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Pear crumble, right out of the oven (above) is the best served with a splash of cream (below).

– **Maureen Jennison**



Roots readies for 43rd annual steam festival this weekend



At top: The Roots of Motive Power yard will be open and equipment operating this weekend for the annual steam-up event. Above: Free train rides are always a highlight. Below, from left: In the past, Wendy Wilmes donated tomatoes to the Roots silent auction. Making prints with the steam roller is a sight to see – bring a cut piece to ink, or create one at the event. Lots of bidding – silent and live – takes place to win all the great items at the Roots barbecue.

Photos by Maureen Jennison

will be featuring: steam locomotives, a steam shovel, steam rollers, stationary engines, Cat & Allis-Chalmers tractors, Mack AC truck, the Keystone steam powered well driller, and more. On Saturday, the annual Appreciation Barbecue begins at 4 pm. Look forward to our world- famous BBQ and live music, a raffle, and a silent and live auction will fill the afternoon with cheers. Don't miss the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, our guests in Recreation Grove Park. This year we will have Steam Roller Street Printing on Saturday ONLY. One of our Buffalo Springfield Steam Rollers will be making linoleum prints with the help of talented artists from around the state. You can try your hand at print-making and say you did it with an antique steam roller! All in all, it's a unique show you won't want to miss! Directions: Take Willits Main Street and turn on East Commercial Street you'll find Roots at 420 East Commercial Street.

– *Posted by Roots of Motive Power*



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Little Lake Fire

Around the Firehouse

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

‘Summer Scholars’ fundraiser set for October 11

To the Editor:

We are a small group of volunteers working to encourage and enhance the progression of the north county area high school graduates to Mendocino College enrollment. Although not an entirely new concept, “Summer Scholars” was launched last summer that propelled the opportunity for North County high school students to earn college credits to new horizons.

“Summer Scholars” is an educational enrichment opportunity open to all incoming 9th through 12th graders to take two college courses at the Willits North County Center during the summer. In addition to college credit, students receive transportation from outlying areas, lunch, a stipend, and a field trip as part of the program. Students get a chance to explore career and educational options to get them thinking about their future.

This program was funded with grant money that is no longer available. The success of this program begs it be kept alive!

Our volunteer group is called “North County Friends of Mendocino College” and we work to help fill funding gaps at the North County Center. We are facing the biggest challenge in our being. We ask for your help in the continuing the program we call, “The Bridge between High School and College.” Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 11, and plan to join us for a special dinner and evening celebrating continuing education. Tickets will soon be available at the Willits campus or online.

Dillon Slater, president,
North County Friends of Mendocino College

Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians issues statement on unauthorized claims

Submitted by Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

September 3, 2025 – The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians has become aware that an individual is claiming to represent our Tribe as a delegate. This person, Tina Sutherland, previously served on the Kai Poma Board of Directors but no longer holds any official role, authority, or capacity to act on behalf of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians.

The Tribal Council affirms that only duly appointed and current delegates are authorized to represent the Tribe in any official matters. Any statements, commitments, or representations made by this individual are unauthorized and invalid.

“The integrity of our governance and representation is central to the sovereignty of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians,” stated the Tribal Council. “We want to make it absolutely clear to our citizens, partners, and the public that this individual does not speak for our Tribe.”

The Tribe has taken appropriate steps to notify relevant partners, agencies, and organizations of this misrepresentation and will pursue all necessary actions to protect the Tribe’s name and sovereignty.

For verification of official delegates or representatives of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, please contact Talisha Melliush, Tribal Administrator, (707) 459-9690, ta@sherwoodband.com.

The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo are located on three sites near the city of Willits. They are a Northern Pomo people who still reside on their ancestral lands. Sherwood Valley is governed by a General Council made up of all its adult Tribal Members and is represented in its daily administration and business via a duly elected seven-member Tribal Council.

Sierra Club Redwood Chapter calls for comments on repeal of ‘Roadless Rule’

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has opened a three-week public comment period on its proposed repeal of the Roadless Rule, a critical conservation policy safeguarding nearly 60 million acres of undeveloped national forest lands across the country, and over 4 million acres across California and here on the North Coast.

