# Brooktrails board

updated on cancelled grant, disc golf

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The Brooktrails Township Services Community District board meeting began promptly at 7 pm on May 13 with Board President Tina Tyler O'Shea calling the meeting to order and noting that all directors were present except Vice-President Rick Williams whose absence was excused. Also present were General Manager Tamara Alaniz and Township Counsel Chris Neary.

Director Susan Mahoney offered a report on the latest meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission board, stating that the LAFCO 2025-26 budget was approved.

GM Alaniz reported: "The Planning Committee met to discuss our major capital and planning projects that are underway right now, and no action recommended; it was information only. was Also, Director Mahoney mentioned the LAFCO meeting and the election had to be extended to fill the two seats on the board, as the special districts did not have a quorum of votes."

Read the rest of Brooktrails

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# Fire break helps stop May 6 fire

on Pine Mountain

By Sarah Reith for MCFSC

Last fall, neighbors working with the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council pitched in to help a landowner maintain a strategic fuel break that did exactly what it was supposed to do – provide an opportunity to safely stop a wildfire from getting into the larger community.

The 5 acre Ridge Fire broke out at the top of Pine Mountain, eight miles outside of Willits, on the afternoon of May 6. No structures were damaged, and no injuries were reported, though the fire expanded rapidly and the whole incident was a close call. It didn't get widespread attention precisely because, thanks to that fire break, it was not much of an event.

That's exactly what the Fire Safe Council strives for: creating conditions where newsworthy events are not fire-related.

That wasn't the case in 2017, when the Redwood Complex Fire was visible from the Pine Mountain ridgeline. Tom Varney was

Read the rest of Fire

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Above, from left: This grad holds her Class of 2025 Mendocino College diploma. Graduates listen to the speakers before walking across the stage to receive their diplomas. This mother and daughter duo both graduated and received diplomas at the 2025 ceremony. Below: Willits' Maci Yokum proudly shows off her Class of 2025 college diploma. At bottom, from left: DeAndre De La Cruz from Upper Lake smiles with his colorful robes. This graduate brought a tiara to top her mortar board. Willits' Zamarian Couthren, and her soon-to-beborn daughter crossed the stage together.









bove: Willits' Noe Vazquez

# Class of 2025

Mendocino College graduates 420 students and celebrates their achievements with Friday ceremony The weather was perfect and the field, seats and stands were packed on Friday, May 23 when family and friends gathered to celebrate some 420 students' achievements at the annual Mendocino College Commencement Ceremony.

Over 250 graduates attended and walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and move their tassels in front of the gathered

Photos of grads are available at: https://photographress.zenfolio.com/mendocollege See the list of 2025 grads on page 11.

- Maureen Jennison









Above, from left: Student speaker and Ukiah graduate Dylan Andrew Fraser-Gilbert and Willits' Emily Maxwell smile with their diplomas. This mom brought her little man to walk across the stage with her to receive her diploma. Rayna Walker of Lakeport shows her diploma and also wears her red MESA sash. Below, from left: This grad takes a bite on his medal, Olympian style. Many grads chose to decorate the tops of their mortar boards, including this grad who wrote "I am coming for everything they said I couldn't have." Ukiah's Tony Marsh smiles proudly.







# **School board**

honors retirees, sports teams

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On the evening of May 8, 2025, Willits Unified School District held its monthly board meeting. month, all board members, including Superintendent Mark Beebe, were present. This meeting, calmer than most, honored retirees and celebrated WUSD Student Board member and Willits High School Sports. There was also a call-to-action statement from the Willits Teachers Association president, closing with brief comments from board trustees and Superintendent Beebe.

The retirees honored by Blosser Principal Margaret Duran and Superintendent Beebe shared kind words and memories from working with each staff member. This year at Willits Unified, a total of six staff members from Brookside and Blosser Elementary schools are retiring, and seven, including Superintendent Beebe.

The California School Employees Association representative said: "They're mentors, they're inspirational, and I'm honored to call a lot of them

Read the rest of **Honored** 

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# Charges filed against Willits sheriff's deputy

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Charges have been filed against Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputy Marcis Robert McCarty, of Willits, who was put on leave April 24 after allegations he drove his patrol car drunk and committed a hit and run resulting in property damage.

The April 28 press release announcing the deputy's leave and suspension of peace officer status did not include his name: "The name of the MCSO deputy is being withheld at this time to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation, criminal which, the press release announced was being done by the California Highway Patrol with the assistance of an Investigator from the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

Deputy McCarty's name was first reported by Matt LeFevre of mendofever. com in a May 26 story, and confirmed by the Mendocino County Jail Booking Log, where McCarty was reported being booked and released

Read the rest of Charges

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Dance Hall fundraiser

To the Editor:

Come one, come all to a Dance Hall benefit for the Willits. Shelter Action Group and the Willits Food Bank. The Dance Hall will be held in the Methodist Church social hall. 286 School Street, on Friday, June 6.

Dance starts at 6 pm with an hour of 1940s and 1950s dance music followed by the groovy '60s, the '70s and the '80s. Dance contests with prizes! Voluntary donation at the door." Bring your friends, put on those dancin' shoes, and have a blast helping to support two excellent causes.

Please call or text 707 354-3960 with questions or to volunteer at this fun event.

Ruthanne Volz, Willits Shelter Action Group

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

Friday, May 30: Sweet & Sour Pork over Rice

Monday, June 2: Pork Burrito, Wet w/Green Sauce" Tuesday, June 3: Turkey Tetrazzini, Veggies, Garlic

Wednesday, June 4: Stuffed Bell Peppers, Rice, Roll Thursday, June 5: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans Veggies, Cornbread.

Friday, June 6: Spinach Lasagna, Veggies, Garlic

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

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.



#### The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Willits Weekly prints letters and commentaries about Willits and Third District issues, activities, events, and people. We print letters to the editor from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. Deadline is end of day Monday for each Thursday edition. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be



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#### Choir Pop Up at Brickhouse, June 4

A Choie Pop Up is set for Brickhouse Coffee, Wednesday, June 4, from 12 to 2 pm, with Don Willis, former director of the Emandal Chorale. Learn a song to sing in 3-part harmony. Free, open to all, no experience required – parts will be taught by ear. The song is "Sorry," a protest song by Scottish singersongwriter Karine Polwart. Come, learn, sing!

## Summer classes at the Art Center

#### Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

In addition to our monthly exhibits, art talks and various dance and yoga classes and live music events, Willits Center for the Arts will offer a diverse set of art classes and workshops this summer for adults, kids, and families. Register and see out offerings easily online at www.willitscenterforthearts. org/events-and-classes

Courses currently available for registration include: Introduction to Japanese Woodblock Printing with Walt Padgett, June 14 and 15 10 am-to 5 pm,

Participants will be taught the basic tools, materials, and skills required to produce woodblock prints in the Japanese method, utilizing watercolor pigments. Everything will be provided. Each student will design and carve his/her own block, and print the block collaboratively with other students to produce editioned and signed multi-block/ multi-color prints. No prior art experience is necessary, but students must be capable of using sharp chisels safely, or have an assistant.

