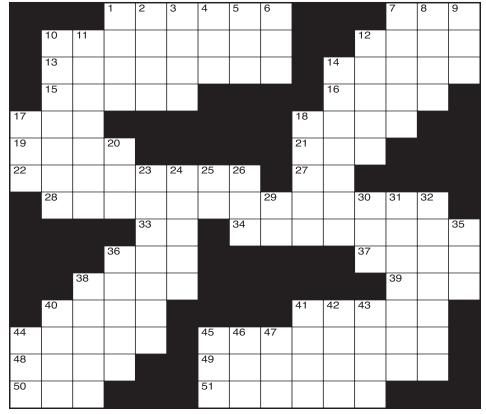
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Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

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10:36 pm: KNIGHT, Keegan Shea

(34) of Ukiah was contacted in Willits.

He was arrested on multiple felony and

5:43 pm: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 300 block of

1:12 pm: WESTCOTT, Cassandra (32)

of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block

of South Main Street following a report of

vandalism. She was arrested on felony

charges of damage or defacement of more

5:04 pm: Officers responded to a report

5:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft

9:13 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

10:44 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

11:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

the 24000 block of Sherwood Road and

3:46 pm: SAINE, Randy Lewis (38) of

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the intersection of South Main Street and

Alder Lane and issued a citation

investigation in the 1500 block of South

of illegal camping in the 100 block of

the 1700 block of South Main Street and

of vandalism in the 100 block of West

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly The officers of the Willits Police issued a warning. Department reported 89 incidents in this Mav 8 7-day period. 2:52 pm: Officers initiated a theft Summary of Active Investigations investigation in the 200 block of North Main and Arrests Street. 3:08 pm: Officers initiated a fraud Mav 5 investigation in the 1000 block of Poplar 6:18 am: Officers responded to a report Avenue of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block 3:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of South Main Street and issued a warning. of suspicious activity in the 800 block of

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10:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. 11:24 pm: MEDINA, Javier Borjon (53) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of probation and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (intoxicated with drugs and alcohol)

May 6

12:13 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Creekside Drive. 12:34 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street. 11:25 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

May 7 9:41 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1300 block of South Main Street. 1:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street 5:17 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Locust Street 9:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. 9:55 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the a warning

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Thursday, May 22 Sunday, May 25

'A Bit and a Bite' at the Museum: Grance Pancake Breakfast: Join us at the Grange breakfast on Sunday, May Friends of the Mendocino County 25, from 8 to 11 am. "\$12 buys you a Museum presents light refreshments, history and conversation. Sherwood plate of the best "scratch" pancakes & rancher Marilyn Sagehorn Russell, local farm eggs to be found anywhere contributing author to "Roots and around. All you can eat pancakes Resilience: California Ranchers in Their (choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Own Words." tells stories from her Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free), Beeler's Quality early life as a sheep rancher, and her Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh family's successful collaboration with the Scrambled Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, California Rangeland Trust to preserve the ranch in perpetuity. Thursday, May 22 Organic Coffee or Tea." All for only \$12; at 12:30 pm, 400 East Commercial Street. \$11 for Senior plate;

More info: at www.mendocinocounty.gov/ \$5 for children under museum, museum@mendocinocounty. 10. Also: extra sides gov or 707-234-6365. of Organic Fruit \$2-\$3. Amish Organic Maple Willits Farmers Market: Join your

Syrup \$1, Fresh-made neighbors on Thursdays, from 3 to 5:30 fruit syrup \$1, Extra pm at the Willits Farmers Market at City Beelers Bacon \$2. Park, with vendors along State Street on Little Lake Grange the north end of the park. Featuring the #670, 291 School freshest produce available, local meat Street (2 blocks south and eggs, hot food and cold from small, of Commercial, 1 block local businesses, many of them sourcing west of Main Street. ingredients from local farms. Crafts, live 43rd Annual Willits

music, and the new copy of Willits Weekly. The market honors EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits with Market Match. to double your food dollars.

Friday, May 23 **Democracy Vigil:** Every Friday evening from 5 to MATT VENUTI 6 pm, Willits Indivisible at Babcock Park, South Main Street. Concerts by Matt Venuti: award-winning, multi-instrumentalist and national touring artist Matt Venuti brings two



23 and 24, both shows at 7 pm. Venuti's AmeriCosmos and Music and Sound Alchemy performances are known for captivating his audiences with original music, using rare and expressive acoustic and electronic instruments, along with majestic visuals. Tickets, \$20 available at the door or online at: www. wctperformingarts.org.

7910 or director@willits.org

Tuesday, May 27

Community Development Block Grant

Meeting: Residents, businesses, and non-

profits are invited to provide comments

related to economic development,

public

eligible

housing

improvement,

and other

through the Community

Development Block

Grant project. Tuesday,

May 27, 5:30 to 7

pm at City Hall, 111

activities

more details.

Held in the back courtyard of Willits Center for the Arts.

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." Friday, May 23 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



May 24, 12 to 6 pm, and

ART SALE MAY 24 - 12AM - 6PM the annual Y'ART Sale MAY 25 - 11AM - 5PM fundraiser, on Saturday, ARTS & CRAFTING SUPPLIES





shows at the Willits Community Theatre including Saturday, May 31 at 7 pm. See Friday, May 30 listing for more details

Sunday, June 1

Willits Horsemen's Playday: Annual

Playday and BBQ is at the Horsemen's

Arena on Sunday, June 1. Event

registration is 8 to 11 am. Limited entries

for events. BBQ is 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Adults \$25; kids \$15. Rodeo starts at 1:30

pm. Free to spectators. 860 East Valley

Magician and Mentalist Robert

Goleman at WCT: Fort Bragg

magician and mentalist Robert

Goleman returns for three

Proudly sponsoring the calendar section

Blue Luke at Shanachie: "Blue Luke" Andrews is a prodigy guitarist, born and raised in Dos Rios, Mendocino County: "Imagine a band that takes the soul of by Bower Park in Gualala. Program the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of rock & roll and the rich harmonies of attendance is free

Car & Bike Show: Located on Main Street with cost of Museum admission. 400 jazz to create exactly what you've always in downtown Willits, extended down East East Commercial Street. More info: wanted to hear." Saturday, May 31 at Commercial Street this year. "Classic www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum. 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main car enthusiasts, families, and museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-Street.

friends will gather on Sunday, 234-6365 May 25 to marvel at a stunning display of vintage vehicles, enjoy Thursday, May 29

live music, shopping from our Willits Farmers Market: Join your many great retailers, delicious neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 food from our local restaurants, pm at the Willits Farmers Market at City activities for all ages, food trucks Park, with vendors along State Street n the City parking lot, and NEW on the north end of the park. Consider this year, Vendor Row located parking at the City or Skunk Train parking on the green of Bud Snider lots. For the freshest produce available, Park (aka: Willits City Park). and much more. See Thursday, May 22 Pre-register your vehicle though