The Redwood Chapter of the Sierra Club (representing Northern California’s forests and communities from the North Bay to the Oregon border) calls on community members, outdoor enthusiasts, and concerned citizens to submit comments opposing this rollback before the deadline on September 19, 2025.

Comments may be submitted online here <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FS-2025-0001-0001> or through snail mail to: Director Ecosystem Management Coordination, 201 14th Street SW, Mailstop 1108, Washington, DC 20250-1124.

The repeal of the Roadless Rule would directly impact treasured wildlands within our region that provide essential habitat, clean water, and recreation opportunities. These include the Snow Mountain, Yolla Bolly, Yuki, Trinity Alps, Siskiyou, and Marble Mountain Wilderness Areas and more across the Six Rivers, Mendocino, Shasta, Trinity and Klamath National Forests.

Key benefits of the roadless rule to local communities include:

Economic Impact: Roadless areas drive local tourism, fuel businesses like outdoor outfitters, campgrounds, and lodges, and support rural economies.

Environmental Resilience: These intact landscapes help reduce wildfire risk by limiting human-caused ignition sources and preserving ecosystem connectivity.

Community Safety and Character: Clean water, wildlife habitat, and quiet forests are the heart of our forests and quality of life.

In response, Redwood Chapter Conservation Chair Teri Shore released the following statement:

“Keeping our forests roadless isn’t just about protecting trees, it’s about protecting our families and communities. Wildfires are four times more likely to start in forest areas with roads than in roadless areas because roads bring more human activity—cars, campfires, power tools, and sparks—that ignite most wildfires. This is a matter of both community safety and conservation. Defending these places from being opened up to road-building, commercial logging, and mining and drilling is essential, and a commitment we must keep to future generations.”

For more information on the Sierra Club, Redwood Chapter, visit www.sierraclub.org/redwood

Aaron Construction

Local contractor specializes in custom cabinets, remodels, new construction, deck rebuilds and more

Ben Franklin famously said, “If you want something done, give it to a busy person.” They always seem to organize themselves in a manner that ensures completion of a job. At Aaron Luedemann’s workshop, it is evident that he is extremely busy, with projects, jobs and assignments. There are areas that seem, to the untrained eye, to be in disarray, but after spending some time there, and hearing his explanations, one gets a sense that the seemingly uncoordinated piles are actually quite organized, albeit covered in a thin layer of wood dust.

His company, Aaron Construction, does it all. “I’m a general contractor,” said Luedemann. “I’m a custom cabinet shop. We are capable of doing anything from the ground up, foundation to roof. I can find somebody to do stonework if needed. I’ve been doing construction since 2004. I used to work for Coburn’s Construction and Cabinetry for about 17 or 18 years. They had a shop north of town. We did a lot of work in Mendocino and Lake counties. We even went to Sonoma County a few times. He was one of those guys who would do just about anything that needed to be done. I learned most everything I know from him.”

“I got licensed in 2015,” Luedemann said. “I continued working for him for a couple years. Then, I was able to purchase most of his cabinetry tools. We’ve been on our own since 2020.”

Luedemann is a multi-generational Willits resident, along with his wife, Heather, who describes herself as “the wife, the mom, the nana,” enjoying her family and taking care of their three adult daughters’ kids. Both he and his wife and his three girls graduated from Willits High School, and they all still live in the community, with the exception of one of his daughters who now lives in Lake County. “We have so many relatives here, my kids had to do a whole family tree before they dated anyone in the area,” said Heather.

Luedemann works long hours and spends his free time in his shop, working on projects and practicing his music. Although Aaron Construction has several large projects, his passion is cabinetry. “I like cabinetry the best,” Luedemann explained. “I don’t know that I could do it full time, 40 hours a week, all year long, because you’re inside, looking at the same place all the time. I like framing different things because you get to be in different locations. The scenery changes. If I had to pick one skill, it would be the cabinetry. It’s fun being able to create something out of piles of wood.”

Luedemann has another passion, his music. He plays bass and guitar, and is currently in the group, Tastes Like Chicken. In his “spare time” he is building a guitar to his personal specifications.

Recent and current projects include building an arch for his daughter’s wedding. “I ended up building it out of African mahogany,” he said.

