Local man dies after **Taser** incident

By Captain Quincy Cromer, for MCSO

On Thursday, June 5, 2025 at approximately 7:02 pm, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a call from the California Highway Patrol who requested Sheriff's Office assistance for a call in the 1200 block of Hearst Willits Road (near Bray Road) in Willits.

CHP informed Sheriff's Office of a call they received regarding a hitchhiker who was picked up by a motorist in the area and the subjects were now involved in a physical fight. CHP officers were responding to the call with an extended response time and Willits Police Department officers were also requested to assist.

This investigation revealed the male subject had brutally assaulted the driver of the vehicle after he was offered a ride and entered the vehicle. This assault was unprovoked and resulted in injuries that caused the driver to be admitted into a local hospital.

A Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy responded to the area and contacted a male adult

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Food Bank demand

has tripled Submitted by Christy Murat, WCS

Greetings, residents of Willits and surrounding communities. My name is Christy, and I'm the new executive director of Willits Community Services.

Seven days ago, I stepped into this role. For those of you who aren't familiar with this organization, we're a 501(c) (3) non-profit, operating in Willits. People familiar with our food distribution program know us simply as the "Willits Food Bank."

Although we are a small organization, located in a small town, our food program has a very large reach.

WCS supplies households not only in Willits and Brooktrails, but also the residents of neighboring communities such as Laytonville, Covelo, Redwood Valley, and Potter Valley. We even deliver food boxes to those who are homebound in Lake County.

Six days ago, I planned to sit down and write out an introduction to the communities we serve,

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Above, from left: Senior Class Secretary, Mia Chavez, walks into the graduation. Teachers of the Year Carolyn Bakewell and Jessie Rees donned sashes and funny glasses. Assistant Principal Kenneth Mansfield smiles for the camera. Senior Class Vice President Danielle Estrada wears colorful adornments. Below: Friends and graduates Ryzyn Lowham, left, and Luke Duarte, smile with their diplomas.



Above: WHS graduate Landon Honeycutt. Below, from left: Members of the Class of 2025 including Kolbe Bufardeci, Kyla Framke, Roanin Lawrence and Riley Faust. Further below, left: Graduates stand after all arriving to their special seating. Senior Class President Aieli Zuniga addresses the crowd in front of WHS Principal Shane Topolinski and the seated school board members.

To their futures

Graduation Day celebrated achievements of over 100 graduates at co-school ceremony, Thursday, June 5

The 118th commencement ceremony was held at Willits High School's Maize Field last Thursday, and members of the Class of 2025 proudly walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and join the Maureen Jennison alumni club of Willits seniors. Graphics & Photographress

willitsweeklv@amail.com The ceremony combined Willits High School and Sanhedrin High School seniors, as well as those who learned through the Independent Study programs.

While all students crossed the stage, some came up to give heartfelt speeches to their class and the gathered crowd of family and friends. Senior Class President Aleli Zuniga led the Pledge of Allegiance, and returned for a speech; other speakers included ASB President Sofia Perez, Salutatorian Annie Thomen, and Valedictorian Ely Bowles.

Local vocalist Kelley Labus sang Read the rest of Photos by Maureen Jennison the national anthem, and WHS Grads

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From far left: Student speakers address the crowd, including from left: Student Body President Sofia Perez, Salutatorian Annie Thomen and Valedictorian Ely Bowles.

See more photos inside on pages 6-7 and online at https:// photographress. zenfolio.com/ graduation

New Willits police chief

sworn in

Jennifer Poole willitsweekly@gmail.com

Willits has a new police chief. Willits Police Chief Brian Fay was sworn in on June 2, according to a post from Willits City Councilmember Matthew Alaniz on Facebook.

Chief Fay was most recently sheriff's а lieutenant with the Marin County Sheriff's Office, leading the Investigations Division.

"I was able to watch the swearing in of our new police chief today," Alaniz posted. After Chief Fay took the oath of office, Alaniz wrote, "his father pinned his badge on."

"Having a permanent police chief is a big deal for us, and having someone of his experience will serve the people of Willits well," Alaniz posted. "If you see Chief Fay, be sure to welcome him to Willits.'

City Clerk Delores commented Pedersen that Chief Fay would be introduced at the June 11 Willits City Council meeting.



Above: New Willits Police Chief Brian Fay, with Willits City Clerk Delores Pedersen, at his swearing-in ceremony on June 2.

Road closure June 20

for Hometown Celebration

Submitted by Willits Frontier Days

Willits Frontier Days Hometown Celebration is set for Friday, June 20, from 5 to 9 pm in downtown

Road Closure will take place from 3 to 10 pm.

Main Street will be closed north of Wood Street and south of Commercial. The road closure will also include Van Lane, and East and West Mendocino. Please plan accordingly.



What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Willits food pop-ups cut to first Thursdays

To the Editor:

Unfortunately, the recent federal budget cuts that have been impacting the Mendo Food Network and Fort Bragg Food Bank continue to affect our ability to maintain our

Effective in June, we will no longer be holding two popups a month in Willits. We will continue our first Thursday pop-up in Willits, but will no longer have a third Thursday

We understand that this will be challenging for many of our • community members, and we apologize. Please know that our programs and the families we serve are our priority, and any changes we make are out of necessity. Cutting our services is the last thing we want to do.

If you have any questions regarding our pop-up services or the impact of federal budget cuts on our programs, please reach out to (707) 809-5669 or info@mendofood. org. Thank you for your understanding.

> Mary Tinder, development director, Mendo Food Network

WCT seeks more costumers

To the Editor.

The Willits Community Theatre is looking for people to help costume our upcoming summer kids' show, "Shrek, Jr." Currently we have a small crew of five people, and we could easily use another four or five people to take on the task of costuming this "big costume" show.

Also you should know that you don't need to be a credentialed costumer with a dozen shows under your belt. If you can sew, if you can make dresses, even if you know how to use a glue gun, we need you.

The show opens August 1, and so costumes need to be ready approximately July 20. If you are interested, please contact Mike A'Dair at 456-4395. Thank you,

Mike A'Dair, Willits

No Kings Day, June 15 Submitted by League of Women Voters

There will be several opportunities around Mendocino County this Saturday, June 14 to voice your support for democracy! Mendocino County League of Women Voters encourages you to join any

Willits: Babcock Park to Bud Snider Park, 10 am

Ukiah: 100 North State Street, 10 to 11:45 am

of these locations, or another one near you:

Point Arena: 230 Main Street, Centennial Plaza, 12

Fort Bragg: Pacific Coast Highway, 11 am to 1 pm Democracy is not a spectator sport!

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.