May 18 to ensure your place Friday, May 30 org/event-calendar/Details/43rd-annualwillits-car-bike-show-1308883 Info: Willits Magician and Mentalist Chamber of Commerce, Monday through Robert Goleman at WCT: Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm, at (707) 459-Fort Bragg magician and mentalist Robert Y'ART Sale at WCA: Shop gently used Goleman appears in a art supplies and more at the Willits Center return performance at the Willits Community Theatre for the Arts. Sunday, May 25 from 11 am to 5 pm; see Saturday, May 24 listing for on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 at 7 pm

listing for more details.

pm. For an experience witnessing the impossible, the local master presents an evening of mind-bending magic and amazing mental skills, with lots of audience participation. 37 West Van Lane. Tickets are available online, scroll down, at www.wctperformingartscenter.

org/buy-tickets-online Saturday, May 31 Producers Guild Artisan Market: Mendocino Producers Guild presents an Artisan, Craft



is in need of retrofitting due to mudslides.' Charcuterie: Sarah Gerlinger, Flowers & Decor: Cici Winiger; Chef Mike Adkins; Salmon: Princess Seafood; Beef: Eastside Ranch: Vegetables: Green Uprising Farms; Wine: Frey Vineyards: Chocolates: Sunshine

Dinner: an



Street.

Confections: and Reza's Bread: Breadery. Sunday,

June 1, dine inside

or on the patio, 5 to

9 pm at the Willits

wine & beer bar,

door prizes, silent

auction, and live

music by Farmers

Senior

1501

Road.

Market

Tickets, \$75, at the Senior Center or

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Monday & Wednesday

6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday

June 9th-August 16

Instructor: Nicole Karkar

Quantum Level Health Events

Natural Healthcare Series 2025:

HERB WORKSHOP

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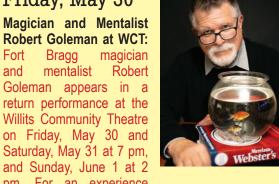
online at ticketleap.com.

Center,

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Band.



May 30 listing for more details. Friends of Deb & Reza Gourmet amazing locally sourced 5 course dinner fundraiser for "our Willits neighbors Deb & Reza Ghannadan of Reza's Breadery who have contributed so much to our community whose house

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'closer' at budget time to make sure things worked," Allman said. "Good roads were very important to Johnny." Pinches was known for a grassroots campaign style that reflected his rural roots. "He painted 'Pinches for Supervisor' on old 39. Bomb 100K BTU tires, and they were hung up on fences throughout the north part of the county," 40. Pancake made of 14. Type of horse said Allman. "It was a brilliant marketing buckwheat flour 17. More (Spanish) idea and certainly assisted him in winning 41. Pinkish-violet color 18. Argentinian province his first and continuing elections." 44. A way to make right 20. A bad act "He made government work better," 45. Monument to one Allman added. "I will miss him personally, 23. Moving in a circular buried elsewhere because of his laughter and his warm way 48. Region south of greeting." 24. Battery type Dead Sea Pinches was especially revered for his 25. Atomic #58 49. Acts out against mastery of the county budget. "Johnny 26. Popular breakfast food carried a tabbed budget book, marked with 50. Harsh cry of a crow points of interest," said current Fifth District 29. An alternative 51. Formal title for a Supervisor Ted Williams. "He understood woman 30. Tooth caregiver 31. A way to conform CLUES DOWN 32. Disfigured men 1. Kitchen devices that benefits everyone." 35. Cool! 2. Wings 36. Genus of mosses 3. Mythological birds 38. Body part 4. Everyone has one 40. Kashmiri people 5. Matchstick game 41. Round water pot 6. Bar bill had ideas about water security and the 42. Something to purchase county's budget. I very much appreciated 7. Weights him on a personal level.' 43. Emit coherent radiation 8. Satisfactorily When Pinches stepped away from public 9. Small amount 44. Indicates 10 office in 2014 to focus on family and ranch 45. Advertising metric 10. Tree types life, the Board of Supervisors adopted a 11. Small protuberances 46. Pitching stat 12. Equivalent of 47. Head movement

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The rest of From page 1 Pinches

resolution in his honor. It recognized his him as "a leader who will be quoted in the boardroom for the next 50 years." contributions across transportation, mental He praised Pinches' down-to-earth health, and law enforcement committees. and praised the "Pinchesisms" that brought pragmatism, especially during difficult budget years. "He had the ability to be the levity to tense meetings:

"Whiskey's for drinkin' and water's for fiahtin'.'

"Why can't we keep not doin' what we haven't been doin'?" "We're not gonna catch up with the

Joneses. We're gonna meet them on the way back."

"The Russians ain't doing it to us, we're doin' it to ourselves!"

> The resolution also celebrated his signature optimism, he always carried a comb in his pocket, and his belief that public service was about building the county up, not tearing it down.

Now, as the county reflects on the life and legacy of Johnny Pinches, many agree with what Jim Shields wrote: "We won't see another Johnny Pinches in our lifetimes."

the critical importance of tracking public funds and recognized that road infrastructure is one of the few investments Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who now represents Pinches' former district, called him "personable, smart, and caring." Haschak said: "Supervisor Pinches had a deep love for our county. He always

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John Pinches as a younger man, watching logs hauled from his property on Island Mountain. Photo contributed by Ernie Branscomb, who calls it the last train hauling logs out along those tracks.



veterans on Saturday, May 24, beginning at 9 am, starting at the arms.

Willits Cemetery. Come give us a hand.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025, American Legion Post 174 will be conducting memorial ceremonies at: Willits Cemetery at 10 am (Highway 20, West)

Later on Monday, May 26, following "Taps Across America" at 3 pm, the flags will be retired. Following the retrieval of the flags, participants are invited to a Hot Dog BBQ at the Veterans Memorial building, located at 189/ 190 North Main Street

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SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape **Bible Church**

290 S. Lenore Ave. Willits,CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m Info? 707-459-1905

www.agapebiblechurch.com **Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church**

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803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Worship Service - 5:00 p.m. Pastor Kris Strickland EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Church of Christ Vhat must we do to be saved?

Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m.

7-8:00 p.m. The Church of **Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** 265 Margie Drive Willits, ČA 95490 ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting

Wednesday Bible Study-

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Eckankar: The Pat

of Spiritual Freed •A University for Soul •Spiritual Living Courses •Spiritual Discussions •ECK Light & Sound Servi More information? Call 530-224-8703 www.eckankar.org **Grace Community** Church Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits Worship Service 10 a.m. For appointments call: (707) 459-3106 St. Anthony of Padu

Catholic Church 61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam

Mass times: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m Saturday-5:30 p.m. Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English 10:30 a.m. - Spanish dedication to the support



Above: Softball coach Ray Britton stands proudly with his seniors: from left, Jocelyn Galvan, Ava Dockins-Kline, Britton and Mia Chavez. Below, left: Baseball seniors Kolbe Bufardeci and Landon Honeycutt pose for a photo together after what was supposed to be their last home game (senior night) but got cancelled due to weather. Below, right: Golf coach Jeff Yokum poses for a picture after the golf team receives



WHS softball field to be dedicated in honor of Coach Cari Stiles, June 21 Submitted by the Stiles-Williams Family

In conjunction with Willits Unified School District, the Stiles-Williams Family is happy to announce the decision to name the Willits High School softball field the Coach Cari Stiles Field. The field dedication honors the memory of Cari Stiles, who the Willits community unexpectedly lost in January of 2024.