Currently, the company – Luedemann and his two employees – is working on a “bardminium” residence. “It’s basically a big metal building like this shop. The footprint is a 100-by-60 feet, so it’s 6,000 square feet. It has about a 4,000-square-foot garage with a two-story residence in the other part of it. That’s in Ukiah. I do work in Ukiah and Willits. I have another job we’re doing up in Brooktrails, finishing up a little house, putting kitchen cabinets in.”

Another project that the company did was the framing for the huge multi-use building at the Willits Charter School. “I worked on the gym / auditorium at the Charter School. We did all the framing for the building. It was a lot of fun. That was my largest project at the time. I keep getting bigger jobs and stretching my abilities. I did the two four-plexes on Mitchell Lane off of Baechtel,” said Luedemann. “I worked on The Munchery. We did all the framing for the restaurant. I fabricated all the panels and everything under the bar, did all the faux beams, the post wraps, and all the trim work. I did the pergola outside, the covered patio. That was my first restaurant. It was a fun project.”

Aaron Construction will take on smaller jobs as well. “Kitchens and baths are among the favorite things we like to do,” Luedemann explained. “I’ve done some outdoor kitchens. I can fix furniture, repair and refinishing. We can change outlets. We’ve stepped into the realm of old growth redwood tables with my friend, Matt Harbour, of Harbour Quality Redwood Products. We’ve been talking about, on our weekends, starting to play with some epoxy tables. We’ve seen videos of people getting really creative and doing river tables. It would be fun to dive into that a little bit.”

As Willits Weekly was finishing up its interview in Aaron Construction’s spacious workshop in the old Remco complex, there was a hint of a rumble which kept getting louder until it overtook the conversation. A loud whistle began to blow as the Skunk Train came thundering by, which could be seen through the open bay doors. “It’s pretty cool. Not a lot of people can say the train comes by their job,” said Luedemann with an amused grin.

To learn more about Aaron Construction, visit their Facebook page or call 707-354-3054.



At top, left: Aaron Luedemann shows one of his passion projects that he has been working on in his “spare time.” At top, right: This machine creates precisely drilled holes for the dowels that will help hold seams together. Above, left: A custom kitchen made with oak cabinets is on site at the Aaron Construction workshop. Photo by Aaron Luedemann. Above, right: A double sink vanity in the master bathroom of the “bardminium.” Photo by Aaron Construction. At right: Luedemann looks over some of the raw materials he will be using on his projects. Below: Luedemann’s workshop is a creative miasma of materials and projects.



Above, left: Luedemann shows the product of the shaper table. Above, right: These pieces of wood will become multi-faceted cabinet faces.

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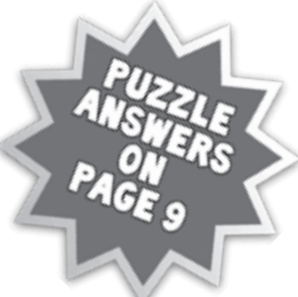
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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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 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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CLUES ACROSS

1. Fairly large
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Cover the entirety of
13. Leafy appetizer
14. Showy ornament
15. Norse personification of old age
16. Athletes
17. Closes tightly
18. Attack via hurling items
19. Where the reserves stand
21. Sword
22. Begat
23. Damage another's reputation
24. Northeast
25. Turf
28. For each
29. Hours (Spanish)
31. Western state
33. One who offers help
36. Planks
38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
39. Free from drink or drugs
41. Tunnels
44. Mature
45. More dried-up
46. News organization
48. Steal something
49. Forms one's public persona (abbr.)

51. Female fish eggs
52. Small petrel of southern seas
54. Edible starches
56. Historical
60. In a place to sleep
61. Horse grooms
62. Off-Broadway theater award
63. Chinese dynasty
64. Resembling a wing
65. Small projection on a bird's wing
66. Of the Isle of Man
67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
68. Plate for Eucharist

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Ancient city in Syria
3. Slog
4. Emits coherent radiation
5. 'Pollock' actor Harris
6. Bleated
7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
8. Tooth doctor
9. One who takes apart
10. Commoner
11. Beat poet Ginsberg
12. Cave deposit material
14. Home energy backup
17. Begets
20. Face part
21. Frocks
23. Hill or rocky peak
25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
26. About ear
27. Male parents
29. Popular grilled food
30. Vaccine developer
32. Not conforming
34. Polite address for women
35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
37. Astronomical period of 18 years
40. One who fights the government
42. Center for Excellence in Education
43. Watches discreetly
47. An electrically charged atom
49. Hymn
50. Arabic given name
52. Popular pie nut
53. City in Zambia
55. Species of cherry
56. John __, British writer
57. Be next to
58. Make angry
59. Give birth to a lamb or kid
61. Unhappy

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

August 18 to August 24

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **76 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 18

1:04 am: SHEILS, Nicholas James (39) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of battery and trespassing (refusal to leave).
11:38 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Robert Way.
4:09 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a citation.

4:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue.

8:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

9:01 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

August 19

9:01 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

6:35 pm: TUCKER, Andy Blake (54) of Covelo was contacted near the Highway 101 and Shell Lane Overpass. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of illegal burning, illegal dumping of a pollutant near water, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and disobeying a court order (contempt of court).

August 20

10:42 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

4:25 pm: HELLER, Clint Aaron (51) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order.

8:45 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Highway 20 and issued a citation.

9:03 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Alder Lane and South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Manzanita Avenue and Hazel Street and issued a warning.

10:34 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Holly Street and Poplar Avenue and issued a citation.

August 21

2:18 pm: SPICER, Donald Eric (36) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of McKinley Street. He was arrested on felony charges of domestic battery.

7:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

8:22 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street and issued a warning.

8:30 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:53 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Pine Street and Catherine Lane and issued a citation.

August 22

7:24 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street and issued a warning.

7:51 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:19 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

2:28 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:12 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Alder Court and issued a warning.

August 23

1:53 am: CURTIS, Rickie Allen (52) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and Casteel Lane. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

9:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Bittenbender Lane and issued a warning.

10:06 pm: EAGAN, Daniel Martin (46) of Oakland was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license (revoked for DUI), and resisting an officer.

4:25 pm: HELLER, Clint Aaron (51) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license (revoked for DUI), and resisting an officer.

8:43 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Robert Way.

10:36 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

9:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue and issued a citation.



Above, from left: Dad takes a break while the kids get their exercise. Walkers are utilized for some of the skaters who are less steady on their feet and can be a good learning tool. The snack bar provides non-sugary sodas, pizza, and other treats. One of the early skaters, this girl enjoys her light up skates.

At left: Participants of all ages and abilities populate the skating area. Below: Roland Spence and Jayma Shields-Spence's dog is always present and knows to stay out of the way. At bottom: Megan, Roland, Chris, and Jayma enjoy running the skate night at Harwood Hall.



Skate Night
Laytonville's Harwood Hall hosts
fun evening of roller skating on Fridays

The first Skate Night of the season started out slow. At 6 pm, there was one intrepid young skater taking the opportunity to speed around the makeshift track at any speed that he chose. As the time wore on, more and more kids, and some adults, began to fill Laytonville's Harwood Hall, which became a skating rink with the addition of a group of traffic cones placed in the middle of the cavernous room, denoting the center of the oval. People of all degrees of skating competency tried on skates, inline and the regular four-wheeled variety. They took to the floor and somehow coexisted comfortably, even though they skated at different speeds.

"Roller skating at Harwood Hall has been happening since the early '50s, as far as I know. It was quite popular back in the '70s," said Roland Spence, who, with his wife Jayma Shields-Spence, has fronted many Laytonville projects, including the Skate Park. "We remember the disco roller-skating craze, with the afros and the bell bottoms. This disco ball is from that era. We got the motor running again recently, so it's been brought back to life recently. We got some new lights. Right now, we don't have all of them set up because it's not getting as dark yet, being the summertime. When the time change happens, we're going to have all the rest of the lights in here. We'll actually be able to see the disco ball light show. The kids love it."

Spence continued, "We get all age

groups here, very young to adults. Most of them are elementary-school kids. We get a few high schoolers but there are also quite a few adults who come here, just on their own, not with kids. They just want to skate with their friends or on their own for exercise and have a good time, listening to music. We also host birthday parties at Skate Night. We invite people to call Healthy Start: 707-984-8089 to schedule a birthday. It's free to schedule a birthday party. We sing 'Happy Birthday' for the birthday kid, who skates around by himself as we sing to them.