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Senior Center menu for the week

dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to Children 6 to 12: \$10; children under 6 are free. 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501

Thursday, June 12: Chicken Cacciatore, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Friday, June 13: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad Monday, June 16: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,

Tuesday, June 17: Chicken Rice Casserole, Veggies,

Wednesday, June 18: Ground Beef Tacos, Rice &

Thursday, June 19: Reuben Sandwich, Pickle, Chips Friday, June 20: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,

Father's Day Breakfast: Join us on Sunday, June 15, from 8 to 11 am, for a buffet-style menu: Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Vegetarian Breakfast Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Linked Sausage, Fresh Fruit

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor Cup, and Hot and Cold Beverages. Complimentary Bloody Mary for all dads 21+. Fathers: \$10; Adults: \$18;

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

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

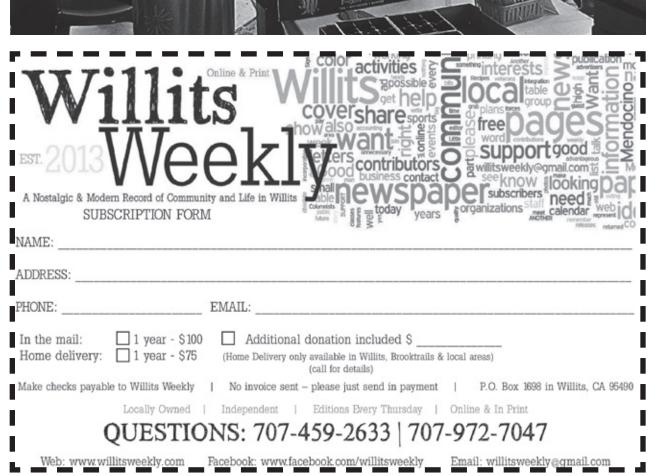
Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-

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.

Willits Frontier Days – 2025 Events

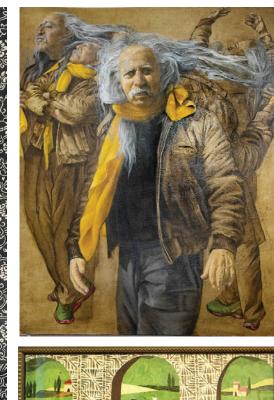
Date	Time	Event	Location		
Sat, June 14	10:00 am	Sweetheart Judging Poise and Personality	Willits Frontier Days Office Area	Free	
Fri, June 20	5:00 pm	Hometown Celebration Main Street Willits		Free	
Sun, June 22	8:00 am	Horse Show Jack Tharp Arena Free Sweetheart Horsemanship Judging during show		Free	
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) Free	
	9:00 pm	Western Dance Featuring Nick Tyrell	Tennis Courts		
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)	













'Paint and Paper'

Oil paintings of Eva Strauss-Rosen and collages by Sandy Oppenheimer on display at Willits Center for the Arts through June 29

"This is an exhibit that really focuses on two painters - people who consider of classical and modern techniques in themselves painters," said Margi Gomez, creating her paintings of various subjects, curator at the Willits Center for the Arts. "One is a collage artist and she likes to refer to her work as 'painting with paper.' In my opinion, they're both exceptional artists and really quintessentially

Mathew Caine

devoted Neither one of them has really done

anything else, as far as I know, besides make art for a living. I think they're both really impressive." Indeed, the current exhibit "Paint and

Paper," at the Willits Center for the Arts, on display through June 29, is a study in contrasting techniques, both dynamic and visually pleasing. Eva Strauss-Rosen is an oil painter with a collection that is eclectic in its subjects, methods and sizes. Sandy Oppenheimer's work is intriguing with its painstaking attention to detail, employing subtle lines and colors created with paper, which, until one looks closely, emulates

"Sandy Oppenheimer does the collages, and her work is just full of joy." continued Gomez. "It's just really beautiful and makes you happy. Eva Strauss-Rosen is an oil painter, and you can see by her paintings how hard she works and applies herself. She's very subtle but with very dynamic compositions."

Strauss-Rosen's gallery biography states: "Much exploration has taken place since my previous WCA show in terms of merging my classic art education with today's technology. My layouts are now done in Procreate, an excellent iPad application. This has opened up the creative process, enabling me to rearrange reality in my paintings, be they landscapes Read the rest of or dreamscapes."

Strauss-Rosen employs a marriage people. landscapes, and even some

"The large painting of waterfalls are directly inspired by the Mendocino coastline, with a deliberate rearranging of rock formations," Strauss-Rosen wrote about her choice of crafting scenes that are both real and imagined, utilizing actual elements into compositions which can only be seen in her works.

"Even a sunny, pleasing day can change to strong, stormy weather, to the point of outright deceit," her bio continued. "This is not a path for frivolous tinkering and clever shortcuts. The true nature of the coastline, the edge of the continent, remains." She looks for and captures the timelessness and true identity of the scenes that she captures. To see more of Strauss-Rosen's work, visit https://straussrosen.com/.

"I paint with paper," stated Oppenheimer. "I use paper in a painterly fashion. This is all decorative paper. I started as a painter, then I was invited to Japan, to a papermaking village for three months, and our job was to use their paper, and so I put down my brushes and I picked up some scissors and some glue and I started doing it. I fell in love with paper because you could do everything you could do with paint, but you had this extra joy of texture and pattern and if you just got the values, you were free. So, that's how I got started.

"It's a very slow process, but I have a lot of energy, and I move really fast and this method slows me down, which I really like. I look at it as kind of a prayer. It's very quiet and takes a long time. What's the rush?"

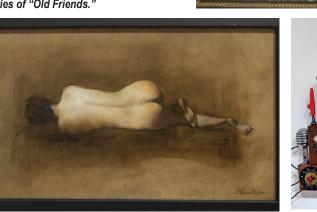
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Above, from left: These giraffes by Sandy Oppenheimer are made from pieces of different paper scraps. Self-portrait with a bird by Sandy Oppenheimer. "Portrait in Time and Space" by Eva Strauss-Rosen. At right: Part of Sandy Oppenheimer's series of "Old Friends."





At top, left: "Raena Reclining" is a classic nude oil painting by Eva Strauss-Rosen. At top, right: These assemblages by Strauss-Rosen were created in a workshop by Spencer Brewer and Esther Seigel. Above, left: Aaron Rosen, son of Eva Strauss-Rosen, stands in front of a painting by his mother in which he is portrayed. Above, right: Sasha Thomas, manager at Willits Center for the Arts, speaks with Michael Ducharme about the exhibit. Below, left: Sandy Oppenheimer creates stunning, detailed paper collages which would test the patience of any artist. Below, right: The artist, Eva Strauss-Rosen, poses with one of her self-portraits.











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Little Lake Clinic welcomes dentist Dr. Caleb Pham

Submitted by MCHC

MCHC Health Centers is pleased to welcome Caleb Pham, DMD, who will provide dental care for children and adults at Little Lake Health Center in Willits

The importance of dental care became clear to Dr. Pham during his childhood in

"As a child, I remember having a bad toothache. We couldn't go to the dentist because my family couldn't afford it," he recalls. The experience was frustrating, but it helped him understand healthcare disparities at a very young age.

"This experience inspired me to seek a career in healthcare where I could help people facing similar barriers to care," he says.



Wellness Wagon at Farmers Market in June

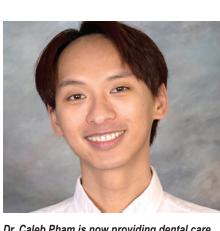
Submitted by Mendocino Community Wellness Collective

The Mendocino Community Wellness Collective is offering a low-cost and donation based weekly herbal wellness clinic, the Wellness Wagon, at the Willits Farmers Market in June.

Local herbalists and holistic health practitioners are ready to help guide you on your wellness journey.

We offer health consultations, herbal remedies, and wellness education from our mobile trailer. Serving herbal tea and fire cider by donation. Open every Thursday in June from 3 to 6 pm at the Willits Farmers Market at City Park. For more information call 707-234-0113.





Dr. Caleb Pham is now providing dental care at Little Lake Clinic in Willits

"I wanted a career where I could help people, especially those with limited access to care," Pham says. "Dentistry allows me to combine my love for healthcare with the ability to work with my hands and build meaningful relationships

Pham and his family moved

to the United States when he

was 12 and settled in Houston,

Texas. While studying biology

at the University of Houston,

he volunteered with the

American Student Dental

Association, providing dental

services to underserved

communities across the state.