Painting with Paper with Sandy Oppenheimer, June 28. 10 am to 4pm. \$120 includes materials.

Create a wild or tame animal with paper collage! Share Sandy's amazing decorative papers from

Kids Art Camp with Caroline Hambright, July 7 to 11, Monday-Friday, ages 7-11, 10 am to 3 pm, \$325. Featuring painting, print making, street art, mixed

media playtime. Monthly Soul Collage Workshops with Sue Ellen

Parkinson. Next is Sunday, June 22, 1 to 4 pm, \$40. Soul Collage is an intuitive process in a perfection

free zone. Participants create cards by combining images. These cards are excellent for personal reflection. Supplies are provided. Connect to your inner world and your intuition.

#### Register online

Register for classes easily online at www. willitscenterforthearts.org/events-and-classes

Your art center also offers partial scholarships for

For information and inquiries email manager@





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painting - print making - street art - mixed media playtime

\$325

REGISTRATION www.willitscenterforthearts.org

# Bri Crabtree's Silly Circus Show at the Library

Submitted by Mendocino County Library

Mendocino County Library invites children of all ages to join us for an afternoon of silly circus fun with Bri Crabtree! With more than 20 years of experience in the field, we can expect a high-energy show including jokes, juggling, magic, and most importantly, laughter for everyone.

The hilarity begins on Friday, June 20 at Coast Community Library in Point Arena at 11 am. The circus continues at the Fort Bragg Library on the same day at 2 pm. The tour continues Saturday, June 21 at 10 am at the Round Valley Library in Covelo, winds down to the Willits Branch at 1 pm, and finds its finale at the Ukiah Branch at 3:30 pm. These events are free and open to the public.

For more information, please view www. mendolibrary.org or contact the Mendocino County Library at 234-2873.

## El Espectáculo De Circo Tonto De Bri Crabtree

#### Parte del Programa de Lectura de Verano

La Biblioteca del Condado de Mendocino invita a niños de todas las edades a disfrutar de una

tarde de circo divertido y divertido con Bri Crabtree. Con más de 20 años de experiencia en el

sector, les espera un espectáculo lleno de energía que incluye chistes, malabarismos, magia y,

sobre todo, risas para todos.

La diversión comienza el viernes 20 de junio en la Biblioteca Comunitaria Coast en Point Arena a las 11 am. El circo continúa en la Biblioteca Fort Bragg ese mismo día a las 2 pm El recorrido continúa el sábado 21 de junio a las 10 am en la Biblioteca Round Valley en Covelo, termina en la Biblioteca Willits a la 1 pm

y finaliza en la Biblioteca Ukiah a las 3:30 pm. Estos

Para más información, consulte www.mendolibrary. org o póngase en contacto con la biblioteca en 707-234-2873.

eventos son gratuitos y abiertos al público.

Charges |

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May 25 on 3 misdemeanor charges. McCarty was booked at 9:19 am and released at 9:52 am.

According to Mendocino County Superior Court records for a scheduled hearing, McCarty has been charged with Driving Under the Influence, Vandalism / Damage or Destroy Property (\$400 or more), and Failure to Stop after a Collision. Court records also show an allegation of Excessive Speed During Commission of DUI.

Arraignment for McCarty is set for June 2 at 9 am at the Ukiah Courthouse.

The April 28 MCSO press release reported that on April 24, 2025 at around 6 pm, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office sergeant arrived to work at the Willits Substation and noticed damage to a county-owned patrol vehicle.

'Upon investigating the damage," the press release continued, "the MCSO sergeant learned an MCSO deputy had not reported the damage to his assigned county vehicle pursuant to Sheriff's Office policy and procedures. The deputy has worked for the Sheriff's Office for over three years and has held assignments in the Patrol and Corrections divisions."

Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles are equipped with videorecording devices, the press release explained, "and the footage was reviewed by the MCSO sergeant to determine how the vehicle was damaged.

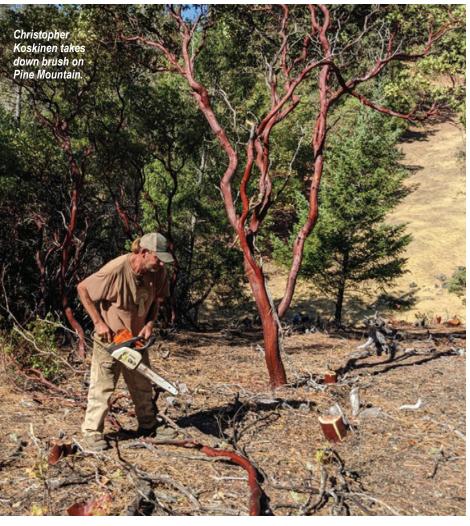
"When reviewing the video footage from the damaged patrol vehicle, the sergeant learned the MCSO deputy had operated the vehicle while off duty and drove the county vehicle to a bar in the city of Willits. While driving the vehicle in Willits, at approximately 1:20 am, the offduty deputy collided with a guardrail on Sherwood Road causing damage to the passenger side of the vehicle."











#### 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, June 12 Submitted by Mendocino County 4-H

The Mendocino County 4-H community is rolling out the green carpet to honor the dedicated volunteers who help make local youth development possible.

On Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 6 to 9 pm, community members are invited to attend the first-ever "Hands & Hearts 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner" at Barra of Mendocino Winery in Redwood Valley.

This adults-only event promises an evening of gratitude, good food, and community spirit. 4-H volunteers will enjoy a complimentary dinner, while other guests can join the celebration for just \$25 per ticket. Attendees can also enjoy wine available for purchase from Barra Winery, along with a silent auction, with all proceeds supporting future 4-H youth and adult award ceremonies.

"Our volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H program," said Jessica Farfan, 4-H Community Education Specialist. "This evening is all about recognizing their tireless efforts and the incredible impact they have on our youth and community."

RSVPs are due by June 1, and guests are encouraged to complete the online registration form - visit https://www.facebook.com/events/654245970939461/ - or submit payment via check or cash to the UCCE Office in Ukiah.

Let's come together to celebrate the people who help Mendocino County 4-H thrive. For more information, contact Jessica Farfan at 707-510-9096 or jfarfan@ucanr.edu. Let's raise a glass to our 4-H heroes!