"The kitchen is open. We do nachos, pizza, and sometimes hot dogs. We also have little snacks and drinks for the kids. We banned sugary sodas a couple years ago from Skate Night. It's really helped with the kids' behavior. They don't get so cracked out on sugar."

According to Spence, big nights can see as many as 60 people on the floor. During the season, Skate Night happens every Friday, 6 to 8 pm. There is a hiatus around the holidays, as Harwood Hall is utilized as the North Pole Toy Express Wrapping Extravaganza. It turns into Santa's Workshop.

Skate Night is not designed as a money-making venture. They charge a mere \$1 to participate, and \$2 to rent skates from their vast inventory. Skating was one of

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Above, left: Hundreds of skates are available to rent at a very nominal fee. Above, right: A young skater learns to keep her balance and soon will not need this walker. At left: Harwood Hall has hosted skating since the 1950s.

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Mathew Caine

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\$6,000.00 fire educational bounce house that will teach children about fire safety in the home.

Training update

For the month of August training consisted of Firefighter Safety and Survival and ladder training. EMT refresher training consisted of circulating emergencies (internal/external bleeding and shock, as well as cardiovascular system review). We also provided fire extinguisher training to Northbrook nursing home staff. If anyone in the community is interested in fire extinguisher training please reach out to us at the firehouse.

As of the current date, Little Lake Fire has responded to 421 calls for service.

Informational

Reminder: Extremely important to have a visible addresses posted. Please keep gutters/roofs cleaned and free of debris. For further information to protect your home in the event of a wildfire please reference Mendocino Fire Safe Council's website.

Schools are back in session – always slow down in school zones and watch for children crossing the street. Expect heavier traffic around town and give yourself extra time to reach your destination. Stay alert avoid distractions. Safe driving keeps both kids and drivers safe.

Labor Day weekend update

"What a weekend! No rest for our volunteers this weekend. 9 calls alone just yesterday." Little Lake Fire's Administrative Officer Michelle Schnitzius posted Tuesday morning at the "Willits Fire Station 54" page on Facebook.

"Fun Fact: Your fire department is strictly a volunteer fire department on evenings after 5 pm, holidays, and weekends. No paid staff. So, thank you to our responders for CHOOSING to respond to our community needs. You are MORE than just volunteers."

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Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Info? 707-459-1905
www.agapebiblechurch.com

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P.O. Box 489, Willits
Worship Service - 5:00 p.m.
Pastor Kris Strickland
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Acts 2:37
1095 S. Main St., Willits
(next to Super 8)
(707) 459-5023
Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-
6-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-
7-8:00 p.m.

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Willits, CA 95490
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Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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10 a.m.
For appointments call:
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Willits, CA 95490
Father Aaron Bandanadam
Mass times:
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Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English
10:30 a.m. - Spanish
Confessions on Saturday
4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
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707-459-2252
https://stanthonywillits.org/
saintanthonywillits@gmail.com
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707-272-0177
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10:00 a.m.
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24 Mill Creek Drive
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Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesday
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
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(707) 972-2475
april@willitsweekly.com



Thursday, September 4

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

Friday, September 5

Moody Cat Trio at Shanachie: Moody Cat Trio, featuring Sean Lehe, performs funkadelic soul on Friday, September 5 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, Willits.

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Bring your friends, enjoy the music, and glide into an evening of fun with roller skating from 6 to 8pm on Friday, September 5 at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.

Saturday, September 6

Country Quilts and Crafts Grand Opening: Visit us on Saturday, September 6, from 11 am to 3 pm for refreshments, prizes and a mystery discount at time of purchase, while you check out our wide selection of quilting and crafting supplies. Country Quilts and Crafts, 1611 South Main Street, Willits.

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TOWN-WIDE ONGOING EVENTS

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Every Saturday at 1 pm sack lunches are served by local churches, community organizations, and families at Bud Snyder City Park on East Commercial. Come at 1pm to be assured a lunch!

Willits Food Bank Donations: Our Willits Food Bank is in dire need of non-perishable food and toiletries! There are donation bins (Sponsored by Willits Indivisible) at: Brickhouse Coffee, Mendo Mill, Willits Branch Library, the Senior Center and the Little Lake Grange.

Willits Indivisible Democracy Vigil: Come join Willits Indivisible every Friday from 5 to 6 pm at Babcock Park on South Main Street. More info visit "Willits Indivisible" on Facebook.