The long hours and remote

locations were challenging

but rewarding – cementing his

decision to pursue a career in

Pham attended dental school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California, where he fell in love with the state and the people. During his education, he completed externships with community health clinics across California, gaining valuable experience in patientcentered care. After dental school, Pham spent a year working in both private and corporate dental practices in Texas, but quickly realized that his passion lay in

ATW hosts a panel discussion on meditation

Submitted by ATW

Avenues to Wellness presents, "Meditation Simplified" by, Claudia Wenning, PhD, Candice Stein, and Paul Jacobson, MFT. Thursday, June 19, 6 to 7:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts. The talk is upstairs in the Great Room. 71 East Commercial Street. FREE to the public, donations appreciated, chairlift available

Have you struggled with meditation and think it's not for you? Are you curious about it or just need a refresher? This talk by three seasoned meditators aims to simplify the process, describe how it works, and why meditation is such a powerful practice.

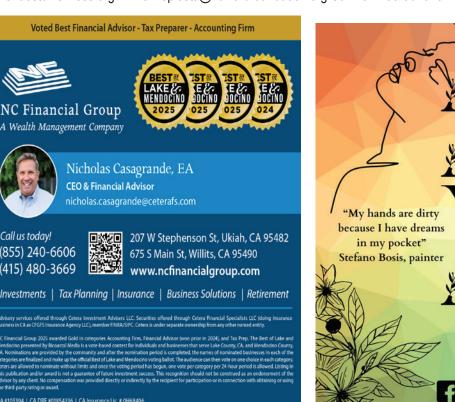
Claudia Wenning is a holistic health provider who has been immersed in meditation practices for 45 years. She believes meditation is the "art of listening." It can be a way of life and is the central element of living a grounded and joyful life. She will emphasize the use of all our senses to effortlessly enter a meditative state and how that changes our brain waves and resets our nervous system.

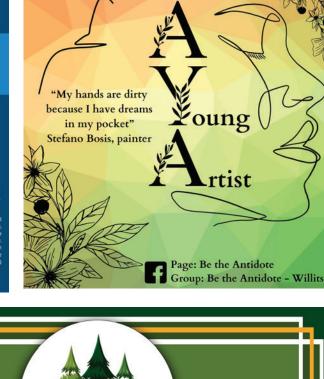
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Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit archives of previous talks at: avenuestowellness.org. Email: spicetti@howardfoundation.org Call 707-456-9676 for more information.









community health. He is enthusiastic about returning to California and joining MCHC.

Pham appreciates how MCHC's mission of providing healthcare to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay or their insurance status, aligns with his personal values. "I'm excited for the opportunity to give back to the community and help improve health and well-being of the people who

For Pham, the patient-doctor relationship is the most valuable part of dentistry. He starts each visit by walking in with a smile, then initiating a small conversation about something unrelated to teeth to help patients feel more

MCHC Dental Director Dr. Neha Sharma says, "Dr. Pham is a great addition to our team. His positive attitude, empathetic nature, and professionalism are impressive. Our patients will be happy to have him as their provider."

Dentists play a crucial role in the healthcare system, often seeing patients more frequently than primary care providers. Routine dental visits present opportunities to notice signs of other health conditions, such as oral cancer, hypertension, and diabetes. "Sometimes we are the first to notice these conditions, and we can then refer patients to other healthcare providers for further evaluation and care,"

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Rotary Scholarships

Graduates gather for pizza and to discuss

their plans for future education

For the last several years, the Willits Rotary Club over after two years to Humboldt," stated Rylee has sought out exceptional graduating seniors to bestow scholarships to, with the criteria of scholastic

achievements and participation Mathew Caine in social character building and community interests. The Willits Rotary Club recently invited the scholarship recipients to a luncheon at

Slam Dunk Pizza to discuss their plans for the future. Many of the students will be starting their posthigh school education at junior colleges, mostly Mendocino and Santa Rosa, with the plan of transferring after a year or two to a school that will

meet their needs for their career path.

"This has really been a fantastic year," said Shane Topolinski, principal at WHS. "These students are delightful. I couldn't ask for more from them. They've been good in all areas. They are good human beings as well as good academically. This is my second year at the high school. We're trying to develop the academic side as well as the real-world side with our

Each student was invited to speak on their choice of institution of higher learning as well as their ability to make positive differences over the next five years. "I'm very excited about my scholarship," said Nora Martin. "I'm going to Santa Rosa Junior College. Then I'm hoping to transfer to Hawaii. I want to do chiropractic and biology. I'm probably going to come back here to practice. My whole family lives here."

"I'm going to Mendo College and hope to transfer

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Doyle. "It's very pretty up there. I want to be a teacher for elementary school students. I hope to teach littles and make an impact in their lives."

"I want to go to Mendocino College for a year and then go to Humboldt," said Kyler Hall-Jimenez. "I want to get a degree in kinesiology, sports medicine. I hope to help people heal faster, helping to prevent

Sam Lazaro wants to go into the arts. "I'm going to be an emerging media and digital art major," said Lazaro. "I'll be focusing on digital art illustration and animation during my time at SOU. I want to make art that makes people feel things. I want to provide another avenue for people to express themselves. I hope to be able to impact individuals directly with my work." She intends to go to Southern Oregon University for her degree. She has currently "gotten to start dipping my toes into freelance artistry already, selling art online to people that I know."

Leo Moratti is going to go to CalPoly Humboldt. "I'm going to be majoring in freshwater fisheries biology because I want to become a game warden. I'm going to be on their track team. That was my initial reason to want to go there, just because they reached out. I had a lot of schools talk to me about track, but Humboldt was close." He wants to be employed as a game warden or in conservation.

Scholarships

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Jewel Beshara, Rylee Doyle and Sam Lazaro (not in attendance: Ariana Gamez, Alexander Miya, Mia Chavez, Clayton Cooley and Sofia Perez).

Above, from left: Madison Bouthillier, left, stands with fellow senior Nora Martir

who is headed to Santa Rosa Junior College for chiropractic and biology.

Samantha Lazaro is headed to Southern Oregon University to get a degree in

digital art. Alison Southard plans to begin her post-high school education at

Mendocino Junior College and is considering a teaching career. Leo Moratti

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gather for a group photo: Ely Bowles, Alison Southard, Ava Dockins-Kline,

Nora Martin, Leo Moratti, Kaleb Whitehurst, Enzo Vaccaro, Kyler Hall-Jimenez,

biology. Jewel Beshara wants to become an immigration lawyer and will start at

Mendocino Junior College. At left: Recipients of Willits Rotary Club scholarships

Above, left: Samantha Lazaro celebrates her graduation and scholarship with her mother, Jenni Wvatt. Above. right: Rylee Doyle wants to transfer to Humboldt after Mendocino College to become a teacher. At left: Rotarian Tara Moratti introduces the 2025 Rotary Scholarship recipients. Below, left: Enzo Vaccaro eventually wants to go to Chico State to major in business. Below, right: Ely Bowles, class valedictorian, is going into electrical engineering at CalPoly San Luis Obispo.

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gets ready to play some Musical Bingo. The CHP crew brought drunk goggles - always a hilarious experiment for the grads.

