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Submitted by Christy Murat, WCS

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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.



**Photos by
Maureen
Jennison**

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 alumni club of Willits seniors.

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 the national anthem, and WHS

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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 Aielu Zuniga addresses the crowd in front of WHS Principal Shane Topolinski and the seated school board members.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



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

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“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 Pedersen commented 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.

**Submitted by Willits
Frontier Days**

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.



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 Vietnam.

"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.



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 with patients."

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 patient-centered 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

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Wellness Wagon at Farmers
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Submitted by Mendocino Community Wellness
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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 healthcare.

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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.

Candice Stein has spent the last 18 years studying meditation and advanced yogic practices. She describes meditation as a tool for going beyond the mind and teaches us how to discipline the mind to allow for an authentic connection with the present moment. She will explain how using mantras can open pathways to new depths of silence, peace and ease.

Paul Jacobson has been a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist for over 40 years. He will be discussing principles of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with aspects of Tibetan Buddhist Meditation. Topics will include the CBT triangle, choice, change, anchoring, and applying meditation in our daily lives to increase happiness and fulfillment.

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 live here," he says.

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 relaxed.


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," Pham explains.


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Claudia Wenning, PhD



Candice Stein



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Above, from left: Madison Bouthillier, left, stands with fellow senior Nora Martin 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 wants to become a game warden and will major in freshwater fisheries and biology. Jewel Beshara wants to become an immigration lawyer and will start at Mendocino Junior College. At left: Recipients of Willits Rotary Club scholarships gather for a group photo: Ely Bowles, Alison Southard, Ava Dockins-Kline, Nora Martin, Leo Moratti, Kaleb Whitehurst, Enzo Vaccaro, Kyler Hall-Jimenez, Jewel Beshara, Rylee Doyle and Sam Lazaro (not in attendance: Ariana Gamez, Alexander Miya, Mia Chavez, Clayton Cooley and Sofia Perez).



Above, left: Samantha Lazaro celebrates her graduation and scholarship with her mother, Jenni Wyatt. 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.

Rotary Scholarships

Graduates gather for pizza and to discuss their plans for future education

For the last several years, the Willits Rotary Club has sought out exceptional graduating seniors to bestow scholarships to, with the criteria of scholastic achievements and participation 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.

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over after two years to Humboldt," stated Rylee 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 injuries."

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.

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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 training.

"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 step 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, 2025

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.

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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 Anders, and Jewel's mother Marleen Nusrallah.

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 Suarez.

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



WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

May 26 to June 1

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **70 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations
and Arrests

May 26

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

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 Street.

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).

9:56 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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.

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Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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SUDOKU

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

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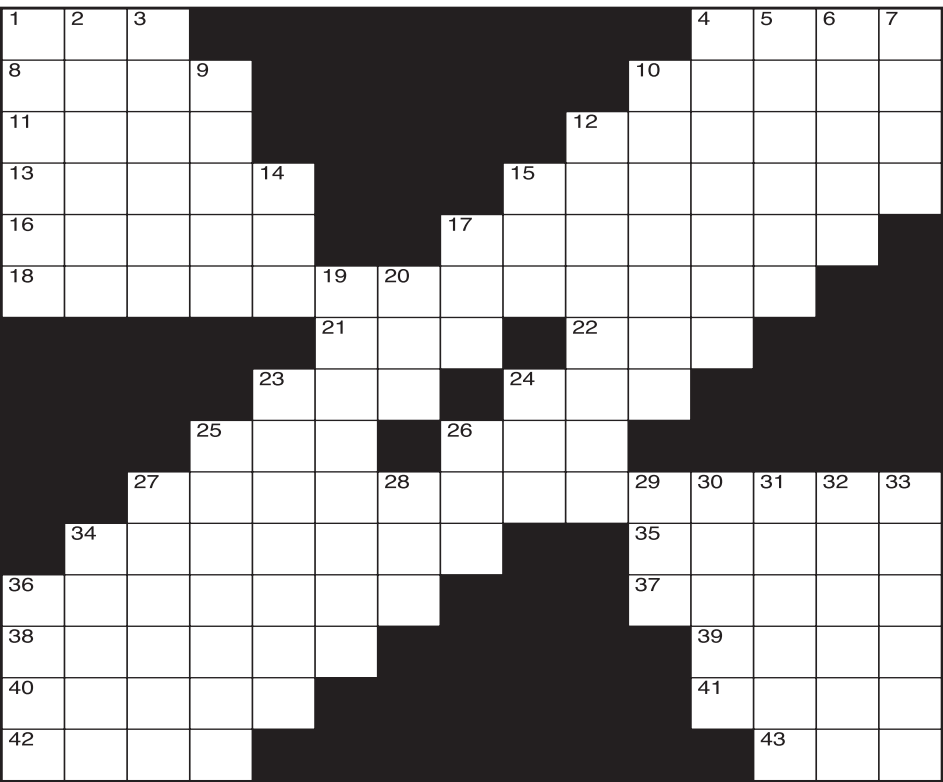
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Racquet sports association
4. Places to sleep
8. Native American tribe
10. Small platforms
11. Egg shape
12. Running out
13. French painter
15. Some are 'of the Caribbean'
16. Painful intestinal problem
17. More irritated
18. Prove yourself
21. Catch
22. Supplement with difficulty
23. American automotive giant
24. Form of 'to be'
25. Boxing's GOAT
26. Peyton's little brother
27. Eli's big brother
34. Capable of producing