The dedication ceremony will be held at the Willits High School softball field at 11 am on Saturday, June 21, 2025

Coach Cari Stiles' absence is deeply felt throughout the town, among her friends and her family. However, her legacy, impact and love for the game of softball remains, and her dedicated commitment to the school and



COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS **End-of-season games and senior nights wrap** up WHS spring sports

WHS Varsity Softball makes the playoffs

Wolverines Varsity Softball made an impression, winning two out of their last three games of the season. On May 12 they faced off once again with Calistoga High School on their home turf. This was the biggest and most anticipated game of the season.

Sheri Dockins The Wolverines' strategically consistent pitcher Lisa Arkelian spent weeklv@amail.com all seven innings on the mound,

surrendering four earned (and four unearned) runs on four hits, and racked up 11 Ks. She hasn't tossed less than six strikeouts the entire season

As far as hitting went, Ava Holmen and Ava Dockins-Kline stepped up to the plate with fire. Holmen got on base on all four of her hits, with four stolen bases and two runs. Dockins-Kline caught the eye of the crowd with a stellar three-for-three with three RBI, one stolen base, and one double. Chloe Wright, with a notably nice performance, went one-for-three, with two stolen bases and two runs.

Willits rallied hard and played an amazing game of softball. Unfortunately they lost by just one point. The final score was 7-8, leaving Calistoga in the running for champions of the league. This was also Senior Night. The Wolverines lined up to say some witty and funny farewell sentiments to their teammates. Chloe Wright, Gloria Gutierrez and Ava Holmen gave speeches that spread love, laughter and tears throughout the team and parents to their senior teammates, Captain Mia Chavez, Ava Dockins-Kline and Jocelyn Galvan. Your community wishes you the very best in life after high school Mia, Ava and Jocelyn. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments in the last four years at WHS. We know you will do great things!

Next up on May 15, Willits travelled north to take on the Laytonville Warriors. Willits won the last time they played LHS, and not much was different this time around. Willits dominated the field. As always, pitcher Lisa Arkelian made a big impact on the mound, as well as the plate this game. with two runs, one stolen base, and two RBI.

Sophomore Abigail Sherf added shine to the plate, pitching strong the rest of the game. Chloe Wright had a great game, going two-for-three with two stolen bases, four RBI, and two runs. Addie Jones was another key player, getting on base in all five of her hits with three runs and one RBI. Willits finished the game with a 17-2 victory, and a batting average of .417, and a third consecutive win on the road!

Willits Softball traveled the long and winding road to Point Arena for their final season game. Willits won Point Arena in their last faceoff. Once again, the very reliable Lisa Arkelian was on the mound to pitch a steady game, striking out 13 batters over seven innings, while giving up just two earned (and seven unearned) runs off 13 hits. She was solid in batting, getting on base with all four hits, with three RBI. Alexandra Ramos had a standout game; she went two-for-four with five RBI, one run, and one double, giving her a new career high. Addie Jones had a stellar game, getting one base with four-out-of-five hits, three runs, one stolen base, and one RBI. Willits played a great

game that led to a dominating win against the Pirates, final

Tomales, final score 12-11, South Fork, final score 9-8, and Calistoga, where they scored an epic 10 runs in the first inning, with a final dominating score of 13-1.

They did not get a chance to honor their seniors with a hometown crowd as their last home game was canceled due to weather. Landon Honeycutt and Kolbe Bufardeci were two key players on the team this year. They added finesse to the team, with hitting and great energy. We wish you the best in your future endeavors, and we are proud of you!

These boys worked very hard this season and improved greatly. Corey Rockey, Jakoby Kirby, Adrian Lopez and Jordan Shull were impressive on the mound, with solid and consistent pitching. Ryan Carter, Grady Cooley, Rickey Ramirez and Adrian Lopez all stepped up in a big way on the plate, with runs, stealing bases, doubles and RBI's.

Congratulations on a great season, Willits Varsity Baseball! We are sorry your community didn't get a chance to see your last home game or honor your seniors on senior night. We can't wait to see you on the Dave Kline Field next year!

Track places at CMC Championships and local senior makes Meet of Champions

On May 12 the Willits High School track team traveled to St. Helena to compete in the CMC Championships. Amsatou Ndoye and Cruz Oltjenburns both placed in their events, but because they performed in the JV division, they did not qualify to move on to the Class A Championships. Senior athlete Leo Moratti, performed and gualified for varsity in the 100mm dash and triple jump, while also getting first place in the long jump for the fourth straight

The long jump is Moratti's main event in track. He has the school record with a jump of 21'11". He has been accepted, and has signed his letter of intent to run track at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Moratti competed in the North Coast Sections Class She got on base every time she showed up at the plate A Championships at Montgomery High School this last Saturday, and won the long jump once again with a jump of 21'10". This win qualifies him to move on and represent Willits High School at the Meet of Champions at Dublin High School on Saturday, May 24. The top three in each event will move on to the CIC (state championships) in Los Angeles.

> "I'm happy about how I performed when it mattered." said Moratti. "I'm feeling like I'm peaking at the right time. I'm excited to be competing with the best jumpers in the state. The North Coast Section has the highest marks of any section in California. It's going to be an awesome atmosphere and a big crowd to perform in front of."

> Your community is extremely proud of your big accomplishments, Leo. We all wish you the very best at Humboldt State. We know you will excel in life!

Willits Golf prides in NCS Championships experience

Five of our talented athletes from the Willits Golf Team traveled to Foxtail North in Rohnert Park to compete in the NCS Championships: Zahyr Lopez, Brody Bowen, Cole Lane, Nikolai Ritchley and Torin Fraser. There were 144 players from all over the North Coast. Only 18 advanced to the division-one finals. While none of our golfer athletes moved on as they played against tough competition from very big schools, they learned a lot. They really enjoyed the experience. Lopez, a senior, had a phenomenal season, winning the individual championship of the whole division-two league! "NCS was big. Warming up is the hardest part," said Lopez. "The place is packed with a bunch of people you don't know. The nerves get to you when you're not sure if you had a good warm up. But, after that, you remember you're there to play golf, do your best, and I think that's all I asked for from my team. It's always been fun getting to play at our last tournament together. I've shared a lot of memories with friends. I'm going to miss golf and can't wait to play later in life."