Francesca Rodrigues signs thank you letters to those who helped donate to the event. Torin Fraser, a past golf team member,

had fun playing mini golf with the obstacle created to look like the Noyo Theatre. At right: Sofia Perez was called to the front of







Photo courtesy of Sober Grad



Congrats to the La Vida Charter School Senior Graduates

The achievements of the 12th grade students of La Vida Charter School were celebrated at a graduation ceremony on June 5. Graduates included, above, from left: Aralia Hansen, Valerie Smith, Marina Torres, and Melissa Miller Jackson. Not shown Dylan Wegesser







Above, from left: Some of the graduates at the 2025 Willits High School and Sanhedrin High School ceremony included Makiah Carter, Samantha Lazaro and Claudia Cazares. Below, from left: Krystina Ojeda gives a big post-ceremony grin. Chase Tonne holds his diploma. Jayden Finley carries a rose donated by Flowers by Annette and wears colorful leis as he arrives to the ceremony.







At top: Sober Grad President April Lamprich hops up one-handed onto the mechanical bull. With the skilled operator and her brother, Josh, at the controls, the ride didn't last long. Above, center left: Henna tattoos were a perfect accessory for pix on the photo booth for Sofia Perez and Makiah Carter. Above, center right: Volunteer Erin Fitzpatrick shows off this year's commemorative Sober Grad shirt. Above: Volunteers smile together at the check in table, including, from left: Chris Thrillkill, Erin Fitzpatrick, Megan Hall-Jimenez, Karina Collins, Melissa Perez Bowen, Kristy Kellar, and April Lamprich. At right, top row: Valedictorian Ely Bowles smiles as his guest Kassidy Noonan signs thank you cards at the check in table. Thaddeus Maddox doodled with chalk on the blacktop. Polaroids were a hit at the photo booth. Bodhi Fishbach slides around the track on the drift bikes. The cornhole tournament yielded two winners: Kolbe Bufardeci and Clayton Cooley who received a cash prize of \$300. At right, bottom row: Roanin Lawrence

does a fine job hanging onto the mechanical

prizes galore, all of which were handed out to

grads who attended the annual event. First-time

bull. Jamie, Hannah and Carrie smile from

behind the nacho bar table. Prizes, prizes



















Principal Shane Topolinski addressed the crowd and his students as they embarked upon their new chapter.

The bulk of the student body donned green robes, the valedictorian (highest GPA in the class) and salutatorian (second highest GPA) wore gold, and class officers wore white. ASB officers included President Sofia Perez, Vice President Esperanza Sanchez, Secretary Ethan Blum, Treasurer Kate Winter, and Historians Ava Dockins-Kline and Krystina Ojeda. Senior Class officers included President Aleli Zuniga, Vice President Danielle Estrada, Secretary Mia Chavez and Treasurer Kason Dondero.

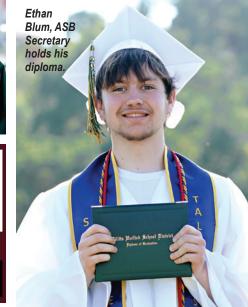
Several students also graduated with honors; Summa Cum Laude recipients had a Gold GPA of 3.91 to 4.0+ and included: Chase Lindsey, Alexander Miya, Rylee Doyle and Samantha Lazaro. Magna Cum Laude recipients had a Silver GPA of 3.71 to 3.90 and included Aleli Zuniga, Kason Dondero, Ashlyn Alvarez and Torin Fraser. Cum Laude recipients had a Bronze GPA of 3.5 to 3.70 and included: Soren Pinelli, Danielle Estrada, Makiah Carter, Maia Collins, Mariana Mendoza and Hunter Britton.

As students' names were called and they came to the stage, they received their diplomas and shook hands with members of the Board of Trustees, including Board President Jeanne King, Board Clerk Jennifer Sookne and Board Members Paula Nunez, April Lamprich and David Lilker. Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Beebe and Sanhedrin High School Principal Arora Chavez joined WHS Principal Shane Topolinski, WHS Assistant Principal Kenneth Mansfield, and additional admin and staff to hand out the diplomas, shake hands, and congratulate the grads.

After the conclusion of the ceremony, grads created a large circle on the field where they chanted their "Senior Chant - S...S... SEN!! I...I...IORS! Seniors! Seniors! Gooooooo Seniors!" before tossing their hats into the air. Family and friends then flooded the field to congratulate the grads, taking photos, handing out cards, gifts, balloons and flowers, and celebrating with

celebrations with grads hopping into decorated cars, trucks and SUVs to wave and honk at the community

which headed down Main Street and wound around to some of the neighborhoods to give those who didn't make it to the ceremony a chance to celebrate with the grads, too.



A parade of the graduates finished up the main who gathered in clusters along the route.

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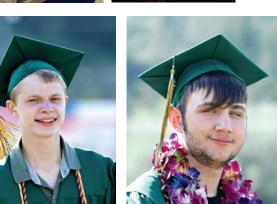




















the room just after midnight where the gathered group of attendees sang her "Happy Birthday" in the first minutes of her 18th birthday on Friday, June 6. At right, below: Winners of the \$1,000 grand cash prizes: Alison Southard, left, and Riley Faust, **Sober Grad Celebration** Annual graduation-night party provides graduates with night of food, fun and prizes Volunteers manned each station and helped It was a big night on Thursday, June 5 for both the graduates, as well as the group of planners and with check-ins, giving grads their complimentary volunteers who have spent the last year planning commemorative shirts, running the coat booth, and for the annual, free-to-attend graduation-night party: milling about to make sure grads were having a fun Maureen Jennison The event is held the

High School and Willits Charter School

all had kids in attendance - a fun,

drug-- and alcohol-free option to

celebrate their success of the last

All attendees who check in on

time, and stay until 4 am when the

event is over the following morning

are eligible for a bevy of prizes and cash

awards, and all get to partake in the wide range

of fun events, food, games and more, all for free.

A few lucky grads also are the winners of the coveted

This year's lineup of fun included: a mechanical bull,

Students were welcome to eat from the nacho bar,

13 years of schooling.

"We had another successful year of keeping our night of graduation and graduates safe!" explained Sober Grad President April offers all Willits Lamprich. "We had almost 100 graduates attend seniors - Willits High School, Sanhedrin

this year and gave out almost \$16,000 in cash prizes! The kids rode the mechanical bull, raced in the jump house obstacle course, got henna tattoos, played carnival games, played poker, raced the tricycles through the CHP course, won prizes, enjoyed musical bingo, musical chairs, played four square, watched the fire dancers, competed in the cornhole tournament, and ate pizza, nachos and enjoyed Red Bull

slushies, and listened to the DJ all night. It was so fun to watch the kids have such a great night and know they were safe. Thank you to our Sober Grad Board of Directors, and to everyone that volunteered or donated items, and just for supporting us throughout the year! It really does take a village. We appreciate all of you! Congratulations to the class of 2025!"

Planning for next year's party will begin before anyone knows it, and if you are interested in getting involved, contact Sober Grad by emailing willitssobergrad@gmail.com and stay up-to-date with their future fundraisers, meetings and more by checking out their page on Facebook under "Willits Sober Grad."

At right: One of the great prizes available to a lucky table, and enjoy fun drinks including some from the grad was this 17" Blackstone Griddle.













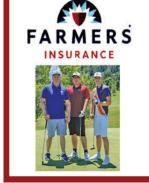






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At right: Some of the graduates at the 2025 Willits High School and Sanhedrin High School ceremony included Mason Valente, Zachary Fisher, Jessica Erwin and Shiloh Moyer.

