

Brooktrails board updated on cancelled grant, disc golf

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The Brooktrails Township Community Services 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 was recommended; it was information only. 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."

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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

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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-be-born daughter crossed the stage together.



Photos by
Maureen
Jennison



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. This 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

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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 criminal investigation," 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

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Class of 2025

Mendocino College graduates 420 students and celebrates their achievements with Friday ceremony

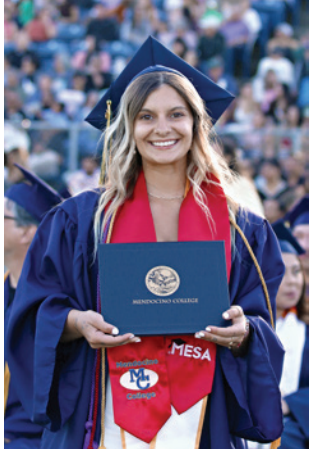
The weather was perfect and the field, seats and stands were packed on Friday, May 23 when family and friends gathered to celebrate some 420 students' achievements at the annual Mendocino College Commencement Ceremony.

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

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

– Maureen Jennison

Above: Willits' Noe Vazquez.

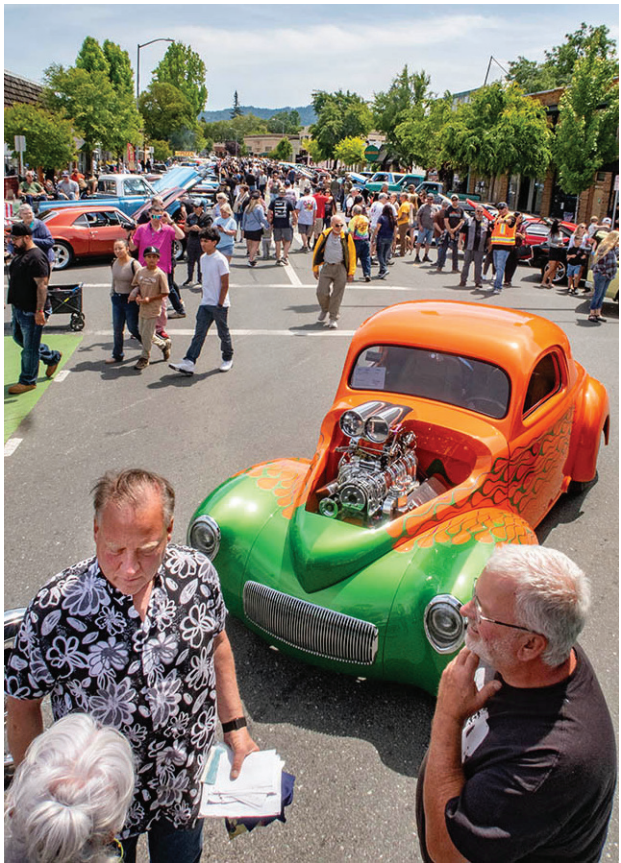


Above, from left: Student speaker and Ukiah graduate Dylan Andrew Fraser-Gilbert and Willits' Emily Maxwell smile with their diplomas. This mom brought her little man to walk across the stage to take to receive her diploma. Rayna Walker of Lakeport shows her diploma and also wears her red MESA sash. 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.





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 streets.



Car & Bike Show

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

On the Sunday before Memorial Day, the town of Willits 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.

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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 town.

"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 been lots of talk on social media about needing an event calendar. Michealle Havenhill is doing an incredible job of administering the calendar."

Of course, the main draws of the show are the cars and the owners and restorers, all of whom had stories to tell about their vehicles, many of which were discovered

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 the restoration.

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 Camaro 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 Willys coupe with an orange and green flame pattern, owned by Danny Figueriedo. The Best of Show Motorcycle, owned by Pat Thornton, was a 1972 750cc Honda.

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 accordingly. There were so many people in town that it caused John Kvasnicka to quip, "I think we're going to need a bigger street."