35. Reproductive structures in fungi
36. Allowed to go forward
37. Smiles
38. Arteries
39. VVV
40. Win a series without losing a game
41. This (Spanish)
42. Opposites of beginnings
43. Germanic mythological god

CLUES DOWN

1. Consisting of uncombined atoms
2. Island country
3. Heavenly body
4. Caribbean island
5. Copyread
6. A place to eat
7. Drops down
9. Native group of Alaska
10. Engage in
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
30. Something one can strike
31. Most glacial
32. Ten less than one hundred
33. Idle talker
34. Has moved through the air
36. Container for shipping



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'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.



Dan Essman
Columnist

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).

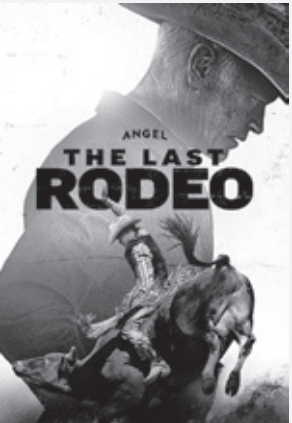
Connor is a crumb-bum bully without honor. And wouldn't you know it, Connor is the ex-boyfriend of Li's pretty new girlfriend Mia (Sadie Stanley). Not good! Who knows what's going to happen?

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.



LEGAL NOTICES

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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

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.

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.

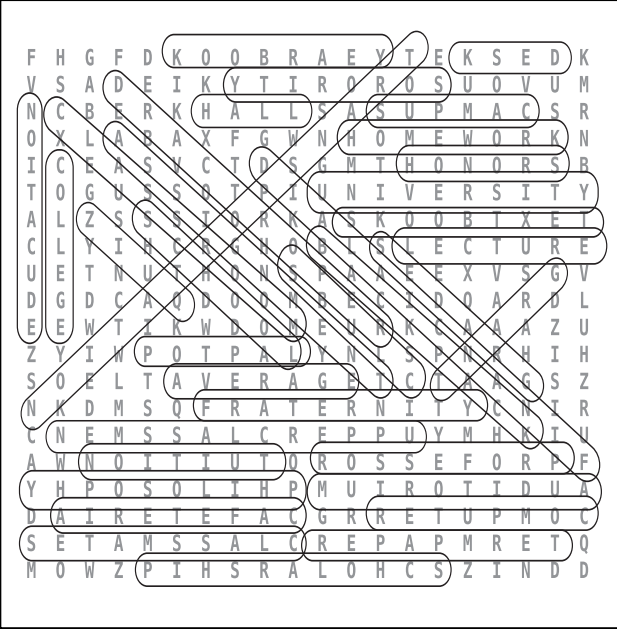
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: June 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

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





Mendocino County invites applications for:

Road Maintenance Supervisor III – Fort Bragg

\$75,192 - \$91,395

For a complete list of current openings and to apply:
www.mendocinocounty.gov/jobs

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WW544

NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 21st day of June, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., or immediately 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:

Andrew Augustine	472
Andrew Augustine	540
Robert Beach	467
Jubal Chilson	211
Greg Cox	329
Julia Gade	301
Leigha Jones	413
Matthew Krzyzik	253
Benjamin Lewis	603
Greg Lohne	188
Karen Morales	131

The goods are described as: Tools, furniture, auto parts, camping 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.