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From one era to the next: MCSA anchors the future of youth soccer and more in Willits

Submitted by Mendocino County Sports Academy

In 2019, Mendocino County Soccer Academy launched its first soccer program in Willits with just 12 players and a vision: to offer something local, high-quality, and accessible for kids who wanted to learn the game and grow through it.

Six years later, that small start has grown into something far bigger. Willits now represents over 20 percent of MCSA's entire Select Team roster. More than 50 players from this community have come through the pathway - starting with grassroots and developmental league programs – and now compete at the highest levels of youth soccer in Northern California. Some are even helping local high schools reach milestones not seen in decades.

And this is just the beginning.

While soccer remains the heart of the academy, MCSA is evolving into something even more ambitious: a full-fledged multi-sport model. Now officially rebranding as Mendocino County Sports Academy, the organization is expanding to include not just soccer but also flag football, wrestling, volleyball, track and field, and sports performance

"The goal has always been the same - develop kids through sport," said Ian Fitzpatrick, MCSA's executive director. "Now we're just creating more pathways to do that across more sports, while keeping the same player-first culture.

Fall 2025: program highlights

Grassroots Academy (ages 3-7)

The first stop in the MCSA player development pathway, Grassroots is all about fun, movement and confidence. It's a nine-week practice-only program focused on learning the basics in a joyful, play-based environment.

• Ages: Birth years 2018-2021

- Practices: 2x / week in Willits
- Dates: August 18 October 17,

Developmental Soccer League (ages 8-15)

DSL blends structure and fun for players ready for a team experience. Willits players train twice a week locally, with Saturday games rotating between Willits, Ukiah, and the coast. Each week includes pro-led training and local team coaching - designed for growth, connection and purpose.

Read the rest of Soccer

Over on page 13



Above: MCSA Select Team players, many of whom got their start in Willits, train and compete at the highest levels across Northern California. Willits now represents over 20 percent of the club's competitive teams. Below, left: Coach Juan



Jacinto brings high-energy and hometown pride to the Willits Grassroots and DSL programs. A former Mendocino College standout and current UPSL player, Juan is now leading the next generation of local athletes. At left: MCSA Executive Director lan itzpatrick with Coach Juan Jacinto, who now leads the Willits program. What began with just 12 players in 2019 has grown into one of MCSA's largest branches - with Juan now carrying the torch and expanding the vision.

Soroptimist of Willits awards 3 \$1,000 scholarships

Submitted by SIW

Soroptimist of Willits had a recent gathering to honor our Willits High School scholarship winners, at the Willits United Methodist Church. Pictured at top left are Marilyn Harden, Barbara O'Reardon, Kitty Norris, Mayor Tom Allman, Crystal Arbuthnot (Soroptimist Founder Region 4th District Director), Graduating Senior Scholarship winner Jewel Beshara, Vicki Ham, Supervisor John Haschak, Heidi Ahders, and

The photo at the far left shows Soroptimist of Willits members Barbara O'Reardon and Kitty Norris, at left, and Marie Maddux, at right, awarding \$1,000 scholarships to, from left: Jewel Beshara, Amy Mendoza, and Alexandra

Jewel's mother Marleen Nusralah

The photo at left shows Soroptimist Kitty Norris, center, with Graduating Senior Scholarship winner Jewel Beshara, at left, and Jewel's mother Marleen Nusralah, at right.



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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

May 26 to June 1

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police 9:56 am: Officers conducted a stop in the Department reported 70 incidents in this 7-day period. a warning.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

May 26

5:58 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue and issued

10:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation

May 27

11:13 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:31 pm: YOUNG, William Michael (36) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of carrying a concealed dirk or dagger and misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

May 28

10:04 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of South Main

1:59 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

May 29

No incidents reported.

May 30

2:11 am: PARKS, Joseph Doyle (59) of West Sacramento was contacted in the 100 block of Monroe Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery, battery with serious bodily injury, and disorderly conduct (intoxicated with drugs and alcohol).

800 block of South Main Street and issued

7:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

May 31

8:40 pm: KUBAS, Michael Dennis (45) of Willits was contacted in the 1600 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic corporal injury and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

June 1

12:10 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Coast Street and issued a warning.

2:02 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:30 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

11:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road. 6:43 pm: WHITE, Darlene May (71) of

Willits was contacted in the 1600 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

9:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Humboldt Street and State Street and issued a warning.

9:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Oak Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:03 pm: SPECIALE, Realia Evangelina (42) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Central Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance.



COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'The Last Rodeo'

The Story: Teenager Li Fong (Ben Wang) and his mother leave Beijing for New York City. She is a doctor, and she gets a well-paying position at a City Hospital. Young Li Fong has been practicing kung fu his whole short life. Though Li is quite skilled, his mother tells him to avoid conflicts. But that's not what

the world around him seems to want. There are mean pushy thugs around every corner.



Li is forced to protect himself, and especially others. He kicks some bully butts. He makes some friends. Unfortunately, Li catches the attention of a mean tough low-class, but quite skilled karate champion named Connor Day (Aramis Knight)

RODEO

Connor is a crumb-bum bully without honor. And wouldn't you know it, Connor is the ex-boyfriend of Li's pretty new girlfriend Mia (Sadie Stanley). Not good! Who knows what's going to happen? And then, wouldn't you know it, nice boy Li Fong and

smirking and smug Connor are going to face off in the annual Five Boroughs Karate Competition. Oh my! What a surprise! Note: Li Fong gets the invaluable help of kung fu master Mr. Han (Jackie Chan).

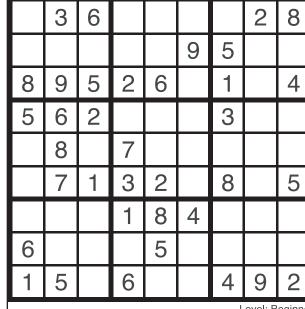
My Thoughts: I enjoyed the flick. Just because it's so predictable, don't let that ruin your enjoyment of the movie. And spoiler/no spoiler: Li Fong wins. Everything! He gets to hug his mother who disapproves of fighting. He gets Mia, the Girl. Everybody in New York applauds him. This is a flick for boys

and young men, maybe some young women. Parents: Virtue triumphs. As the prequels have proved: Kids love it when the Good Guy beats up the Bad Bully. Maybe even be inspired to study martial arts which are: the art of protecting yourself and avoiding fights!

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

Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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39. VVV

structures in fungi

40. Win a series without

losing a game

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42. Opposites of

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2. Island country

3. Heavenly body

43. Germanic

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- 1. Racquet sports association
- 4. Places to sleep 8. Native American tribe
- Small platforms
- 11. Egg shape
- 12. Running out
- 13. French painter 15. Some are 'of the Caribbean'
- 16. Painful intestinal problem
- 17. More irritated Prove yourself

21. Catch

- 22. Supplement with difficulty
- 23. American automotive giant

26. Peyton's little

27. Eli's big brother

producing

brother

34. Capable of

- 24. Form of 'to be' 25. Boxing's GOAT
- 6. A place to eat 7. Drops down
- 9. Native group of Alaska

10. Engage in

5. Copyread

- 12. 'Desperate Housewives' lane 14. Thyroid-stimulating
- hormone 15. Foot (Latin)
- 17. A place to bathe 19. Animosities

20. Partner to cheese

- 23. Venus ___, plant 24. A donation
- 25. Pokes holes in the ground
- 26. Midway between northeast and east
- 27. Looked into 28. Not young
- 29. Annoy constantly uncombined atoms 30. Something one can
- 31. Most glacial 4. Caribbean island
 - 33. Idle talker 34. Has moved through

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32. Ten less than one

- the air 36. Container for
- shipping

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025-F0261

The following person or persons are doing business as Peridot Electric, 1761 South Main Street Willits CA 95490 Mailing address: P.O. Box 116, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Nathan Coleman, 1761 South Main Street, 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 29, 2025 /s/ Nathan Coleman

Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

LEGAL NOTICES

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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.