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: Nicole Aguilar Barnes entertains on the Granite Stage with her band, Nectar, at the corner of Commercial and Main streets.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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Willits Frontier Days – 2025 Events				
Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission
Sat, June 14	10:00 am	Sweetheart Judging <i>Poise and Personality</i>	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 <i>Sweetheart Horsemanship Judging during show</i>	Jack Tharp Arena	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 <i>Featuring Joe Peters Band</i>	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 <i>Rockin' M Rodeo</i> <i>With the Diablo Ladies</i>	Jack Tharp Arena	\$30 - Box Seats \$25 - Adult \$15 - Child (12 and under) Free - Child (2 and under) Free
Fri, July 4	9:00 pm	Western Dance <i>Featuring Nick Tyrell</i>	Tennis Courts	
	10:00 am	Horseshoe Competition	Rec Grove	\$75 Entry Fee <i>Free to watch</i>
	11:00 am	Main Street Parade <i>"Traveling Through Generations"</i>	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 <i>Rockin' M Rodeo</i> <i>With the Diablo Ladies</i>	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
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This year, two women are looking to win the title: Willits' Lisa Arkelian and Potter Valley's Kristen Helms.

Both are available by phone or email to connect with people wanting 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

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: Eden Hinker Tye, 24900 North Highway 101, Willits CA 95490.

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 Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on May 5, 2025.

/s/ Eden Hinker Tye

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

WW537

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0227

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

Registered owner: Richard James Comer, 31101 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490.

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

WW539

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 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 to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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 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 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

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Mendocino.

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.

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A **hearing on the petition** will be held in this court as follows: **Date: June 20, 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 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 clerk.

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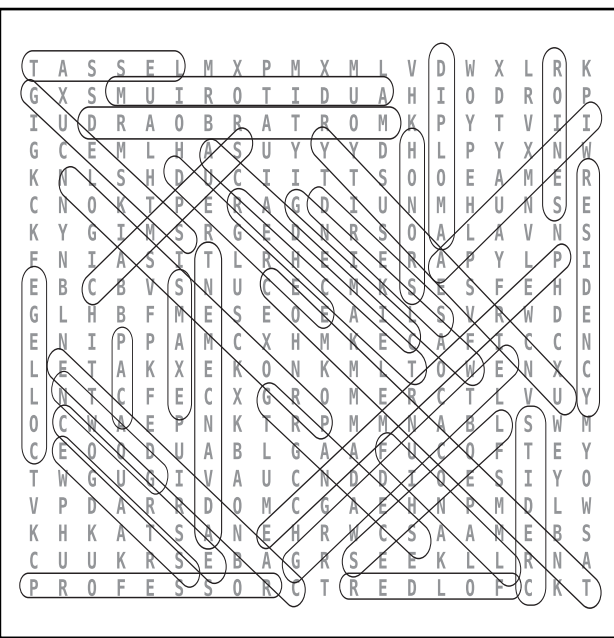
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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

‘Lilo & Stitch’

The Story: Live action remake of 2002's fully-animated flick of the same name. Hawaiian Islands. Lilo (Maia Kealoha) is a troubled orphan Hawaiian girl. She lives with her legal guardian, older sister Nani (Sydney Agudong). Nani is having money troubles, keeping food in the fridge, paying medical bills, and maintaining a clean and neat home.