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Above, left: The small library conference room is filled with books and shoppers. Above, right: Pamela Haselswerdt loves to read mysteries, especially those by Parker and Koontz Photos by Mathew Caine

MYSTERIES

WHS helpers for FOWL book sale

Thank you to the Willits High School Students from Kelley Case Brackett's 2nd period Ag class, who provided excellent community service via the Friends of the Willits Library Spring Book Sale!

They moved many boxes of books and helped set them up for the spring sale. Their wonderful help and positive attitudes made it a pleasurable experience for everyone working that morning.

- Submitted by FOWL





in July. Anything that the California library used to give us going to look a lot smaller.'

FOWL

The rest of

for free is going to be stopping. So, our digital collection is County employees have been given the option of taking a buyout and ending their work with the county. As of yet, none of the Willits Library workers have taken this route so the library will continue to operate with the same schedule

Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm Friday, 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday. Longtime FOWL board member Olga O'Neill enjoys helping the library to provide services and special programs and helping people obtain books that meet their interests. "People mostly come in here for the mysteries," said O'Neil. "That is our biggest seller. But they come for a little bit of everything. A lot of people come for the kids' books. Today, we had a woman and her mother who bought eight bags of books off the mystery table. They had a whole list of authors they were looking for. They were very excited.

for now. They are open 10 am to 7 pm Tuesday through

"This is what helps fund a lot of kids' programs, different things that the library cannot buy out of their budget. We're happy to be helping with that now. The library is not allowed to buy food for programs. We help them get extra supplies.'

The Willits Branch Library, located at 390 East Commercial Street, can be reached at 459-5908. For more info, visit www.mendolibrary.org/visit/willits or their Facebook page.

Saturda 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252

https://stanthonywillits.org saintanthonywillits@gmail.con We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis **Episcopal Church** 1 North Main Street, Willits 707-272-0177 Sunday Service - 10 a.m. In-person and on Zoom Call for information. ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

St. John **Lutheran Church**

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive acebook.com/stjohnswillits ALL ARE WELCOME **Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church** 707-459-5714 Friendly, open worship Saturdavs Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. Zoom Transmission Available. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 399 W. Mendocino Ave All are welcome! Willits United **Methodist Church**

Labyrinth and Peace Garden A place to find comfort where all are welcome Pastor Jaime Rogers-Fairchild Sunday Worship at 10:30 am 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855 wumc@outlook.com www.willitsumc.org Facebook: facebook willits umc If you want to be included in this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475

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4 of student-athletes on and

The dedication ceremony. Saturday, June 21 at 11 am, will provide an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate Cari's life and true passion for the game.

There will be concessions with food and drink, and a pick-up/ alumni softball game after the ceremony. The game is open to anyone to play. There is a \$10 entry fee (donation) to participate in the game. Any funds raised will go towards field dedication signage and the WHS Softball program for repairs to the dugouts and backstop.

We encourage and welcome everyone to attend as we remember Cari Stiles and her dedication to Willits Unified School District and the WHS Softball program.

You may contact Holli Woodhouse with any questions about the event or ways to donate: 707-354-0053.



Learn Energy-Saving Tips! The library will host a special event focused on saving money on electricity. Experts will share practical tips that anyone can use in their home. Books and other resources will be offered for further reference. Light refreshments will be included.

This is a free event.

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"Good ending to the regular season," said Head Coach Ray Britton. "The last two games of the season ended

score 12-9.

well for us. On Tuesday against Laytonville, we came out strong offensively, scoring every inning, and defended well, holding them to two runs. We got some good innings out of starting pitcher Lisa Arkelian, and closed out with sophomore Abigail Sherf. At Point Arena - it's always tough to make the ride to Point Arena, get out and play.

But the team responded well and we got an early lead. We kept it up for the remainder of the game. There were a couple innings Point Arena came close, or tied at one point in the game, but we had some good hits that kept our momentum going to finish the game.'

WHS Varsity Softball's successful season-ending record of 12-9, and overall record 11-3 season, sent them right into the NCS Playoffs at Dublin High School on May 21 against Valley Christian. Congratulations on an amazing season! Best of luck in the playoffs! We are so proud of you and are rooting for you!

Willits Wolverines Baseball ends season unexpectedly and honors seniors

Willits Wolverines Baseball ended their season with a league record of 7-2 and overall record of 9-11. The last stretch of games were on the road with big wins against



Un desayuno y almuerzo saludables se brindan GRATIS a niños de 0 a 18 años, inscritos en WUSD o no, independientemente de sus ingresos. Disponible de lunes a viernes, del 9 de junio de 2025 al 8 de agosto de 2025, en la Escuela Primaria Brookside Elementary School.

• Desayuno de 08:00 a 09:00 Almuerzo de 11:00 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. *Almuerzo caliente en el lugar o comida fría para llevar*

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Fantastic job, Zahyr! Willits is proud of you! We wish you all the good life has to offer after high school, and on the course!

We also want to take the time to congratulate our golf team for receiving a \$1,000 dollar golf grant from the NCS / Touchstone foundation. This awesome award was presented to Head Coach Jeff Yokum at the NCS Championships. Nice work, WHS Golf Team! You are putting Willits on the map with your outstanding accomplishments!



A healthy breakfast and lunch are provided FREE to children 0-18 years old, enrolled in WUSD or not, regardless of income. Available Monday-Friday, June 9, 2025, through August 8, 2025, at Brookside Elementary School.

> • Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am • Lunch 11:00am-12:30pm

Hot lunch on site or a cold meal to go Questions? Please call the WUSD Food Director at (707)459-7700 ext.1554

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Photos by Ava Dockins-Kline



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From far left: Waldorf School of lendocino County in Calpella keeps its grounds beautiful and immaculate, showing the care that is taken in all aspects of the institution. Fifth-grade teacher Vanessa French and mother Alexis Silva-Doyle run the bar with its array of creative drinks in addition to vine and beer. Some of the silent auction items include a colorful quilt from one of the arandmothers.

Photos by Mathew Caine

At right: These shitake mushroor tacos, from It's a Boa Time, are a big hit. At far right: Caroline Bratt looks over the raffle bags into which the bids are placed for particular items. Below: The Waldorf Spring Soiree is a great place to meet old and new friends on a warm and sunny afternoon.

Further below, left: There is plenty to eat at the soiree, a great variety of tasty foods. Further below, right: The kindergarten class created this magnetic fishing game as part of the silent auction

At bottom: The bar is a popular stop in the adults-only event.









Spring Soiree

Live music, delicious food, and silent auction fun at Waldorf School of Mendocino County annual fundraiser

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County knows how to create an event. They are always fun, informative, and successful at raising money for this alternative private

school to flourish. Last Sunday, the school had their Spring Soiree, Mathew Caine a spirited al fresco event on their field, with a band, a bar, tasty eatures Writer creative food, a raffle with great prizes, a silent auction with many weeklv@amail.com items, some crafted by the students. Most of all, there was a feeling

of community, a gathering of people who are interested in guality education for their pre-k through eighth grade students.