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

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.

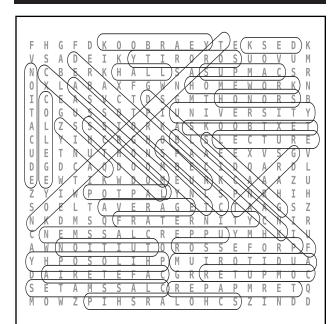
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as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

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

Publication Dates: May 29, June 5 and 12, 2025





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The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive oidding on the 21st day of June, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., or mmediately following the GLENMARK SOUTH auction, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK NORTH 395 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:

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The goods are described as: Tools, furniture, auto parts, amping gear, misc totes/boxes.

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party Publication Dates: June 12 and June 19, 2025

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John Doe Mark House D04 Terry Sauve C72C

The goods are described as: Collectibles, Music Equipment,

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707-615-6654.

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Little Ralph and Rafael Saucedo. Thank you for always being there, Pop. We love you forever.

Happy Father's Day!



Happy Father's Day to a wonderful Dad and Grandpa. Kieran loves you both.

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174 holds annual raffle

Help Post 174 achieve its fundraising goal to fund our community projects. Benefactors of our fundraising project include: academic and vocational scholarships for two collegebound Willits High School seniors; American Legion Boys/Girls State program; Postsponsored American Legion Baseball Club 174; local Boy and Girl Scouts; Willits Food Bank; Phoenix Hospice; and local Veterans

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, and the drawing will be held on July 4.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting one of our Post Legionnaires, or request tickets and have them mailed to you upon receipt of your remittance. You need not be present to win. 21+ to participate. Please drink responsibly. American Legion Post 174, P.O. Box 836, Willits, CA 95490. For further assistance call Roger: 707-456-9858 or Kennedy: 707-327-9372.

> - Submitted by Roger Ham for the American Legion Post 174

LITTLE LAKE GRANGE MEDICINE CHEST GARDEN

Free Garden Tours - 6/22 and 7/27/25, at 10 am See - Feel - Smell - Taste! Tours are for all ages Free Class - Making Herbal Sun Tea on June 28th, 1 pm



Virginia Wayne Piercy De Vries

Virginia Wayne Piercy DeVries, known as "Ginny" to most. Lost her long courageous battle with cancer on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the age of 79. Fulfilling her wish to die in her home, in her bed, with her husband "Kit" by her side. Ginny was born in Muskegon,

Michigan on September 6, 1945, to John Piercy and Mary Morgan. During her childhood, Ginny lived for several years in Kentucky, with her mother and grandmother, where southern culture became a consistent interest throughout her life. After moving back to Michigan her experiences in school played a crucial role in shaping the social skills she would later use in adulthood. In High School she was awarded Citizen of the Year and voted to be the person who did the most for her school. In her senior year, Ginny, with her team, won the Grand National Cheerleading competition in 1962.

In 1967, Ginny received her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Michigan, majoring in English with minors in History and Social Studies, along with a teaching credential. During her time at the University of Michigan, Ginny stood up for social justice and resigned from the sorority that was refusing to admit a female black student. She later attended Sonoma State University to complete her M.A. degree.

She lived in Homer, Alaska for 17 years where she was actively involved in the artistic community, along with environmental interests. Ginny also worked for the Alaska Wildlife Foundation, a significant period in her life. Upon moving to Lake County, California, she served as a professor of Art and Education at Clear Lake Community College and received an Artist-in-Residence honor. Ginny developed supervisory and planning skills by working with non-profit organizations. She had teaching experience in Michigan, Alaska, and Lake

One of her favorite authors was Virginia Woolf. She had a passion for reading and writing poetry and worked as a freelance writer for the Lake County Record-Bee, The Middletown Times Star, and the Clearlake Observer. She also contributed significantly to the development of the Lake County Library Adult Literacy Program, where she dedicated over 30 years of service.

Ginny made a significant impact on many lives during her time with us. Her laughter burst out of her like the yelling of children running through the house. She consistently demonstrated care and thoughtfulness towards everyone she encountered and had a profound love for animals. She was dedicated to feeding the wild birds that visited her deck outside the bedroom, never missing a single day.

Ginny leaves behind her husband, Christopher "Kit" Jones; sister, Sarah Steward; niece, Stephani; and stepsons, Nathan and Justin Jones. A memorial service will be held on June 21, 2025, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1190 North Forbes St.Lakeport, California, at 11:00 a.m. Instead of flowers, donate to the Lake County Library Adult Literacy Program, 1425 High St., Lakeport, CA 95453.



Howard Memorial to offer health screenings at Hometown Celebration. June 20

Submitted by AHHM

Adventist Health Howard Memorial is just right. excited to announce their participation in this year's Hometown Celebration! The community is invited to join them on Friday, June 20, from 5 to 9 pm in downtown Willits for an evening of fun, wellness, and valuable health information.

AHHM clinical staff will be on hand offering FREE health screenings to help you stay on top of your well-being. Services

 Blood glucose screenings: Screen for diabetes and ensure your sugar levels are yet!

· Blood pressure measurements: Keep your heart health in check.

As a thank you for stopping by, all community members who receive a health check will be given a FREE cooler bag (while supplies last)!

Whether you have health questions or just want to say hello, Howard Memorial is excited to be out in the community and ready to support you. Let's make this year's Hometown Celebrations the healthiest one

Magic

2025 Redwood **Empire Fair** exhibitor books available now

Now is the time to thumb through the pages, or scroll down the site and decide what you want to enter for the upcoming Redwood Empire Fair which will be held at the Ukiah Fairgrounds on July 31 through August 3. This year's theme is "The Magic is Reel."



Entries for the Home Arts, Fine Arts, Agriculture, Horticulture and Junior Buildings all need to be postmarked by July 5 to be accepted for the 2025 fair. Exhibits are received in the days prior to the events; check the premium book for specifics for each building. Exhibits will be released for pickup after the fair closes.

If you're thinking about entering, It's also a good idea to go ahead and sign up for each class you think you MIGHT enter now. Not sure if that zucchini will grow big enough in time? Not sure if you'll get that afghan finished? Not sure if you will have time to can all that salsa? Well, it's easy to scratch and not bring an item, but there's no late sign-ups.

Entering exhibits is free, and ribbon-placing entries receive cash prizes; most buildings offer \$8 to \$6 for first through third place; some special contests like the wood cutouts offer \$100 for Best in Show and \$50 for first place and the "Rose is a Rose" scent-based class offers \$30 to \$10 for first through third place. Businesses can also get in the spirit; the business window decorating contest offers \$300, \$250 and \$200 for first through third place, and there's even a wine competition with \$13 to \$8 being offered for first through third place winning entries.

Make sure to check out the options, and showcase your talent to the community. There's a wide variety of options to enter, and it helps make it fun for attendees to come see the fully filled shelves and tables come fair time.