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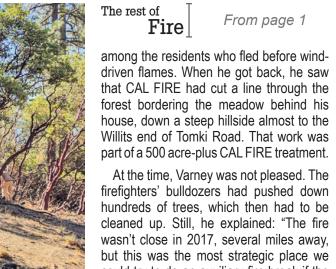
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could try to do an auxiliary fire break if the wind had shifted and the fire started coming north. This would have been our place where we would have made a stand to try to keep it from heading down into Willits." Over the next seven years, Varney picked away at the mountain of foliage. On September 20 of 2024, a Mendocino County Fire Safe Council work party brought neighbors from all over the area to give the effort another big push before fire season began. The work parties are a Measure P-funded program that allows

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the beneficiaries. Fire Safe Council employees also help to organize the event and offer tips about how to promote fire safety. An important feature of the community work parties is that their location is determined using very local knowledge of what the greatest risks to the community are. They can focus on vulnerabilities that large-scale projects

the Fire Safe Council to augment volunteer

efforts with a five-person paid work crew,

chipper, and tools, all at no direct cost to

The day of the work party at Varney's homestead, Angie Herman extolled the work her neighbor had done to maintain fire resiliency on his property. "It's amazing, how much work he has done," she said, pausing from her uphill climb with the a help the neighborhood work party was, chainsaw she had been using to limb up both in helping with physical safety and

"We really want to support that. And the fact that this was a fire break, we may as well maintain it. It's here already. So that's kind of what we're doing. We're cleaning up what's grown back, and what he couldn't

She was convinced that the effort would also benefit the rest of the community. "It definitely helps," she declared. "Anywhere we can get a break in the vegetation. It all helps. It'll slow things down, it'll provide access. I'd like to see a few more of these." CAL FIRE agrees. Shane Lamkin, CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Public Information Officer, relayed that the maintenance and regular vegetation removal on the site. the kind of work they would like to see landowners performing regularly, created a got wind, you've got troubles," he said. safe space for their crew to work from and "They all start small, and then they get

When the Ridge Fire broke out on May 6. it moved fast. Varney was outside getting some work done in the early afternoon when he saw flames moving across the green grass on the slope. "I was down there trying to put it out with a shovel," he recalled. It was "very smoky, and very traumatic. I was working on it for a while, and it started getting hot on my foot. looked down, and saw my pant leg was on fire. That kind of freaked me out a little bit,' he acknowledged. He extinguished himself and went back to work. When the fire started heading for much drier grass, he called the fire department, and got three: the Little Lake Fire Protection District, the

"If it had jumped the area where we did the Fire Safe Council cleanup and that fire break, it would have gone down the hill, and I don't think they would have put it out for hours," said Randy McDonald, another neighbor who is always fire ready. While Varney was fighting the flames in the grassland, McDonald was dousing them closer to the house, with water from his 400-gallon water tank

Brooktrails Fire Department, and CAL

FIRE, which stopped the fire at five acres

in under an hour.

"I need a bigger one," he laughed. He mostly uses it to keep the dust down on the roads, but he's deployed it three times now on a fire. "I did put all the attachments on it," he said, including a 400-foot hose and all the nozzles. He also installed a mechanism to fill it quickly at his house. "It's been a lifesaver," he added.

Varney believes that without the fire break, the flames could have easily torn into the woods, where the terrain is not easily accessible and landowners have installed locked gates across narrow, treacherous roads. He says the earlyseason fire made him realize how much of creating a sense of community.

"One person came all the way from Brooktrails," he reported. "I was amazed that I met some people I didn't even know, and they were willing to go to someone's property and help with the fire defense... People who realized, we're all in the same

McDonald commended his neighbor, saying, "This guy takes great care of his property." But as the wind picked up and pushed embering tanoak leaves ahead of the main fire, he thought back to 2017. It was a time before well-organized work parties with organizational backing had become as fashionable as they are today, when things got out of hand with disastrous results. "When you've got fire and you've







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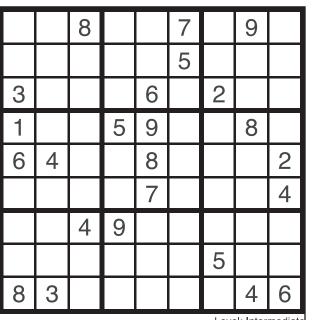
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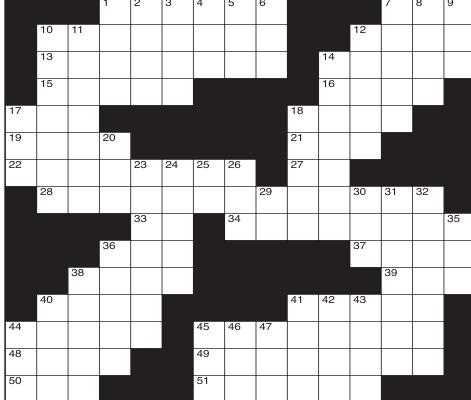
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39. Marxist economics

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41. Male Arabic name

45. Places where bees

48. One-time Yankees

51. Pieces of fibrous

**CLUES DOWN** 

tissue

1. Classify

2. Dismounted

3. Produced

4. Consumed

5. Director Howard

6. The products of

human creativity

7. Thai monetary units

8. Away from wind

9. Builder's trough

10. Relating to Islam

12. Small quantities

(Scot.)

11. It can sometimes ache

sensation Kevin

44. Series of ridges on an

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

1. Winged nut

7. \_\_ Humbug!

10. One who sets apart

12. Circle above a saint's head

13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh

14. Expressed pleasure

15. Feminine given name 49. Church office 16. Company of badgers 50. Single lens reflex

17. Popular Dodge pickup

truck

18. Witty sayings

19. Leader

21. Autonomic nervous

system

22. Premolar 27. Atomic #28

28. Holiday decorative

33. Exclamation of

surprise 34. Rusk or cracker

36. Returned material authorization (abbr.) 37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic

language 38. Eat

Sudoku puzzles are

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

#### 9:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued

May 12

May 14 6:36 pm: FISKMCCARTHY, Monte Roy (34) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

9:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

a citation.

3:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive

7:49 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued

9:12 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1100 block of South Main Street and issued

9:22 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

11:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 24000 block of Sherwood Road and issued a warning.

#### **May 17**

2:21 am: COSTA Jr., John Joseph (38) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of resisting an officer and on possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct

# The rest of

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friends, so I am very happy for them." Retiring from Blosser Elementary are three classified employees: Margaret Bertolino, a behavioral tech who spent 13 years in the district; Cynthia Campbell, a member of the cafeteria a bilingual paraprofessional who spent 21 years in the district; Tami Rempel, a member of the support staff who spent 26 years in the district; and Kathleen Crossman, the Brookside principal, who spent 8 years in the district.

Following the honoring of retirees, the board members also highlighted student board member, Shiloh Moyer. "Moyer is a bright person and engaged WHS senior who has served with distinction as a school board representative. We recognize her intelligence, maturity, and unwavering commitment to excellence in all areas of life." Moyer is both a student and an athlete who is currently preparing to graduate, and "her teachers note that regardless of what complications life throws her way she demonstrates an extraordinary ability to

show up and follow through." Lastly, the board and Athletic Director Matt Moratti honored the WHS Championship teams, including a few other sports that excelled this year. WHS Girls Soccer and Golf teams won this year's championships. The Girls Soccer team has won the championship this year for the first time in 20 years, also achieving a collective GPA of over 3.0. Coach Juan Diaz expressed thanks and congratulates to the team and everyone who supported them this season. The Golf team has won the championship for a second consecutive year, advancing to the NCS championships and achieving a collective GPA of over 3.0.

The swim team was also recognized for all their hard work this season. The Girls Swim team is comprised of seven members and lost the championship by half a point, competing against teams of over 10 members. Concluding the recognition of spring sports, Track highlighted Liam Moratti for his excellence in the long jump. Moratti won the CMC League championships for all four years of his high school career and subsequently went on to win further championships. Moratti is also continuing the sport, joining the Track team at Humboldt State. Congratulations to WHS Spring Sports on all their achievements this year.