"Today is our Spring Soiree, which is our major fundraiser," explained Renata Abbade, who is in charge of marketing and development. "We're going to do the raffle drawing. We've been selling raffle tickets. We've sold approximately 8,000 of them. One for \$5, five for \$20, 12 for \$40, 30 for \$100. There are nine prizes from coast getaways, Seabiscuit Ridgewood Ranch getaway, load of gravel, homesteader package, local food package [an Arcata family adventure at a B&B, Emandal Farm cider-making party, mushroom foraging trip, flower bouquet every month for a year].

"We have some really amazing silent auction stuff that people donated from all over Mendocino County from very generous donors," said Abbade. "It's a mix of things but they all have a common thread: sustainable living, back-to-the-land, home, gardens, playful things, kids' things, handmade things, wool from the sheep.

"The three boats are being auctioned," said Abbade. "The kids made them with a master boat maker, Tom Seguro. The boats have been tested in the water, at Sonoma Lake and Tamales Bay. Each class - we have combined grades, four and five are together they made a terrarium, inspired by a visit to the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco People are already bidding on it. Even our preschoolers have made items for the auction. The flower arrangements are made by the kids."

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WW535	WW536
Fictitious Business Name Statement	Fictitious Business Name Statement
2025-F0168 The following person or	2025-F0218
persons are doing business as Divination Ink / Ink.By.Ry, 158 S. Main Street, Willits CA 95490; Mailing address: 20970	The following person or persons are doing business as Esthetics by Eden, 23 South Main Street, Willits CA 95490.
Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490. Phone: 707-972-8805.	Registered owner: Eden Hincker Tye, 24900 North
Registered owner: Rylee Vigil, 20970 Baechtel Road,	Highway 101, Willits CA 95490.
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an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.	The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5 ,2025.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk- Recorder on April 2, 2025.	FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk- Recorder on May 5, 2025.
/s/ Rylee Vigil	/s/ Eden Hincker Tye
Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025	Publication Dates: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2025

WW534 **PUBLIC NOTICE** As fire season is upon us, we at the City of Willits Police 344 Department want to ensure that all residents are aware of Willi the Hi-Lo siren's distinct sound. Willits Police patrol cars are We equipped with Hi-Lo sirens which will only be activated in 1-4: emergencies that require an immediate evacuation. When you (70 hear the Hi-Lo it's time to go! On Wednesday, May 28th at 3:30 pm our Police Department Fii will conduct a Hi-Lo Siren Emergency Evacuation Drill in patrol cars driving our City streets with sirens activated. DO NOT Fire EVACUATE as this is only a drill. The drill will end by 3:40 pm. Fir. Please do not call 911(unless you have an emergency) or police Deli dispatch during the drill. 4394 n the event of a real Hi-Lo Siren evacuation you will receive a Nixle Alert of what and where the danger is and directions of travel to evacuate. To receive Nixle Alert's text your Zip code to 888777 or sign up online at nixle.com. Offic Additionally, we suggest you go to mendoready.org and sign up chai for Countywide emergency alerts mał cab Sincerelv with Willits Police Department mor

will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the

petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: June 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino

County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah,

If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the

hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the

court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by

Publication Dates: April 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

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WW537	Willits Weekly	WW539
Fictitious Business		NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Name Statement	can run legal	JUDI ANN MONTALVO
2025-F0227	notices including	
The following person or persons are doing business as	fictitious	CASE NO. 25PR00295
RC Transit, 31101 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490.	business name	To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or
Registered owner: Richard James Comer. 31101 N.	statements,	both of JUDI ANN MONTALVO A Petition for Probate has been filed by JAMES A. MONTALVO in
Highway 101, Willits, CA		the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.
95490.		The Petition for Probate requests that JAMES A. MONTALVO be
This business is conducted by an individual.	notices, storage	appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The registrant commenced to	unit auctions,	The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be
transact business under the	and more.	admitted to probate.
fictitious business name listed above on N/A.		The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file
FBN statement filed with the	Contact us for	kept by the court.
Mendocino County Clerk-	more information	The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow
Recorder on May 9, 2025.		the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining
/s/ Richard Comer	at willitsweekly@	court approval. Before taking certain very important actions,
Publication Dates: May 15,	gmail.com	however, the personal representative will be required to give notice
22, 29, June 5, 2025	ginan.com	to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority

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WW538 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Summary Abatement To whom it may concern.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent On April 15, 2025 the City of Willits performed a you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the Summary Abatement on a vacant commercial building personal representative appointed by the court within the later of located at 603 South Main Street. The property was either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S MAIN ST, STE C, WILLITS, CA95490. Telephone: (707) 459-5551.

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Do you need food? Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, 1-4:30 - Bring an I.D. (707) 459-3333	Help Wanted Willits Center for the Arts is looking for a personable & detail- oriented art-lover to work 9+ hours on weekends, engaging visitors & organizing volunteers. Please respond with resume to manager@
Firewood for Sale Firewood for sale - Fir. 1/2 cord, \$175.00 Delivered. Call 707- 354- 4394.	willitscenterofthearts. org. John Ford Ranch Beef
For Sale Office items. Costco chair, 2-drawer, mahogany letter size file cabinet, new file boxes with lids, desk items, and	John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkelian @ 459-5049.
more. Selling separately or all together. Best offer. Call (707) 385-9333	M & M Collectors Now at Coast Hardware in Willits. A variety of M
Free Food for All Pop-Ups Mendocino Food Network presents food pop-ups with free food	& M Collectable items ready for a new home. There are holiday decor trains, clocks, jackets and much more. Come take a look.
for all: In Willits, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 am at 1250 Blosser Lane. In Laytonville, every 4th Thursday, 12 to 1 pm at 300 Cahto Drive. In Covelo, every 2nd Thursday, from 12 to 1 pm, at 76300 Grange Street. In Leggett: Every first Tuesday from 12 to 1 pm at 65100 Drive-	RV/Trailer Space for Rent Space for RV's and Trailers – starts at \$500 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 972- 4696. See at http://www. oaknvine.net/tp
Thru Tree Road. Info: Rachelle@mendofood. org; 707-615-6654.	Weedeating Services
Garage Sale Treasures await! Garage sale this weekend. Saturday May 24th 9-5	Weedeating in the Willits, Laytonville, Redwood Valley areas. Call Mike at (707) 354-5650
pm & Sunday May 24th 9-5 pm & Sunday May 25th 1-5 pm. Everything must go. Don't miss out! 84 School St.	W

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"Our parents are so determined to have the best for their children," Abbade said. "The parents are very involved with the kids' education at the school. The philosophy is that you can't remove the child from the home and give them an education. Everything is together. The education happens continuously. The parents are very involved in everything. That is how it's designed to be."