For more information: 707-462-FAIR or www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com

- Maureen Jennison





At Adventist Health Howard Memorial, we're more than just your caregivers — we're your neighbors, your biggest supporters and your partners in wellness. We're dedicated to providing exceptional care for every stage of life throughout Mendocino County. Because when you feel your best, you can make every moment count.

Learn more at AdventistHealthHowardMemorial.org



ascertain the method of creation. Tiny swaths

of different kinds of paper are meticulously cut

and placed strategically together to make a

composition that emulates detailed paintings.

One needs to get very close to her works to

"I experiment with different kinds of papers from all over the world," stated Oppenheimer. "I like the feel of thinner papers, rather than the thick papers. When you're looking for paper, you start finding them everywhere. I have tried to make paper, and also they took us to paper-making masters in Japan, and it would take me a lifetime to learn what they know, so I just let them do it. I pay homage to their paper. I get paper wherever I go and people, when they travel, bring me paper. It's easy to put in a suitcase. No one's going to stop you at the border." To see more of Oppenheimer's

According to Gomez, the Willits Center for the Arts has quite a full schedule of classes, workshops, and exhibits coming up over the next few months. "In July, we're going to have our Native American artists," said Gomez. "On one side of the gallery it's going to be basically Sherwood people showing their work. Then, on the other side of the gallery, Craig Gardener, a longtime photographer here in Willits, is doing something that is going to benefit the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women organization. He's taken many photographs of young native women with the red hand over their mouths, which is a symbol for that organization. We have the Kids Art Camp coming up, July 7 to 11, taught by Caroline Hambright. We have a Japanese Wood Block Printing workshop, June 14 and 15. Sandy, who is showing tonight, is going to be doing a Painting with Paper workshop on June 28.'

work, visit www.sandyoppenheimercollage.

The Willits Center for the Arts gallery, located at 71 East Commercial Street, is open Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more info, visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726.

The rest of Dentist

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He appreciates being part of a team that takes a comprehensive approach to patient care. "I'm thrilled to collaborate with other providers to ensure that our patients receive the best possible care," he says.

Outside of work, Pham enjoys spending time with his partner and their dog, Happy. They are always on the lookout for new restaurants or boba spots. When he lived in Southern California, Pham spent a lot of time hiking and camping with friends, and he looks forward to continuing those activities in Ukiah. Having spent most of his life in big cities, he's particularly eager to experience the slower pace of life in a small, charming city.

"It's such a refreshing change," he says. "I can't wait to explore all that Men County has to offer!"

MCHC Health Centers includes Hillside translation that promote access to healthcare. agency.

Scholarships

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Enzo Vaccaro is going to do a year at Santa Rosa Junior College and then transfer to Chico State. "I think I want to major in business. I plan on opening my own restaurant," said Vaccaro.

Kaleb Whitehurst has a vision and a plan for his future. "I'm going to go down to Santa Barbara to start a certificate in dive technician. That's a bunch of different small unit classes that will give me a bunch of different opportunities and pathways in underwater construction, welding, hydraulics, rigging, things like that in the marine field."

Alison Southard is not quite sure what she wants to do and will start at Mendocino College as she decides, possibly teaching.

Jewel Beshara knows that she wants to be an immigration lawyer to help people coming into the country to navigate the pile of paperwork and regulations in the current political climate. Ava Dockins-Kline is going to Santa Rosa Junior College next year. "I'm going there for wrestling. I haven't really decided what I want to do yet, but photography is a major interest of mine," she said. "I'm thinking something in public service because I really want to make a difference in the community."

Ely Bowles, the senior class valedictorian, said: "My school of choice is CalPoly San Luis Obispo. I'm going into electrical engineering. One of the things I really want to do is work on cellular data and make sure that the price of that goes down for basically everybody and the range that it can currently go is extended."

If the demeanor and obvious intelligence of these seniors is any indication, then the future is looking as though there may be hope for the health of the community and of the country.

subject walking in the middle of the roadway in the 1200 block of Hearst Willits Road. The male subject failed to comply with the lawful orders of law enforcement and immediately took a fighting stance and lunged at the deputy. The deputy pointed his department-issued Taser device at the subject while ordering the male to comply

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The deputy moved away from the male in the roadway and attempted to speak with him and de-escalate the situation. The deputy continued to employ de-escalation tactics that were ignored by the male

The male subject fled along the north side of the roadway when a Sheriff's Office sergeant arrived to assist. The male subject ran into the brush north of the roadway as Sheriff's Office personnel continued to order him to surrender. Multiple warnings were provided to the male subject that he would be Tased if he did not comply with their orders. During the attempts to lawfully arrest the male subject, Sheriff's Office personnel utilized Oleoresin Capsicum spray.

The male subject moved onto his stomach, so Sheriff's Office personnel attempted to place the subject in handcuffs. The male subject physically resisted attempts to place him into handcuffs and assaulted a deputy, so a Taser was deployed to overcome the resistance and arrest the individual.

Willits Police Department officers arrived as Sheriff's Office personnel continued to inform the male he was under arrest and ordered him to comply with the arrest.

Sheriff's deputies and WPD officers removed the male from the brush and continued to attempt and place him into handcuffs as the male physically resisted. Law enforcement personnel were able to eventually handcuff and arrest the male subject.

The male subject was monitored at the scene after being arrested and law enforcement personnel determined the male became unresponsive. Restraints were removed from the male as law enforcement provided emergency medical treatment at the scene. Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, aka CPR, was initiated by law enforcement personnel as emergency medical assistance was

Law enforcement personnel administered Narcan on the male subject, and CPR was continued for approximately 5 minutes when emergency medical personal arrived at the scene. Fire and EMS personnel continued life-saving efforts, to include CPR and other emergency medical treatment. Life-saving efforts continued for approximately 25 additional minutes, until the male subject was pronounced deceased by medical personnel at the scene.

Since the male subject was in the custody of law enforcement and died during the incident, the County-Wide Fatal-Incident Protocol was initiated. The Mendocino County District Attorney's Office was contacted and is the lead agency for this ongoing investigation.

A coroner's investigation was initiated, and a postmortem examination will be conducted to determine the official cause and manner of death. The decedent has been identified as a 36-year-old male from Willits, but his name is not being released at this stage of the Pursuant to Sheriff's Office policy, the two Sheriff's Office personnel involved in this incident have been

placed on paid administrative leave while this matter is being investigated. Investigations are continuing regarding the crimes

Anyone with information related to this investigation Health Center and Dora Street Health Center is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's

in Ukiah, Little Lake Health Center in Willits, Office Communications Center at 707-463-4086 (option and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport. It 1). Information can also be provided anonymously by is a community-based and patient-directed calling the non-emergency tip-line at 707-234-2100. organization that provides comprehensive Any information provided regarding this continuing primary healthcare services as well as investigation will be forwarded to the Mendocino County supportive services such as education and District Attorney's Office as the primary investigating

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however, bigger priorities presented themselves...

Five days ago, I was looking forward to writing this piece. planned to regale you with details of my experience and professional accomplishments. Most importantly, I wanted to talk about Willits Community Services, about my plan to increase the services we provide to your community.

I wanted to share my goal of creating supportive programs, decreasing dependence, and increasing self-sufficiency ... to share my idea of a community that no longer needs a charitable organization.

Four days ago, as I read reports, I had to calculate and weigh the consequences of some difficult decisions I will be making ... choices that immediately impact the households we serve, and create a long-term effect on the whole community. I also realized I didn't have the luxury of time to create a beautiful introduction, the clock was ticking, and I had to hit the ground running.