#### May 12 to May 18 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police (alcohol and drugs) and possession of a Department reported **55 incidents** in this controlled substance. 7-day period.

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE LOG** 

8:37 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of **Summary of Active Investigations** South Main Street and issued a warning. and Arrests

3:24 pm: MARTIN, Nathen Daniel (36) of Willits was contacted near the intersection 3:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of Boscabelle Avenue and East San of suspicious activity in the 400 block of Mill Francisco Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance

5:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of 200 block of South Main Street and issued East Hill Road and Haehl Creek Drive and issued a citation.

9:19 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Mendocino Avenue and issued a

10:32 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a warning.

10:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### **May 18**

11:47 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

5:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:36 pm: HENRY JR., Roger Dale (54) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Maple Street and Laurel Street. He was arrested on felony charges of carrying a loaded firearm in public, felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed firearm, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm, and violation of probation, and on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance. possession of a controlled substance. violation of probation.

# Honored

Following the celebration of the district, board trustees briefly reviewed WUSD Summer Programs, which includes Cougar Camp, WHS Summer School, and Dual Enrollment programs. There is also a staff who spent 20 years in the district; and Summer Meal Program taking place at Cynthia Convery, a paraprofessional who Brookside Elementary, offering breakfast spent 38 years in the district. Retiring from and lunch to all kids in the community over Brookside Elementary are Maria Sanchez. the summer. CSEA thanks the school district and food service staff for this program and for being open to the community, acknowledging that the summer meals support students who rely on school meals

during the academic year.

As the meeting discussed the importance of community support through initiatives such as the Summer Meal Program, the atmosphere shifted to a more somber tone. The WTA, represented by its president Brian Bowles, took the opportunity to address critical concerns facing the district. Bowles draws the board's attention to where the district is lacking: as two new counselors started their position they were not provided their required private spaces, there has been a lack of discussion with the staff of the district's independent study plans, the Bright Thinkers platform is not benefiting students' learning, Sanhedrin is suffering from absenteeism, a delve into superintendent history requesting the board think more critically about who is going to do good for the district during the interview and hiring processes, calls out the board for decision-making "without the input of people on the ground," strongly advising "the administration to be a little bit more proactive with the WTA and staff in general", and informs the board the state and county are now aiding the WTA to right the wrongs

they have been facing for the last four years. Bowles states, "I really care about the district, and I feel like we need to do a really great job finding the right person for these administrative jobs that we're searching for ... and I hope that our board takes a more

active role in learning what's going on in our district, of learning what kind of education things like Bright Thinkers do or do not do for our students, and I'd like to see more of what we did today with our board members."

After Bowles' statement, board trustees and Superintendent Beebe continued reporting their monthly site visits and their excitement as the school year comes to a close. However, the administration still has work to do to prepare for a smooth transition to summer session, and a smooth preparation period for the upcoming school year with a new superintendent.

Willits Weekly | May 29, 2025

#### Thursday, May 29

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Willits Farmers Market at City Park, with vendors along State Street on the north end of the park. Consider parking at the City or Skunk Train parking lots. For the freshest produce available, and much more. See Thursday, May 22 listing for more details.

Friday, May 30 Magician Mentalist Robert

Goleman WCT: Fort Bragg performance

the Willits Community Theatre on Friday. May 30 and Saturday, May 31 at 7 pm, and Sunday, June 1 at 2 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: Producers Guild presents an Artisan, Craft & Food Market. Saturday, May 31 at the guild's new space, M.P.G.

Hall, 43401 Highway 101, Laytonville. 11 am to 5 pm. Local Farmers, Herbal Remedies, Arts & Crafts, Plant Starts James & Sauces, Teas & Desserts, Body Products, Leather Goods, and more. A locally made and sourced. More info: www.mendocinoproducersguild.org

Nuestra Alianza Family Day: Nuestra Alianza de Willits presents Family Day, Saturday, May 31, at City Park, East Commercial Street, at North Main, from 12 to 4 pm. Come one, come all. We will have fun activities for the whole family. Delicious food, games, bubbles, face painting, photo booth, karaoke, and more. If you wish to participate or sell something, contact the office at 707-456-9418



Saturday | May 31 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm A "Sustainable Willits" Kick Off Event! Learn Energy-Saving Tips! The library will host a electricity. Experts will share practical tips that resources will be offered for further reference.

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Save Energy, Save Money at the Library: This Saturday, May 31 special event, 3 to 4:30 pm, at the Willits Library is part of the new "Sustainable Willits" series. Event, organized by WELL, is focused on

#### saving money on electricity. Experts will share practical tips that anyone can use in their home. Join us at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, to learn

energy-saving tips! Magician and Mentalist Robert Goleman at WCT: Fort Bragg magician and mentalist Robert Goleman returns for three shows at the Willits Community Theatre including Saturday, May 31 at 7 pm. See Friday, May 30 listing for more details.

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 the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of rock & roll and the rich harmonies of jazz to create exactly what you've always wanted to hear. Saturday, May 31 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

#### 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. kids \$15 starts at

1:30 pm. Free to spectators. 860 East Valley Street.

in need of retrofitting due to mudslides. Farms; Wine: Frey Vineyards; Chocolates on the patio, 5 to 9 pm at the Willits Senior

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Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025 wine 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM beer door prizes, silent auction, and music by Farmers Market Band. Tickets, \$75, at the Senior LIVE MUSIC Center online



are invited to tour areas rarely open to the public. View collections storage areas, see recently acquired objects, and learn about collections care from knowledgeable docents. Featured content includes: Jkiah Courthouse Murals; Willits Center for the Arts:

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ANNUAL BBQ 11:30 - 2

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1 at 2 pm. See Friday, May 30 listing for more details.

Friends of Deb & Reza Gourmet Dinner: an 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 is Charcuterie: Sarah Gerlinger, Flowers & Decor: Cici Winiger; Chef Mike Adkins; Salmon: Princess Seafood; Beef: Eastside Ranch: Vegetables: Green Uprising Sunshine Confections: and Bread: Reza's Breadery. Sunday, June 1, dine inside or

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# June 5

Behind the Scenes **Tours at the Museum:** Thursdays, June 5 and June 19, 2 to 3 pm. **Visitors** 

Mendocino County Artists Wine History. Included with regular admission

Recommended for adults older. Commercial Street More info reservations: 234-6365. Willits Farmers

Market: Join your neighbors Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Willits Farmers at City Park, with

vendors along State Street on the north end of the park. For the freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot dinner, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Every first Thursday of the month: June 5 this month, Meet the Library at the Farmers Market, 3 to 4:30 pm, with library card signups; information about library services and events, and an activity for the kids to enjoy.