Inge Schaefer teaches eighth grade. She loves the school and everything that makes it work for the children and the parents. "There's a lot of community here. It's been here for so long, there are other aspects. We have things happening up at Ridgewood Ranch and there are other Waldorf Schools. There is a bigger community outside of just this school. "There are a lot of Waldorf Schools in the Bay Area," said Schaefer. "We're pretty far north from a lot of the other ones, but the schools try to come together so that students know there are other Waldorf Schools out there. There are events throughout the year and throughout the grades where the schools come together. There's a pentathlon and there is something called 'Medieval Games.' There are track meets. There are things like that where they come together and have these bigger events. It's a big worldwide community. "The idea behind Waldorf education is that you are looking at human wisdom and you're really trying to create good human beings and so that when you're teaching them, you're teaching 'head, heart, and hand' so that it's not just the head. It's not just the academic part, but it's really coming to an understanding about things through hands-on kinds of things, through your own relationship with things, whether you're working on a play and suddenly you actually become that character or maybe you're just doing little skits, all the different ways that you really take on that kind of information and experience it. It's about having a broad range of experiences that help bring an understanding about all the different things from algebra to world history." The Waldorf School of Mendocino is located in Calpella, at 6280 Third Street. For more info, call 707-485-8719 or visit www.mendocinowaldorf.org/.

The buffet-style meal included shitake mushroom tacos, chicken tacos, veggie rice tacos, and a variety of summer melons on a stick, and other tasty treats

Waldorf education is unique and international, with schools all over the world. "Waldorf School is based on the Rudolf Steiner philosophies," continued Abbade. "It is a very intentional way of educating children. You meet them with reverence. That is the numberone aspect, having reverence for the children, to educate the whole child. All the Waldorf Schools have the same kind of format. They talk a lot about the hands. You educate the hands, the heart, and the head. Everything is together. They do a lot of hand work. With that, they learn to count. It goes into the head. They play music. They feel the vibrations in their heart. There's a social aspect in Waldorf that is very important as well. It's a holistic education. We call it 'inspired education.'

"We have 108 students this year. We have classes only up to eighth grade and then they go on to high school, but the statistics say that 94 percent of Waldorf graduates go on to college. Out of that 94 percent, 89 percent go on to earn a master.

> Read the rest of Over on page 9 Waldorf



unsecure, unsafe and open to the public

After numerous attempts to contact the owner of 603 S Main St the City of Willits for the safety of the community secured the building.

To avoid further fines and penalties the owner of the property at 603 S Main St needs to contact the City of Willits, prove ownership and pay the accrued fees of \$6,141.37.

An abatement lien will be filed by the City of Willits after 90 days of nonpayment.

Phillip Davidson, Code Compliance Officer pdavidson@cityofwillits.org 707-459-7153

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Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 2025

- HELP WANTED' -----**Casino Controller at Sherwood Valley Casino**

Benefits, Salary: negotiable

The Casino Controller directs the cashiering, vault, drop and count areas in a manner that safeguards the assets of the Sherwood Valley Casino, while establishing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures and internal controls and assures all external and internal regulations are met. Has direct supervision of Cage/Vault, Drop, and Count Supervisors. Exercises management responsibility for all activities of the Accounting/Finance Department. Activities include direct hands-on oversight of audit, accounting, general ledger, reporting, payroll, purchasing, cashiering, and count room operations. Responsible for the company's overall operating and capital budgets, internal control policies, insurance and risk management programs, and relationships with financial institutions, casino's compliance with provisions of the State Compact, NIGC, Tribal ordinances, Gaming Commission regulations, cash transactions reporting, and IRS withholding and reporting requirements. Contact Human Resources at ktuttle@svrcasino.com or 707-459-7330.

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Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Willits Weekly | May 22, 2025 Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com **Pg.8**

Magician and Mentalist Robert Goleman returns to WCT for 3 shows, May 30, 31, June 1 By Steve Hellman, for WCT

Get ready once again to experience the impossible with Fort Bragg magician and mentalist Robert Goleman in his return engagement to the Willits Community Theatre on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, at 7 pm, and Sunday, June 1 at 2 pm.

After his appearance last November, in which he thrilled and amazed a packed audience at the WCT Playhouse, he returns to offer up his deftly performed and gasp-inducing feats of mentalism, involving cards, passages from books, and the recognition of impossible numbers and information, chosen at random by audience members.

Since he was a little boy, Goleman has been practicing magic and mentalism, and has been performing for more than 50 years, staging large-scale productions with his former magic troupe, The Fabulous Blendos, presenting big box illusions, a juggler, and a band. In his current version, Goleman dishes up a personal brand of close-up parlor magic, as well as mentalism, where he astounds with his amazing intuitive abilities

Goleman describes his show as an experience somewhere between belief and disbelief. "For my latest show, I start with classic style magic tricks, and take a sharp turn into mentalism, making revelations with an accuracy that will leave participants scratching their heads in disbelief –witnessing what should be impossible – before their very eyes.

Imagine a riveting and intimate magical encounter that audiences have called "nothing short of astonishing," and "memorable for years to come."

Appearing for three shows, Goleman's performances are expected to sell out. Early tickets are encouraged, at \$20, available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter. org, or at the door if still available. Season sponsors for WCT are NC Financial Group, Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Penserra, KZYX Radio, KLLG Radio, Jerry Drew Painting, Julia Morgan Redwood Grove, and Big Fish Construction.

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    Detailing
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removes the mats and coverings to allow
access to all the interior spaces.
  Then, with the inside ready, he starts
on the outside.
  "Once the inside is ready, I like to jump in a vehicle who reported an
on the outside first," laughed San Diego.
"I pressure wash the whole outside, do
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the wheel wells, and wash out the door
                                          Valley Road.
jams and hinges which can get really
gunked up with dirt and grime. I blow out
all the cracks with compressed air and
then dry the outside."
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With the outside sparkling, San Diego
returns his attention to the inside.
 "I get to vacuuming, which always
takes the longest," said San Diego. "I use
the compressed air inside, too, and then
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that blows more stuff out to vacuum up,
                                        Road.
so I'm switching back and forth a lot to
make sure to get it all cleaned out and
cleaned up."
 San Diego also always treats and
steams out stains, and shampoos down
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the whole car, including the seats,
floorboards, even the roof paneling
sometimes – all at no extra charge. Once
that's done, he carefully wipes down all
the vinyl and other surfaces like doors,
consoles, the dash, all the buttons, arm
rests and more.
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"The last thing I do is the windows."
said San Diego. "I use separate, thin
towels and am a big fan of the Invisible
                                         several camp trailers.
Glass spray to get a great clean. You
have to get the inside and the outside to
make sure to get any streaks!"
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When San Diego is not detailing, you
can see him spending time on the sports
field, or with his young family. San Diego,
who grew up in Ukiah, moved to Willits
in high school and then moved to Santa
Rosa, returning some 10 years ago. He
met Jazmin, a well-known teacher at
Imagination Station, and the two have
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two children, Oliver, 6, and Olivia, 1
(almost 2).
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San Diego coaches his son's Little
League team, and has also coached
older kids and adults in basketball and
baseball over the years, too. The family
enjoys being out in the community, and
have had fun participating in the Truckers
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Light Parade and Willits Frontier Days
4th of July Parade, too.
 While he books out fast, San Diego
suggests checking his website www.DS-
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Detailing.com where he has a calendar
showing his availability. Clients can book
                                          hospital for further medical trafficking organization will not
from the site, or can call or text San Diego
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directly at (707) 391-3785. Prices range
from around $180 to $260, with most
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the DS Detailing social media pages on