Three days ago I learned how dire our situation is. In the last year the number of families we provide services to has tripled. We have two distribution days, Wednesday and Friday. A year ago we were serving between 61 to 65 households each distribution day. By October those numbers increased to between 140 to 150 households each distribution

Two days ago, I viewed the most recent daily reports. We now serve well over 200 households on Wednesdays, and last Friday was a slow day - we only served 205 households.

While in awe of our small agency serving so many households, our ability is diminishing. The amount of food we receive is decreasing, the funding to purchase food is decreasing, and the need is increasing.

One day ago, after viewing the recent food delivery, I had to make a hard decision. My amazing warehouse staff were disheartened by the realization we don't have the resources to meet our community's rising

To prevent depletion of our current and reserve supplies, as well as to extend the duration of our ability to provide support. I have chosen to reduce the weekly amount of food a household receives.

Zero days ago. Today, I had to implement that decision. So today, I'm going to put pride on the back burner. Instead of introducing myself and exercising my bragging rights, I'm going to exercise begging rights. On behalf of every food insecure household we serve, I am brazenly seeking the attention of every individual who lives, or works, or plays, or conducts business, or attends church/civic clubs in the communities I've

Today, seven days from the first time I sat at my desk, I am begging for your support. If you already donate to other organizations, please consider a one-time donation to help us continue providing food and other resources to the members of your community who are less fortunate.

I apologize for any confusion or concern my words may create if you received the donation request in our recent newsletter. It was sent out prior to my acceptance of, and stepping into, this role.

For those of you who received the newsletter and sent donations, I apologize, and I also want to thank you and let you know we are truly grateful for your assistance. I know the newsletter doesn't reach everyone, so I have high hopes this little non-introduction letter reaches more people.

Quite simply, we need your help. If you're unable to provide financial assistance, there are many other ways you can give us support. We are always in need of volunteers to help in the warehouse or even in the

In fact, since this community means so much to me, I have a simple challenge, actually, let's call it a "Double Dog Dare."

I dare two or three community members to each volunteer 4 to 10 hours per week for three months, and in return, I will match them hour for hour of my own time unpaid, up to a combined total of 20 hours a week

I am open to positive conversations, collaborating and partnering, listening to any ideas or suggestions on creative ways to obtain funding and creating low cost, sustainable supportive services/programs that can positively impact the lives in our community. If you want to connect, email me at givinghope@willitscommunityfoodbank.com

For those who actually want the introduction spiel, you'll be able to find it on the updated website soon.

I am deeply grateful, and proud of all of you who have been stepping up to support your community

Soccer

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• Ages: Birth years 2010-2017

• Practices: 2x / week in Willits

· Games: Saturdays in Willits, Ukiah, Mendocino

• Dates: August 11 - October 25 Summer Camp – World Cup Theme

Get ready for five days of high-energy fun and friendly competition. This year's camp brings the World Cup to Willits with skills sessions, mini-tournaments, and team-

based challenges. • Dates: June 16-20

Location: Commercial Street Field

• Ages: U8-U14

next chapter

Meet Coach Jacinto leading the

This fall, MCSA coach and proud Willits High alum Juan Jacinto is stepping into a new leadership role, overseeing the entire Willits program across Grassroots and

Juan's journey is full circle. After earning First Team All-Conference honors at Mendocino College and continuing his playing career at the UPSL level, he's home to invest in the next generation. Whether he's leading training or mentoring young players, Juan brings infectious energy and a deep understanding of what this community

"Juan represents everything this program is about," said Fitzpatrick. "He's local. He's earned it. And he's 100

percent committed to giving back. This is his time to lead, and the kids are lucky to have him.

Legacy in motion

Willits' growth is not just about numbers, it's about culture. That growth is visible in everything from DSL Saturdays at the local field to moments like last fall, when several former MCSA players helped the Willits High girls' soccer team capture their first league title in 19 years.

It's visible in the journey of MCSA's U17 Select Team with many kids with Willits roots, which battled all the way to the State Cup Final this season. And it's visible every time a new family joins Grassroots, or a young athlete finds their spark on a summer

> forward orograms, eadership. commitment to building a multi-sport future, MCSA is setting the foundation for long-term impact in Willits and beyond. Whether your child is just beginning or already dreaming big, there's a place

The path

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for them here. • Grassroots: fall in love with the game

• DSL: play with purpose and teammates Select teams: compete at the highest level

· New sports: expand the journey

Questions? Reach out to Executive Director Ian

Fitzpatrick at Ian@MendocinoSports.com or register MendocinoSoccer.com/your-mcsa-summer-fall-2025-

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ART

ART-228A-4380 Beginning Painting I
ART-228B-4381 Beginning Painting II
ART-228C-4382 Intermediate Painting I
ART-228D-4383 Intermediate Painting II
ART-522-0524 Watercolors for Older Adults
ART-542-0842 Ceramics for Older Adults

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

ASL-200-0202 Sign Language: Level I

BUSINESS

BUS-107-4264 Customer Service

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CDV-101-2367 Curriculum in Early Education CDV-200-0220 Child Growth and Development

COMPUTER SCIENCE

CSC-520-4384 Beginning Computer Skills I CSC-526-4385 Beginning Computer Skills II

ENGLISH

ENGL-210-4356 Creative Writing
ENGL-212-4357 Intermediate Creative Writing
ENGL-503-4358 Writing for Older Adults
ENGL-560-4359 & 4360 Basic Reading & Writing
Formerly ENG 200:

ENGL-C1000-4354 & 4355 Academic Reading & Writing

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ESL-3C-4344 Communication Skills C
ESL-503C-4345 Communication Skills C (No Credit)
ESL-507A-4343 Beginning ESL A (No Credit)
ESL-7A-4342 Beginning ESL A

ETHNIC STUDIES

ETH-202-0227 Racial and Ethnic Relations

HEALTH

HLH-214-4298 Foods and Nutrition

HUMAN SERVICES

HUS-152-4277 Basic Skills for Service Workers

MUSIC

MUS-230A-0223 Beginning Voice
MUS-230B-0224 Intermediate Voice
MUS-230C-0225 230C Singers' Repertoire I
MUS-230D-0226 230C Singers' Repertoire II
MUS-281-4278 Concert Choir I
MUS-530-0305 Singing for Older Adults
MUS-580-4279 Chorale for Older Adults

PSYCHOLOGY

Formerly PSY 200

PSYC-C1000-4300 Introduction to Psychology

STATISTICS

Formerly MTH 220:

STAT-C1000-4297 Introduction to Statistics

THEATRE

THE-234A-0253 Tap Dance: Beginning
THE-234B-4388 Tap Styles and Performance
THE-236A-0066 Yoga: Beginning
THE-236B-0067 Yoga: Advanced Beginning
THE-268-4387 Dance Rehearsal
THE-536-4379 Yoga for Older Adults

WORK EXPERIENCE

WEE-196-0194 Work Experience Education

For days and times, and a current listing of all classes, visit: www.mendocino.edu/schedule

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Take a full-time class load in Willits on weekends only!

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Hybrid classes are mostly online with mandatory in-person meetings.

All classes are Late Start classes.

SATURDAYS

CDV-200 #0220 Child Growth and Development ETH-202 #0227 Racial and Ethnic Relations PSYC-C1000 #0250 Introductory to Psychology HLH-214 #4298 Foods and Nutrition



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