## Friday, June 6

Dance Hall Benefit for Shelter and Food: Come one, come all to a Dance Hall benefit for the Willits Shelter Action

Group and the Willits Food Bank, Friday, June 6 at the Methodist Church social hall, 286 School Street. Starts at 6 pm with an hour of 1940s and 1950s dance music followed by the groovy '60s, the '70s and the '80s. Dance contests with prizes! Voluntary donation at the door. "Bring your friends, put on those dancin' shoes and have a blast helping to support two excellent causes." For questions or to volunteer, call or text 707 354-3960



#### Thursday, **Works Presents**

Friday Night Live: with performances by Queer Country and Sgt. Splendor featuring Eric McFadden and Kate Vargas. Friday, June 6 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub,

50 South Main Street. Saturday, June 7 Behind the Scenes Tou Celebrating the Arts Editi 'Paint & Paper' opens at WCA: Willits Center for the Arts presents "Paint & Paper,"

wide ranging exhibit with work by oil painter Eva Strauss-Rosen and collage

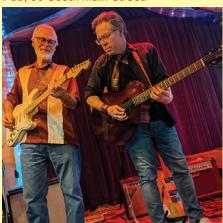
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reception Saturday, June 7, 6 to 8 pm. Enjoy worldclass art along with tasty nibbles and beverages of your choosing. 71 East Commercial Street. Show runs through June 29; galleries open Fridays, Saturday

and Sundays, 11 am to 5 pm. The Ramblers Duo at Shanachie: from Sonoma County, these two Ramblers deliver an infectious and stylish blend of spirited Classic Rock N Roll, a heaping spoonful of Americana Country, and usually a healthy dose of Cosmic Blues. Saturday, June 7 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub. 50 South Main Street















Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490



# Mendocino Film Festival, May 29 to June 1

The Mendocino Film Festival, May 29 to June 1, offers an eclectic and awardwinning line-up of 67 fascinating, inspiring and massively entertaining international and independent American films, with 50 filmmakers and special guests attending.

Many films are about accomplished and visionary women who have pursued their passions, whether for grammar, as in "Rebel with a Cause," or cuisine, as in "Marcella" and "Sweet Story," or in making a difference for women and LGBTQ+ individuals with "I'm Your Venus" and "Sally!"(a documentary about the late Sally Gearhart of Willits, "one of second- wave feminism's most beloved icons.)

To purchase tickets, go to MendoFilm.org/tickets. For complete program, visit MendoFilm.org.

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38. For smoking

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47. 007's creator

46. I.M.\_\_, architect

42. Mark resembling

44. Root mean square

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36. Large, flightless birds

30. Relative biological

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23. Type of cat

18. Vogul











At left: The Noyo Movie Theatre, appropriately showing "American Graffiti," is home to the myriad of Corvettes. Above: This 1967 Volkswagen bus, owned by Christopher and Gretchen Moore, is part of their extensive collection of VW models. Below: A group of old Cushman motor scooters – mechanically sound but with unrestored bodies - are on display. At bottom: Master of Ceremonies Tom Allman gives out the trophy for Best of Show in front of an estimated 2,000 people along Commercial and Main





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# Car & Bike Show

Annual Memorial Day tradition in Willits sees a record number of vehicle entries and attendees

woke up to the roaring, throaty rumblings of classic cars, muscle cars, roadsters, motorcycles and much more. The air was filled with the aroma of gasoline exhaust (perfume for the true auto-enthusiast) which quickly settled once the vehicles were set in place on

Commercial and Main streets, with

a few latecomers on Humboldt.

Mathew Caine

Bud Snider Park was filled with 40 vendors, offering information, tchotchkes and trinkets to take home. Children had plenty to do in the park with the bounce houses and games. Across the street, in the parking lot of the Willits Community Center, several food vendors offered their array of tastes for those who built up a hunger walking the streets of automobiles. And, of course, the Little Lake Fire Department thrilled the littles with a trip around the show, along with Smokey the Bear, on their antique fire engine, with the loud, blaring fire siren.

Having grown from around 40-some cars last year to over 180 vehicles, the planning went off with few problems, owing to the great work of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, who produced the 43rd Willits Car and Bike Show. Their handling of the logistics was quite well done, with all of the vehicles placed in their prospective slots in a timely and orderly manner.

Event Coordinator John Kvasnicka had the assistance of some great sponsors and volunteers and board members of the chamber, which created an event that brought in an estimated (by Master of Ceremonies Tom Allman) audience of around 2,000 people from all over Mendocino County and beyond, some of whom had never been to or spent time in Willits before the Car and Bike Show. If it can be seen by the smiles and laughter, many will be back to sample all of the positive aspects of the

"It was a little chaotic at first. With a 180 cars, that is to be expected. We got them all in here in an hour and a half," said Kvasnicka. "The purpose of this whole event is to bring the community together. Secondary to that, it's a fundraiser to help keep the doors open at the chamber of commerce. We have a lot of people here from the Bay Area. People came here for the day, spent the night in our hotels. Our social media presence on social media has really gotten big. People also know of this show through our event calendar on our website, visitwillits.com. There's by Pat Thornton, was a 1972 750cc Honda. been lots of talk on social media about needing an event calendar. Michealle Havenhill is doing an incredible job of administering the calendar."

tell about their vehicles, many of which were discovered need a bigger street."

On the Sunday before Memorial Day, the town of Willits in garages and barns, and restored to their full glory by loving hands.

> "We have 28 Corvettes so far," said John Yde, who was responsible for coordinating the Corvette Corral. "They are from all the way in Oregon, Petaluma. My wife is a little ticked off at me now for about 43 years because I do car shows on our anniversary. My car is a 1962 Corvette.'

There were some interesting factoids about each of the cars. A particular roadster, owned by Robert Tibbs, a 1923 Ford T-Bucket, was named Jolene, which Tibbs' first wife named after his second wife, "the stuff that soap operas and western songs are written about," mused Tibbs. Some of the vehicles were recently found and restored, while others have been in the family for years. Ralph Lucero's 1954 Chevrolet 3100 ½ ton pickup truck had been in his wife's family since 1962. His father-in-law gave him an initial \$6,000 to restore it and another like amount to finish

John Allman (no relation to Tom but related to the Allman Brothers) brought an Avanti II, which is an offshoot of the original Studebaker Avantis. His auto is one of only 41 produced.

Local Volkswagen aficionado Christopher Moore brought he and his wife Gretchen's 1967 Deluxe Hardtop VW bus. "It has the original paint and it has some original interior. I keep it as stock as possible, and I really like the 'survivor' look and this has it," said Moore.

Terry Richards had a beautiful green Woodie '52 Chevy Deluxe. "My grandparents bought this brand new. Then my uncle had it and restored it," Richards related.

Mike Bartholdi's 1969 Camero Pro Touring was built 100 percent in his carport. "I have three miles of welding wire in it, and five years," said Bartholdi, "but I did it on a budget, so it took a while. We built it so we could drive it around the country in my retirement years in comfort. It's an old car that rides nice."