Farmstand at the Commonwealth Garden: Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm for farm-fresh produce and treats. Get there early, some things sell out fast! Garden is located on right-hand side of Haehl Creek Drive, past Howard Memorial Hospital building complex. For more info call 707-459-2777.

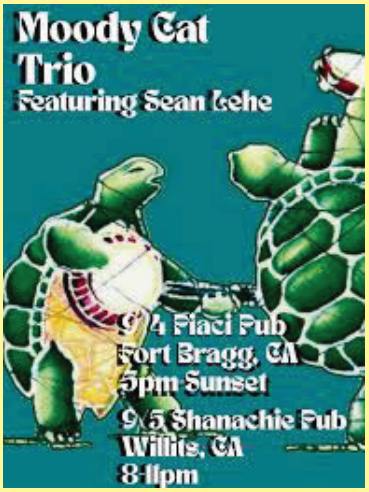
Lunch to Live Music at Brickhouse Coffee: every Wednesday from noon to 2:00 pm featuring various artists. Corner of South Main and East Commercial Streets, Willits. More info visit Brickhouse Coffee on Facebook.
Open Mic Night at Inner Earth Tea

43rd Annual Steam Festival at Roots of Motive Power: A two-day heritage celebration starts with demonstrations and free steam train rides from 11 am to 4 pm on Saturday, September 6 at Roots of Motive Power (420 East Commercial Street). Then join us at Rec Grove Park for Steam Roller Printing from 11 am to 3 pm, and our famous BBQ at 4 pm followed by an auction. Tickets for the BBQ may be purchased at the event. More info: rootsofmotivepower.com.

Willits P.E.O. Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser: The Philanthropic Educational Organization chapter XO will hold a yard sale to raise money for their scholarship fund for Willits students on September 6 from 8 am to noon at 63 Northbrook Way, Willits.

Willits Community Yard Sale: Find some great deals at this community sale, Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7 from 9 am to 3 pm in the residential area on the west side of Willits. Mendocino Ave, Redwood Ave, and beyond!

Painted with Fire exhibit opens at WCA: A showcasing of ceramic art fired in a traditional Anagama kiln by artists Leslie Campbell, Jason Sovanich, and Margi Gomez. Exhibit opens September 6 with a reception from 6 to 8pm featuring an artist talk, tasty nibbles, live music and beverages, and runs through September 28 at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Willits.



Sunday, September 7

Free Herbal Seasonings Class at the Grange: Join us in the Grange Kitchen where Annie Waters will talk about the benefits of herbs and teach you how to make your own dressings, seasonings and

basil pesto sauce with samples to taste and take home. Sunday, September 7 from 2 to 4pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street Willits. There is limited seating so call 707-889-2449 to preregister.

Steam Festival at Roots of Motive Power: The second day of this event includes demonstrations and free steam train rides from 11 am to 4 pm at Roots of Motive Power, 420 East Commercial Street, Willits. See September 6 listing for more info.



Willits Community Yard Sale: Second day of Westside of Willits yard sale. See September 6 listing for more info.

Full Moon Women's Ceremonial Gathering: Join us Sunday, September 7 from 2 to 5 pm at Flourish and Flow, 1726 South Main Street, Willits. More info: 707-750-9515.

Flourish and Flow Yoga in the Park: Every Sunday in Rec Grove Park from 10 to 11 am with rotating instructors each week. All levels welcome and children may attend if supervised and with an adult. Classes are donation based and last month raised \$550 for the Humane Society! Donations for the month of September will benefit the Willits Senior Center.

Tuesday, September 9

Eckankar Meeting at the Library: Join us for a spiritual discussion and raise your spiritual IQ with the second installment of Soul Travel Explorations, September 9 from 11 am to noon. For more info call Joy, 707-367-3777. Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. (This program is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the Mendocino County Library.)

Wednesday, September 10

Virtual Author Talk at the Library: Join in this virtual discussion with expert Jefferson Fisher and learn strategies and phrases that will forever change how you communicate. Register and submit your questions to the author at mendolibrary.org, under Events, Willits Events. September 10, from 11 am to noon at the Willits Branch Library.