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Jacky Deaton	F14
John Doe	C94
Mark House	D04
Terry Sauve	C72C

The goods are described as: Collectibles, Music Equipment, Misc Furniture

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Glen Green
Bond-#70784656
(707) 459-4628

Publication Dates: June 12 and 19, 2025

HELP WANTED:

Casino Controller at Sherwood Valley Casino

Benefits, Salary: \$98K - \$110K

The Casino Controller directs the cashing, vault, drop and count areas in a manner that safeguards the assets of the Sherwood Valley Casino, while establishing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures and internal controls and assures all external and internal regulations are met. Has direct supervision of Cage/Vault, Drop, and Count Supervisors. Exercises management responsibility for all activities of the Accounting/Finance Department. Activities include direct hands-on oversight of audit, accounting, general ledger, reporting, payroll, purchasing, cashing, and count room operations. Responsible for the company's overall operating and capital budgets, internal control policies, insurance and risk management programs, and relationships with financial institutions, casino's compliance with provisions of the State Compact, NIGC, Tribal ordinances, Gaming Commission regulations, cash transactions reporting, and IRS withholding and reporting requirements. Contact the General Manager at mftzgerral@svrcasino.com or 707-459-7350.



CLASSIFIEDS

Do you need food?

Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, new expanded distribution hours: 10 am to 4:30 pm. New Client Choice model where you select your own items. Bring shopping bags, Bring an I.D. Info: (707) 459-3333

M & M Collectors

Now at Coast Hardware in Willits. A variety of M & M Collectable items ready for a new home. There are holiday decor trains, clocks, jackets and much more. Come take a look.

Raise Your Spiritual IQ

Your Dream Worlds Revealed: Techniques to remember and interpret your inner nightly journeys for help in daily life. You are warmly welcome to join us! Tuesday, June 24 from 2 to 3 pm, Willits Library, 390 E. Commercial St. A FREE Community Service sponsored by Eckankar in California.

For Rent

Clean Studio Apartment for rent, upstairs unit, close to downtown area, Washer & Dryer facility on hand, garbage paid. \$800 per month & Sec. Dep. Armo 707-354-0048.

Free Food for All Pop-Up

Mendocino Food Network presents food pop-ups with free food for all: Due to the impact of federal budget cuts, there will be only one monthly pop-up in Willits, on 1st Thursdays, from 10 to 11:30 am at 1250 Blosser Lane. In Laytonville, every 4th Thursday, 12 to 1 pm at 300 Cahto Drive. In Covelo, every 2nd Thursday, from 12 to 1 pm, at NEW ADDRESS: 24065 Rifle Road. In Leggett: Every 1st Tuesday from 12 to 1 pm at 65100 Drive-Thru Tree Road. Info: Rachel@mendocinofood.org; 707-615-6654.

Room for Rent

For rent master bedroom and bath. Private entrance, no shared space, includes refrigerator, utilities, internet. AC. 1 person 50 or older. \$800 month; rental referral required. 805 259-9155.

RV/Trailer Space for Rent

Space for RV's and Trailers – starts at \$500 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 972-4696. See at <http://www.oakvine.net/lp>

Giant Estate Sale

Saturday June 14th, 9 to 4 pm, and Sunday, June 15th, 1 to 4 pm. Come get your treasures! Everything must go. 84 School Street.

Tattoo Shop

Tattoo Shop in Downtown Willits! Clean, cute, and private shop with 10 years experience. Love to tattoo botanicals, cute critters, and sceneries! Appointments and bookings: kikitattoos.com

Weedeating Services

Weedeating in the Willits, Laytonville, Redwood Valley areas. Call Mike at (707) 354-5650

Email us your ad

FOR RENT

3 bed SFH \$ 1675

3 bed SFH \$ 1450

2 bed APT \$ 1250

2 bed APT \$ 1200

1 bed SFH \$ 1250

Lincoln Realty
707-459-4599





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



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



Happy Father's Day to the BEST dad in the whole world!! Sarah and Grady.