Each of the many sponsors chose a car or motorcycle to honor, as did the chamber of commerce. A set of judges chose the Best of Show vehicles, which were awarded with trophies. The Best of Show Auto was a 1941 Willvs coupe with an orange and green flame pattern, owned by Danny Figueriedo. The Best of Show Motorcycle, owned

It is hoped that the City of Willits takes note of the success of this event, produced by the hard work and planning of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, and plans Of course, the main draws of the show are the cars accordingly. There were so many people in town that it and the owners and restorers, all of whom had stories to caused John Kvasnicka to guip, "I think we're going to





Above, left: Red Herman (he used to have red hair) brought his C-7 2015 Corvette, one of 28 Corvettes in the show. Above, right: CAL FIRE brought its mascot, a fire cat that wanders throughout the crowd at the Car and Bike Show. At left: This 1938 Plymouth Coupe in a non-descript color is the only vehicle with a rumble seat. Below: The Best of Show vehicles are the 1941 Willys coupe, owned by Danny Figueriedo, and a 1972 750cc Honda, owned by Pat Thornton. At bottom, left: Smokey the Bear invites kids on an antique fire engine adventure through the streets of classic cars and motorcycles. At bottom, right: Necole Aguilar Barnes entertains on the Granite Stage with her band, Nectar, at the corner of Commercial and Main

Photos by Mathew Caine













#### FRIDAY MAY 30 **MONSTER TRUCKS &** MUDD BOGGS 6:00pm Wicked Strong, Enforcer, Playing For Keeps, Scattered, and Skull Crusher

LIVE MUSIC Warehouse 21 6-10pm

#### ATURDAY MAY 31 **MONSTER TRUCKS &** MUDD BOGGS & BOAT RACES

6:00pm Wicked Strong, Enforcer, Playing For Keeps, Scattered, and Skull Crusher

LIVE MUSIC Black Horse Blues Band 6-10pm

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# SPIRITUAL **PATHWAYS**

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#### Church of Christ

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

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#### We welcome All Walks of Faith St. Francis **Episcopal Church**

aintanthonywillits@gmail.com

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

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Willits Frontier Days – 2025 Events										
Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission						
Sat, June 14	10:00 am	Sweetheart Judging Poise and Personality	Willits Frontier Days Office Area	Free						
Fri, June 20	5:00 pm	Hometown Celebration	Main Street Willits	Free						
Sun, June 22	8:00 am	Horse Show Sweetheart Horsemanship Judging du	Free							
Fri, June 27	6:00 pm	Truck Pulls	Jack Tharp Arena	\$25 - Adults \$15 - Child (12 and under) Free - Child (2 and under)						
	9:00 pm	Street Dance Featuring Joe Peters Band	Tennis Courts	Free						
		Carnival Opens today!	Old Ball Field							
Sun, June 29	6:00 pm	Sweetheart Crowned	Rodeo Grounds	\$25 - Adult (limited tickets)						
Thurs, July 3	7:00 pm	CCPRA Rodeo Rockin' M Rodeo With the Diablo Ladies	Jack Tharp Arena	\$30 - Box Seats \$25 - Adult \$15 - Child (12 and under) Free - Child (2 and under)						
	9:00 pm	Western Dance Featuring Nick Tyrell	Tennis Courts	Free - Crilid (2 and under) Free						
Fri, July 4	10:00 am	Horseshoe Competition	Rec Grove	\$75 Entry Fee Free to watch						
	11:00 am	Main Street Parade "Traveling Through Generations"	North Main Street	Free						
	12:00 pm	Country Music Rodeola	Recreation Grove	Free						
		Western BBQ	Recreation Grove	\$25 - Adult \$15 - Child (3 & up)						
	4:00 pm	Water fights	Fire House	FREE						
	7:00 pm	CCPRA Rodeo Rockin' M Rodeo With the Diablo Ladies	Jack Tharp Arena	\$30 - Box Seats \$25 Adult \$15 - Child (12 and under) Free - Child (2 and under)						
Sat, July 5	7:00 am	Lions Club Cowboy Breakfast	Recreation Grove	\$15 - Adults \$10 - Child (12 and under)						
	8:00 am	Jr. Rodeo	Jack Tharp Arena	\$10 - Adult						
	7:00 pm	Bulls and Broncs	Jack Tharp Arena	\$15 - Adult \$10 - Child (12 and under)						

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# Presale Willits Frontier Days **Tickets** Available Now

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While tickets are always available at the gate, presale tickets are also available now.

This not only event attendees skip the purchase line the day of, but also helps earn the Sweetheart contestant from who they are purchased, points towards winning the coveted Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart title, tiara, saddle, spurs, and other prizes, including 15% of the ticket sales in cash.

This year, two women are looking to win the title: Willits' Lisa Arkelian and Potter Valley's Kristen

Both are available by phone or email to connect people to repurchase tickets: Arkelian can be reached at (707) 354-3114 and lisaarkelian19@icloud.com and Helms can be reached at (707) 380-4703 and kt.dopers26@gmail.com.

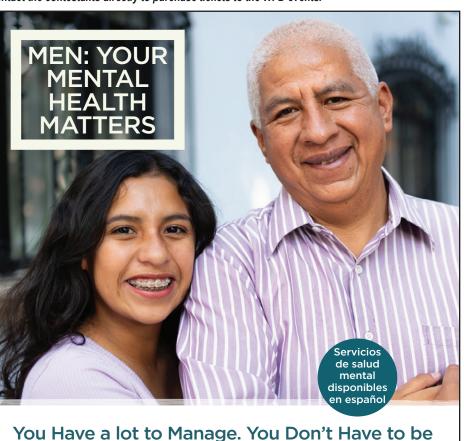
Contestants have just until June 27 to sell the tickets to count towards their total before the crowning of the winner on Sunday, June 29.

Maureen Jennison





Above: The two Sweetheart contestants this year include, left: Lisa Arkelian, (707) 354-3114, lisaarkelian19@icloud.com and right, Kristen Helms, (707) 380-4703, kt.dopers26@gmail.com. Contact the contestants directly to purchase tickets to the WFD events.



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# LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

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**Fictitious Business** Name Statement

2025-F0218

The following person or persons are doing business as Esthetics by Eden, 23 South Main Street, Willits CA 95490. Registered owner: Richard Registered owner: Eden

Hincker Tye, 24900 North Highway 101, Willits CA

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 2025. FBN statement filed with the

Recorder on May 5, 2025. /s/ Eden Hincker Tye Publication Dates: May 15, 22,

29, June 5, 2025

Mendocino County Clerk-

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**Fictitious Business** Name Statement

The following person or persons are doing business as RC Transit, 31101 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490.

2025-F0227

James Comer, 31101 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA This business is conducted by

an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on May 9, 2025. /s/ Richard Comer

Publication Dates: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2025

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: **JUDI ANN MONTALVO**

CASE NO. 25PR00295

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of JUDI ANN MONTALVO

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JAMES A. MONTALVO in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that JAMES A. MONTALVO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate

The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority 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, California 95482

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a 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, CA 95490. Telephone: (707) 459-5551.

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

WW540

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Joanne Evans Marshall,

Joanne Elizabeth Evans, Jo-Dee Evans

CASE NO. 25PR00279

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of JOANNE EVANS MARSHALL, JOANNE ELIZABETH EVANS, JO-DEE EVANS

A Petition for Probate has been filed by CHRISTOPHER J. NEARY in the Superior Court of California. County of

The Petition for Probate requests that CHRISTOPHER J. NEARY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

The will and any codicils are available for examination in the

file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection

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to the petition and shows good cause why the court should

State Street, Ukiah, California 95482. 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 your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a 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

Petitioner: CHRISTOPHER J. NEARY, NEARY and O'BRIEN 110 S MAIN ST, STE C, WILLITS, CA 95490. Telephone: (707) 459-5551.