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Sheriff's Office detectives
                                       were contacted and briefed on
vehicles being in the $200 to $220 range.
                                      both incidents as they were related to this investigation
 Lots of before and after photos and determined to be related. is requested to contact the
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additional information can be found on Detectives prepared a search

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    Gunfight
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Deputies

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extensively with the Mendocino County
checked the area of Mina
                             District Attorney's Office
Road for the 911 hang-up.
                              were requested to respond
                             to Covelo and assist with the
While on Mina Road, deputies
were contacted by subjects
                              investigation.
                                Deputies canvassed the
unresponsive male was located
                              area of Mina Road and Hulls
a short distance away on Hulls
                              Valley Road in an attempt to
                              find possible witnesses or other
                              involved subjects. On May 15,
  Deputies responded to the
                              at approximately 8:15 am, a
area of Hulls Valley Road,
approximately 1 mile from the
                              deputy located another adult
intersection with Mina Road,
                              male subject on Hulls Valley
                              Road who was approximately 4
and located an unresponsive
adult male on the roadway
                              miles from the intersection with
near two vehicles that were
                              Mina Road.
unoccupied along the road.
                                The adult male had numerous
 This area was determined to be
                              apparent gunshot wounds and
the 23000 block of Hulls Valley
                              required emergency medical
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treatment. An air ambulance
 Deputies checked the
                             was requested, and the adult
                             male was airlifted to a different
unresponsive adult male and
                             out-of-county hospital for
determined he was deceased
                             emergency medical treatment.
from apparent gunshot wounds
at 00:42 am on May 15, 2025.
                             Basic statements from the
                             subject indicated he suffered
There were multiple firearms
                             gunshot wounds during the
located in the vicinity of the
                             same shooting incident on
decedent and expended
                             Hulls Valley Road.
cartridge casings on the ground.
There was also blood evidence
                               The two subjects with
located along the ground and
                             qunshot wounds who were
deputies followed the blood trail
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transported to different out-of-
for approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile where
                                  county hospitals are in stable
they located a large marijuana
                                  condition and have been
grow with hoop houses and
                                  interviewed regarding this
                                  ongoing homicide investigation.
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As MCSO deputies continued
                                Attempts are being made
to investigate the apparent
                              to positively identify the adult
homicide in Covelo, other
                              male decedent located on
deputies responded to the
                              Hulls Vallev Road. Once the
Emergency Room in Ukiah to
                              decedent has been identified
further investigate the subject
                              and their legal next-of-kin
with gunshot wounds who was
                              has been notified of their
receiving medical treatment.
                              death, additional information
Deputies interviewed the adult
                              can be released regarding
male with gunshot wounds and
                              their identity. A post-mortem
the subject who transported
                              examination is being scheduled
him to the hospital. Based
                              for the decedent, and the
on these interviews, deputies
                              official cause and manner of
determined this investigation
                              death will not be released until
was related to the shooting
                             the pathologist completes their
incident and deceased subject
                              examination and reports.
located by Sheriff's Office
                                During this investigation,
personnel on Hulls Valley Road.
                              deputies uncovered evidence
                              which is indicative of illegal
  Due to the subject's
significant injuries, the adult
                              marijuana cultivation and
male with gunshot wounds
                              sales under the control of a
at the Adventist Health Ukiah
                              drug trafficking organization.
Vallev Emergency Room was
                              Additional information related
transported to an out-of-county to
                                 the suspected drug
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The rest of From page 1 Cubbison

Cubbison on Tuesday estimated she has had to spend twice what the county has to defend herself, going without salary or benefits for 17 months while facing criminal prosecution.

Morin Jacob, the lead outside county attorney from San Francisco, now wants to further delay the contentious Cubbison civil case by moving it to Marin County, where she asserts the county can obtain a fairer hearing on the narrow legal questions she insists are at issue.

Jacob contends Cubbison's counsel "and the local media have attempted to transform the straightforward statutory analysis of this writ proceeding into a sprawling conspiracy, involving gossip blogs and sensationalized claims.'

Jacob is managing partner of the San Francisco office of the statewide law firm of Libert Cassidy Whitmore, which to date has billed county taxpayers at least \$200,000 to stall Cubbison's legal efforts to win back salary, benefits, and personal damages after criminal accusations against her were dismissed earlier this year.

Jacob continues to decline repeated written requests to be interviewed about the pending Cubbison case, confining her remarks and allegations surrounding the high profile case to legal documents

In her change of venue motion, Jacob argues, "It has become evident, through media coverage and statements made by this court that an impartial hearing cannot be conducted in this county due to local prejudice, bias, and media influence.

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Superior Court Judge Ann Moorman on February 25 dismissed
the felony criminal case against Cubbison, an action filed by District
Attorney David Eyster in October 2023 and tried by an outside
prosecutor in a move that cost the county more than $50,000. At the
conclusion of a preliminary hearing, Moorman tossed the Cubbison
criminal case and castigated the "willful ignorance" of some key
county witnesses. Moorman said evidence showed that Cubbison in
fact was a "whistle blower" in a case that revolved around $68,000
in extra pay for the county's former Payroll Manager Paula Kennedy.
Kennedy also was charged by DA Eyster with felony misappropriation
of public funds, but charges were dismissed against her too.
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Moorman was also assigned to preside over the civil case, which is becoming increasingly acrimonious.

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John Haschak, chair of the Board of Supervisors, sparked a new
uproar with a letter written May 13 to Cubbison in which he defended
county administrative actions since the elected auditor returned to
office. Haschak concluded by asking Cubbison to let the board know
"as soon as possible if you are unable or unwilling to fulfill the duties
and statutory requirements of your position."
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Cubbison appeared before the board Tuesday in response and
repeated that she needs the ability to freely communicate with
Sarah Pierce, the assistant county executive officer appointed to
act as county auditor for 17 months before the criminal case was
dismissed. Cubbison praised the work of Pierce in general but said
direct talks between them are needed to understand the complex
financial issues at hand.
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Pierce insisted Tuesday it was her decision to restrict communications with Cubbison to written questions and not engage in direct communication because of demands of her new role as the county's purchasing agent.

The tense atmosphere surrounding the Cubbison civil case is underscored by declarations expressed in the change of venue motion filed by Jacob, the county's outside attorney.