Ryan and Kyle McCartney at the 43rd Annual Willits Car & Bike Show.

WILLITS SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS

A VERY SPECIAL

Father's Day Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, June 15. From 8am to 11am

Buffet Style Menu :

PANCAKES, BISCUITS & GRAVY
VEGETARIAN BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON, LINKED SAUSAGE, FRESH FRUIT CUPS, HOT & COLD BEVERAGES (REGULAR AND SUGAR-FREE SYRUPS)

Breakfast Prices :
Fathers -\$10 Adults-\$18 Children 6-12 - \$10 Children Under 6- Free

Complementary Bloody Marys for all dads 21+

1501 BAECHTEL RD. WILLITS
707-459-6826

Beer Wagon Raffle

American Legion Post 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 college-bound Willits High School seniors; American Legion Boys/Girls State program; Post-sponsored American Legion Baseball Club 174; local Boy and Girl Scouts; Willits Food Bank; Phoenix Hospice; and local Veterans in need.

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

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15!

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!





Happy Father's Day! Fred and Danielle.



Love You Dad! Hugs To You in Heaven.

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

Places are Limited! Call 707 371 6103



SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Big Screen TV Raffle Drawing after 9 PM

100 Todays Points per entry. Hot Seats 11 AM To 11 PM for \$25 Free Play

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Now 'til July 5th

CROSSTREK TO ADVENTURE

5 Lucky Winners will have the chance to Unlock Adventure and Drive away in a brand new 2025 CROSSTREK SPORT or choose to take \$10,000 CASH! 500 points per ticket entry after earning 500 Todays Points.

SHERWOOD VALLEY CASINO

Virginia Wayne Piercy DeVries



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 County.

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.



DUMP DAYS

June 23- June 27; Vouchers Available June 16!

Dump up to 2 Cubic Yards for Free!

We can accept:

- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ONLY
- FURNITURE • APPLIANCES
- LARGE / BULKY ITEMS
- MATTRESSES
- GREEN WASTE

We *CANNOT* accept:

- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- BUSINESS WASTE
- CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
- COMMERCIAL TIRES
- TIRES ON RIMS

Bring your items to:

WILLITS TRANSFER STATION

Obtain your Voucher June 16th by Bringing your ID and proof of Willits Residency ie water/electric bill to:

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE CITY HALL MONDAY, JUNE 16TH

Contact for details: Cstack@cityofwillits.org

Sponsored by the CalTrans Clean California Local Grant Program

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

Submitted by AHHM

Adventist Health Howard Memorial is 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.

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

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

just right.

- 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 yet!

Trusted expert care delivered by trusted neighbors



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



Magic is Reel

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 as 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

WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

HOMETOWN CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH 2025

5:00PM — 9:00PM

The rest of **WCA** | From page 3

One needs to get very close to her works to 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.

"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 work, visit www.sandyoppenheimercollage.com/.

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."

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** | From page 4

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 Mendocino County has to offer!"

MCHC Health Centers includes Hillside Health Center and Dora Street Health Center in Ukiah, Little Lake Health Center in Willits, and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport. It is a community-based and patient-directed organization that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services as well as supportive services such as education and translation that promote access to healthcare.

The rest of **Scholarships** | From page 5

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.

The rest of **Taser** | From page 1

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 requested.

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 post-mortem 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 investigation.

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 committed against the motorist who provided the subject a ride.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Communications Center at 707-463-4086 (option 1). Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the non-emergency tip-line at 707-234-2100. Any information provided regarding this continuing investigation will be forwarded to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office as the primary investigating agency.

The rest of **Soccer** | From page 8

- 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

Meet Coach Juan Jacinto – leading the next chapter

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 DSL.

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 needs.

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

The rest of **Demand** | From page 1

however, bigger priorities presented themselves....

Five days ago, I was looking forward to writing this piece. I 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 day.

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 need.

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 mentioned.

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 office.

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.

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 camp field.



The path forward

With new programs, new leadership, and a 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 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-program-guide

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FALL 2025 - NORTH COUNTY CENTER CLASSES

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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FRIDAYS

ENGL-C1000 #4355 - Academic Reading & Writing
ENGL-560 #4359 - Basic Reading and Writing

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



Fall Classes start August 18, 2025

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