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# Have something to say?

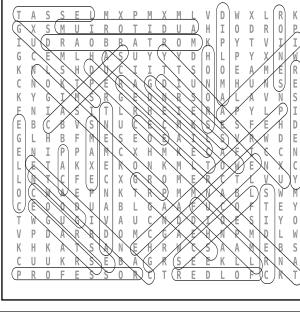
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# Casino Controller at Sherwood Valley Casino

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



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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

# 'Lilo and Stitch'

The Story: Live action remake of 2002's fullyanimated flick of the same name. Hawaiian Islands Lilo (Maia Kealoha) is a troubled orphan Hawaiian girl. She lives with her



Dan Essman

keeping food in the fridge, paying medical bills, and maintaining a clean and neat home

legal guardian, older

sister Nani (Sydney

Agudong). Nani is

having money troubles,

Child protection is on her case, threatening to have Lilo removed from the home. Meanwhile, Lilo is

acting out guite aggressively. Not good!

And then: an alien intergalactic spaceship crashes nearby. Stitch, a furry blue creature of explosive energy, random mischief and generalized chaos, escapes the wreckage. He manages to attract Lilo's attention. Stitch pretends to be a lovable doggy to get Lilo to adopt him.



She does. It's one

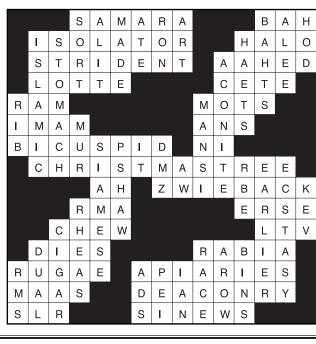
more disaster for Nani to deal with, not to mention the fact that two kinda funny goofy alien guys are trying to capture Stritch and take him back to their

Chases, wrestling matches, explosions, car crashes and even more disasters. Poor Nani. Poor Lilo. Poor trouble-making, bedeviled Stitch. (Not really a spoiler), despite the general mayhem and exploding nonsense, it all works out for the best for everyone.

My Thoughts: I watched this flick in a theater full of laughing children. Their spontaneous appreciation of the action on screen pretty much says it all.

Parents: This is a kids movie. Goodness and kindness triumph. My only caveat is that 3- and 4-year-olds are too young for the movie. The child protection drama really flew right over their heads. Some children behind me were crying.

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



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**Blood Drive** Wednesday, June 11 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sign up today!

Adventist Health **Howard Memorial** partners with the Frank R. Howard Foundation to host Vitalant Blood Drive on June 11

#### Submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Adventist Health Howard Memorial, in partnership with the Frank R. Howard Foundation, is hosting a Vitalant Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 11, from 11 am to 3 pm. The org, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org, or call the center at 459-1726. event will be held in the front parking lot of Adventist Health Howard Memorial, where the Vitalant Blood Donation Bus will be on-site, ready to accept blood donations.

Blood donations are a critical lifeline for patients in need, and your contribution can make a life-changing difference. Whether you're a first-time donor or a seasoned giver, every donation is invaluable.

To make donating as convenient as possible, individuals are encouraged to sign up for a time slot ahead of the event by visiting ahlink.org/4iWLULI or call 877-258-4825 to schedule by

Mark your calendars, roll up your sleeves, and help make a meaningful impact in our community. Every drop

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Above, from Gold" by Sandy Landscape by Eva Strauss-Rosen. Giraffe collage by Sandy Collage of a gardener by Sandy Below, left: "Chair Fire" by Eva Strauss-Rosen. Below, right: Landscape by Eva



'Paint & Paper' exhibit

opens June 7 at Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts presents "Paint & Paper," with work by oil painter

Eva Strauss-Rosen and collage artist Sandy Oppenheimer. This wide-ranging

exhibit, featuring these two highly dedicated artists, will open on Saturday, June 7

in the WCA galleries. Enjoy world-class art, along with tasty nibbles and beverages

of your choosing. Check in with your community and see what the galleries have to

offer for the month of June.1 "Paint & Paper" will be on exhibit through Sunday, June

29, with galleries open from 11 am to 5 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. We

await your visit at Willits Center for the Arts, located at 71 East Commercial Street.

For further information, please check out our website at www.willitscenterforthearts.





## Angelic Luna

Have you met Luna yet? This sweet best friend, Luna is the full package (she's even potty trained!). Luna loves walks or any activity with her person. Luna is dog and people social; she loves dogs. Luna is soft-mouthed and plays well with all sizes of dogs. If you are looking for a well-rounded, amazing pup, Luna is your girl.

To learn more about Luna, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.

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org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. 1.5-year-old is as sweet as they come! Please complete a pet-adoption application Yearning for love, companionship and a before requesting an appointment. You can

# Handsome Orange

Orange you glad he's not an apple?

This pink nosed cutie may be tucked away in his house when you come in to meet him but all you have to do is quietly introduce yourself, give him a head pet and he will come out and be the wonderful cat that

Orange is ready to be your best friend

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

# Once this adorably goofy guy is

## Silly Shaboozey

comfortable with you, Shaboozey is friendly, playful, and outgoing. Give him some toys, and he will play and play. Indoors, he's a mellow kind of dog. Mr. S needs some leash work, but he's a smart guy and is catching on fast! Shaboozey came from a hoarding situation and unfortunately, he did not get much socialization with people. Shaboozey is looking for a guardian who will show him what companionship is ... and one look at that face, who could not fall in love?

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

# **Furry Friends Hoping for a Home**



The rest of Brooktrails

From page 1

The Public Comments portion of the meeting was opened, and Third District Supervisor John Haschak went to the podium. He said, "I just wanted to give an update on the BRIC grant, which was the FEMA Building Resilience and Infrastructure Communities grant that we applied for and worked on for several years. Unfortunately, it was DOGE'd and all of a sudden on a Friday we saw on the FEMA website that due to fraud and corruption they were eliminating the whole program. It was in different phases, and we'd already been approved for the first phase for \$3.5 million, and we'd been working on that and the second and third phases were for \$50 million. So, it's a real loss for the fuel abatement and home hardening and defensible space efforts for the Brooktrails / Sherwood Road area and also the City of Willits which was included in that.'

Continuing, Haschak said: "The county is moving forward to look for other grant opportunities and the Fire Safe Council is also looking. We've been in talks with Sonoma and Napa counties because they also had BRIC grants that were approved and got pulled back, eliminated. I think the chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors went to Washington to complain and make the case for all of us because we've been working together on it. It hasn't been fruitful. In fact, there's some pushback against the county from FEMA because of that. The other part (significantly) is that there was a National Public Radio story about it, and it highlighted Napa and another place and I heard about a National Association of Counties story in their monthly news magazine that featured as a top item the elimination of these grants, and they were highlighting lowa and Idaho. So, these two states also really needed the support. We will see if there's collective action begun. All of these states can't do it by themselves. That is the latest, and we will keep working on it."