Jacob argues in her April 28 motion that since DA Eyster filed the be released to maintain the criminal case, "local news outlets and blogs have spent countless hours speculating, sensationalizing, and promoting unsubstantiated claims against the County in the local media. Anyone with information

> In addition, Jacob criticizes Judge Moorman for "castigating the County in the criminal matter even though the County was not a party" to the felony prosecution, and in the companion civil litigation for not setting "boundaries considering the very narrow legal issue before it."

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To learn more about Cookie, 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 petadoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.

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Bunkers is a sweet, middle-aged kitty who enjoys spending her days doing nothing. She is a couch potato who occasionally enjoys hugs from her favorite people but is happy to do her own thing. Bunkers has lived successfully with cats and even spent some time helping her foster mom raise bottle baby kittens.

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Red

Bunkers

warrant for the marijuana Office Communications Center grow property on Hulls Valley 707-463-4086 (option at Road and the shooting scene 1). Information can also be along Hulls Valley Road. provided anonymously by

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integrity of this investigation.

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Amusing Red

Greetings, my name is Red, and I'm here to steal your heart with my mischievous ways! I'm an adult dog with a curious soul, and I'm always eager to explore the world around me. While I might be a little shy at first, I'll warm up to you in no time once I feel comfortable in my surroundings. I may be a little rough around the edges due to my past, but rest assured that my affectionate side will shine through when I

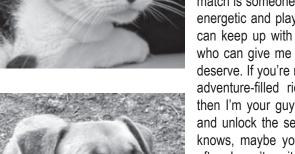
find my forever home. I'm not sure how I feel about other dogs just yet, as I've been a bit preoccupied with finding my human best friend. My perfect match is someone who can appreciate my energetic and playful spirit, someone who can keep up with my active lifestyle, and who can give me the love and attention I deserve. If you're ready for a hilarious and adventure-filled ride with a furry friend, then I'm your guy! Come meet me today and unlock the secrets to my heart. Who knows, maybe you'll be my happily ever after. I can't wait to start our adventure together!

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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 prefill out the adoption application available at

Cannata wrote. Cannata warned that her firm is prepared to

"protect and defend Ms. Cubbison's rights in this civil action, and bring further actions if needed, to put a stop to any unlawful retaliation and interference with her job as an elected official."





Jacob is claiming an obscure state law gave the Board of Supervisors the authority to suspend Cubbison without pay and benefits after she was criminally charged by DA Eyster. The statute

in question, however, only specifically cites a county treasurer. Cubbison did not hold that title at the time of the alleged criminal offense.

Cannata, a noted attorney who has garnered a statewide reputation representing public management employees, ripped the county contentions in a lengthy statement provided this

"The county claims, for a civil action that has been pending since December 2023, that it cannot get a fair trial before the assigned judge or any other judge in its own county because of what happened in the criminal case against Ms. Cubbison," wrote Cannata.

Cannata continued, "What happened was that the criminal case was dismissed, Ms. Cubbison was exonerated, and she resumed her duties as an elected official. Until this filing in the civil action, no one -including the special deputy assigned to the case or the sitting District Attorney - has ever hinted, much less stated, that there was any error or misconduct by the attorneys or judicial officers in the criminal proceeding.

"Ms. Jacob and the Board of Supervisors sit alone on the island of imaginary facts and law in making this absurd and unwarranted claim,' declared Cannata

Cannata said as to biased news coverage, "the County was quite content with the press coverage of Ms. Cubbison being arrested and prosecuted in a criminal case for 17 long and terrifying months.

"After the press accurately reported on the dismissal of the criminal case and sworn deposition testimony obtained in the pending civil action that cast CEO Darcie Antle in a bad light, the county decided that local press coverage would somehow deprive the county of a fair hearing,"

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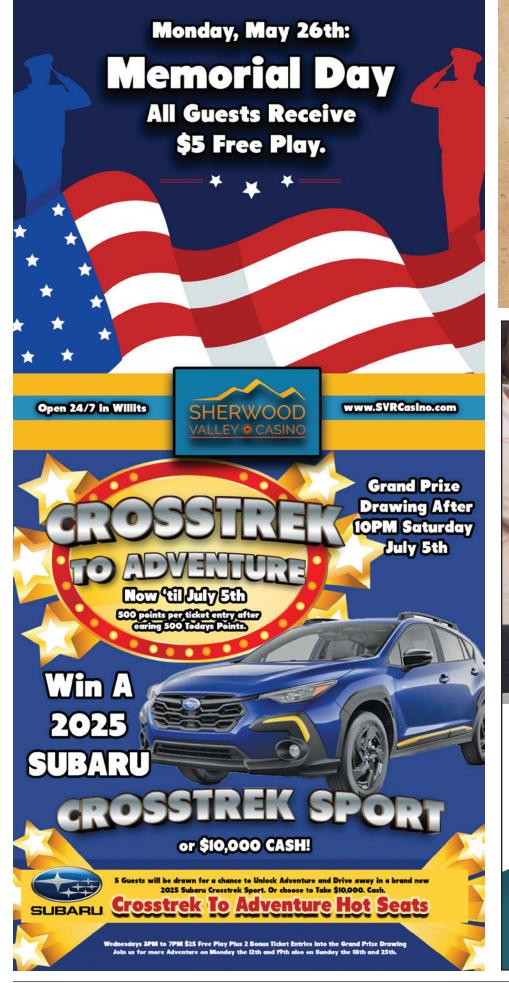
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Dorothy DeJung

Dorothy May Johnston DeJung passed away peacefully last November at the age of 84 while on hospice care. Born in Perth, Australia to George and Stella Johnston, Dorothy was the eldest of three daughters. She earned her teaching degree at John Curtin



University and taught school in rural Dongara, Western Australia.

While traveling with two friends in 1966, she met Arden DeJung on a ship from Australia to England. Dorothy soon after traveled to California and married Arden. She lived in Willits for the next 58 years, but always maintained a close connection to Australia, traveling back several times and staying in touch with friends and family.

Dorothy will perhaps be remembered most for being a voracious reader. She loved all kinds of fiction but had an affinity for mysteries. Her favorite authors include Ruth Rendell, P.D. James, and Margaret Atwood

She also enjoyed traveling, spending time with her friends, baking, listening to KGO talk shows in the 80s and 90s, watching British television series, and attending live theater, ballet, and other

performances. Dorothy was an extremely proud mother and grandmother. And until the Covid-19 pandemic she had been active in her church, St. Francis in the Redwoods.

She was predeceased by her parents, her sister Margaret, her mother-in-law, Ruth, father-in-law, Art, brothers-in-law, Jeff, Ted and Ivan, sister-in-law Arlene, and her husband to whom she was married for 49 years.

Dorothy is survived by two daughters, Alison and Jocelyn, son-in-law Jason, two grandchildren, Sam and Phoebe, and a granddog, Lily. Additional surviving family members include her sister, Georgie, sister-in-law Gretchen, brother-in-law, Steve, several cousins, 12 nieces and nephews, and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. Francis in the Redwoods, 66 East Commercial Street in Willits, on May 24 at 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Francis or Hospice East Bay.



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