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

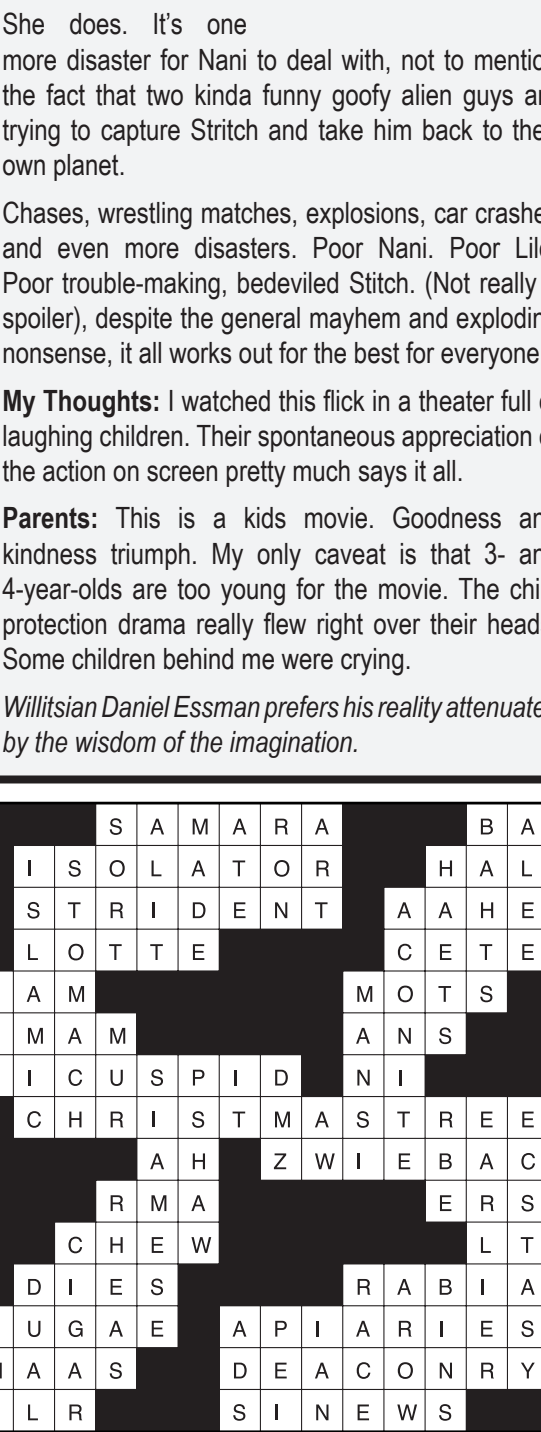
She does. It's one more disaster for Nani to deal with, not to mention the fact that two kinda funny goofy alien guys are trying to capture Stritch and take him back to their own planet.

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.





Blood Drive
Wednesday, June 11
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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Adventist Health
Howard Memorial
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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 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/4WVLULI or call 877-258-4825 to schedule by phone.

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

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‘Paint & Paper’ exhibit
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Submitted by 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.org, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org, or call the center at 459-1726.



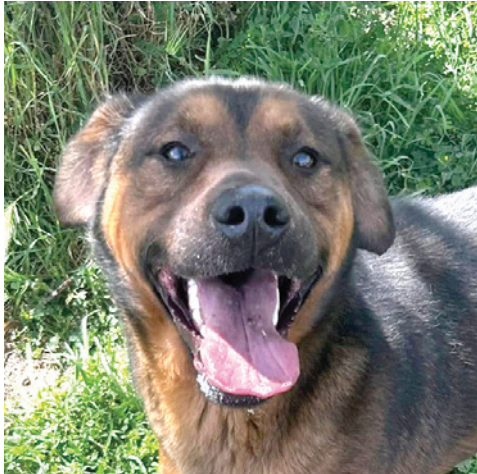
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Above, from left: “Raven Gold” by Sandy Oppenheimer. Landscape by Eva Strauss-Rosen. Giraffe collage by Sandy Oppenheimer. Collage of a gardener by Sandy Oppenheimer. Below, left: “Chair Fire” by Eva Strauss-Rosen. Below, right: Landscape by Eva Strauss-Rosen.



Angelic Luna

Have you met Luna yet? This sweet 1.5-year-old is as sweet as they come! Yearning for love, companionship and a 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.

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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 he is.

Orange is ready to be your best friend forever!

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

Silly Shaboozey

Once this adorably goofy guy is 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 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 he is.

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.

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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 Iowa and Idaho. So, these two states also really needed the support. We will see if there's collective action begun. All 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

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 fire-safe.”

“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 do.”

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 of Memorandum of Understanding with

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council for Vegetation Abatement on Nuisance Parcels 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 project.

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 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 non-responsive 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

approve the MOU with Mendocino County 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 Team and 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 airport.

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.

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