Next, Disc Golf Manager Joseph Haggard went to the podium and introduced himself, saying: "I've come to give a report on the Brooktrails Disc Golf Course, and we have another gift for the Brooktrails Fire Department. We've successfully wrapped up the 14th Annual NorCal Winter Charity Series, a series of disc golf tournaments that was originally started by Derek Rawlings who lives on the coast, and as of this year

Castillo, Karen Chatman,

Alyssa Patereau, Hung Pham,

Megan Powell, Leatha Pyle,

Jeri Robison, Krystina Ruffin,

Sheyla Sanchez, Jasmarie

Steffen, Ashley Tangermann,

Vazquez, and Shayna Williams

Laytonville: Soheir Abdelfatah

Shena Allen, Michelle Coleman

Covelo: Julia Azbill, Jubilee

Karissa McCoy, Charles Nodolf,

Additional out-of-the-area

grads included:

Boonville: Brianna Ferreyra,

Carlos Garcia, Julianna Lievanos,

Clearlake: Liliana Garcia, Nicole

Gentry, Michelle Lorusso, Sabrina

Odonnell, Ricardo Ramos, Hiedi

Raymond Brown, Jamaica Ince-

Galloway, Amanda Pheng Pha

Finley: Janet Cortez-Galindo and

White, and Shelby Sapeta.

Cloverdale: Zoe

and Reese Zanzi

Cobb: Lilly Wood

Jose Garcia

Clearlake Park:Pedro Perez

Dos Rios: Seth Kolb-Brown

Alhambra: Lisa Liang

Aliso Viejo: Scott Kato

Anderson: Lisa Hudson

and Asirianna Perez.

Renae Wells, Renae Whipple,

Doss, Jacqueline Estrada,

and Shannon Whitewolf.

Adalay Vanderpool, Noe

and April Edwards

Jose Saldona, Miguel Sanchez,

we've raised and donated over \$280,000 to our local nonprofits through our local disc golf clubs in Mendocino, Humboldt and Sonoma counties. We've now raised and donated over \$10,000 for Brooktrails Fire Department as well Sherwood Firewise. These funds are to help keep Brooktrails

"Also," Haggard said, "We've been able to raise funds for new address signs for our veterans' homes in the Brooktrails community so that they now have proper signage at their residences and are able to be easily located in case of an emergency.

Brooktrails Director Ed Horrick responded: "I got one of those signs. Thank you very much!"

The 6th Annual Brooktrails Open Disc Golf Tournament is August 15-17 and registration began May 20. The Brooktrails Finale in April had 90 players participate, and the group was able to raise \$2,000 for the Brooktrails Firefighters Association. Haggard then presented Fire Chief Jeff Donaldson with the donation check.

Chief Donaldson, in accepting the check, said: "It was a pretty impressive event. That little valley that we call our disc / ball golf course is truly world-wide. It's been designated the #2 Disc Golf/Ball Golf Course in the world. I got a call from a friend who has located to Chicago and he said the one thing he really misses is that beautiful grove. It is a treasure for our community, thriving like it's supposed to

Haggard also expressed appreciation to Brooktrails Golf Course Manager Marcus Newby and his partner and wife, Jaclyn Christian, who provide excellent support for the disc golf and ball golf events.

Newby and Christian were next up to the podium, and asked for the board to provide clarification regarding the capital reserve fund. After apprising the board regarding recent course repairs, they asked that the board agendize the item, so that at a future meeting they can be provided with answers about funding for golf course repairs.

The board then focused on the Consent Calendar and unanimously approved the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$142,998.16.

Next on the agenda: "Consideration Memorandum of Understanding with

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council for approve the MOU with Mendocino County in Brooktrails."

Back in February 2025, Third District Supervisor Haschak and members of Sherwood Firewise Communities and Mendocino County Fire Safe Council began discussion of how available grant funding to the groups could use the process laid out in Brooktrails Ordinance 98 for vegetation abatement on nuisance parcels that are overgrown and untended by property owners to reduce wildfire risk.

The specificity of each group's grant or program funding requires a unique memorandum of understanding between each group and the district. This MOU is specific to Mendocino County Fire Safe Council and a Coastal Conservancy Grant that has funding ready to spend on this

Nuisance parcels in Brooktrails are a significant wildfire risk to the community. The adoption of this MOU with the Fire Safe Council represents an opportunity to work with a group that's skilled in vegetation abatement and performs work airport. throughout Mendocino County. It's also a way to offset these risks without the district incurring abatement debt or establishing property liens that will not be repaid by nonresponsive owners whose property taxes are already in arrears.

The Fire Safe Council was awarded a Coastal Conservancy grant to abate overgrown vegetation in Mendocino County. They have had difficulty spending the full grant as they have been unable to get permission from nuisance parcel owners to do the work on their properties.

In cooperation with Director Scott Cratty of the Fire Safe Council, District Counsel Neary developed the MOU for board consideration. Insurance coverage for Fire Safe Council exceeds the minimum standards for liability, and indemnification language that benefits the district has been included. Adoption of the MOU allows the district to notify nuisance parcel owners that they must abate dead and hazardous vegetation by a 30-day deadline or Fire Safe Council may go onto the property and perform abatement work.

The board discussed this reasonable resolution to what has been a concerning issue for the district and gladly moved to

Vegetation Abatement on Nuisance Parcels Fire Safe Council and direct staff to start the 30-day notification period.

There was a final agenda item: "Consideration of Dissolution of Brooktrails Community Response Acceptance of its Assets.

In April 2005, the Brooktrails board supported an association between a new Community Emergency Response Team in Brooktrails and the Fire Department. From the beginning of its formation, CERT grew and adapted to changing conditions in the community. Over the last few years, CERT participation has significantly decreased and many of the outreach activities handled by them in the past have been assumed by the Sherwood Firewise group.

Recently, CERT met twice to vote on dissolving, and the majority of the votes cast were in favor of dissolution. The representatives of the organization, Tim Hanna and Brian Ferri-Taylor, met with the Brooktrails general manager and fire chief to discuss the group's assets: ham radio equipment and a Conex box stored at the

The board voted to agree to accept the dissolution of Brooktrails CERT, and it was decided that the Fire Department will be able to incorporate some of the assets into its inventory. District staff will determine the use of the Conex box. Other items purchased for CERT by North Coast Opportunities will be offered back to NCO.

#### The Singers on Streetcorners Choir is back

Submitted by S.O.S. Choir

Harmonies will be ringing through the streets of Willits on Wednesday, June 4 - and the first Wednesday of each month throughout the summer. All are invited to join the fun with the S.O.S. (Singers on Streetcorners) Choir. Gather to lighten hearts and brighten the day for everyone passing by, singing songs of peace and joy.

Song sheets will be provided, and the lyrics are simple enough for anyone to jump right in - perfect for first-time singers!

Find the S.O.S. Choir at Bud Snider Park, under the three big seguoia trees, at

Maldonado, Miguel Malfavon,

Evode Manirahari, Tony Marsh,

Morgan Martinez, Jaime Martinez

Martinez, Lenissa Mata, Keisha

Andrea Moreno, Alberto Morfin.

Sergio Mendoza,

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