Thursday, September 11

NCBE and Willits Frontier Days Mixer September: A celebration sponsored by the Northcoast Builders Exchange to highlight the NBCC Bootcamp Project, showcase our dedicated students, and recognize the generous

sponsors and volunteers. This free event will be held on September 11, from 5 to 7 pm at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds, 423 East Commercial Street, Willits.

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30pm at the Willits Farmers Market at City Park, with vendors along State Street on the north end of the park. For the freshest produce available, local meat, tasty treats, crafts, the new edition of the Willits Weekly and much more. The market honors EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits to double your dollars.

Inland Valley Women's Chorus Begins 32nd Season: Join us this Thursday, September 11 and every Thursday until June (except holidays) from 6 to 7:30 pm to sing songs of peace, joy, social justice and healing. New members welcome and no audition or prior experience required. Carpooling is available from Willits. Holy Trinity Church, 640 S. Orchard Ave., Ukiah



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Info: Margie Strong, (707) 459-1493 or mstrong827@outlook.com.

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Friday, September 12

'True West' Opens at WCT: An intense and darkly funny drama written by Sam Shepard and directed by Joshua Sternberg, "True West" opens at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, September 12 for a three-week run with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or online: wctperformingartscenter.org.

Monthly Art Talk at WCA: Dr. Julie Alderson presents 'Art of the West,' an examination of how artists have shaped and reflected the mythology of the Western frontier and the enduring significance of 'The West.' Friday, September 12 at 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.



Storytime with Ms. McCarthy at the Library: Join us for a fun morning of stories, enhanced with songs, fingerplays, and a puppet play by local storyteller Ms. McCarthy. These stories are for preschool age children, along with their caregivers. Friday, September 12, from 11 am to noon in the Children's Library. More info contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

Saturday, September 13

'True West' at WCT: "True West" shows tonight, Saturday, September 13 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. For more info see Sept 12 listing.

Sunday, September 14

Brunch, Sip and Paint at WCA: Come have brunch and paint leaf watercolors with Sandy Strong, Sunday, September 14 from 1 to 4 pm. Fee is \$75 and buys materials, brunch and a seasonal alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverage. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.



Classes are donation based and last month raised \$550 for the Humane Society! Donations for the month of September will benefit the Willits Senior Center.

Free Zumba Demo at Rec Grove Park: Learn how to Zumba at this free demonstration by Flourish and Flow, Sunday, September 14 from 11 am to 12:30 pm (after Yoga in the Park). Rec Grove Park, South Lenore Avenue, Willits.



"True West" at WCT: Matinee showing of True West, Sunday, September 13 at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. For more info see September 12 listing.

Flourish and Flow Yoga in the Park: Every Sunday in Rec Grove Park from 10 to 11 am with rotating instructors each week. All levels welcome and children may attend if supervised and with an adult.



don't want to have to explain him.
Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

The Story: This is a family drama with horses. Tabitha sells her horses on Tik Tok. Her equine knowledge is legendary. Tabby is teaching a trailer-load of teenage girls to ride. The girls live on Tabby's 3000 acre ranch in Tabby's big trailer. She's a much-loved surrogate Mom. These pretty girls learn to do fancy trick-riding stunts just like the pretty girls in the circus. It's an entertaining eye-catching sales gimmick because who wouldn't like to watch a pretty girl do handstands and pirouettes on horseback? And it's solid proof her horses are well-gentled and well-mannered. Despite her successes, Tabby is not making enough money to support her horse ranch and feed her family.

A smooth-talking local named Roy has his money-hungry eyes on Tabby's business. He offers to buy Tabby's ranch and half of her horse sales business. What is quite obvious to some of us watching this flick, sinuous Roy seems very very interested in more than money. What has caught his eye is one of the pretty trick riders named Porshia, Tabby's 17-year-old daughter. Roy doesn't come out and say it plainly, no he doesn't. What Roy really has in mind is shadowy, slimy, and unspoken.

My Thoughts: This flick is semi-documentary. It's pretty much a true story. Most of the main characters

are real folk playing themselves: Tabitha Zimiga is "Tabby" and her real daughter Porshia Zimiga plays her movie daughter, "Porshia." As for "Roy" the filmmaker went with professional Scoot McNairy, a much-respected Hollywood character actor. Lots and lots of horses play themselves quite convincingly.

Parents: I'm relatively sure the flick will bore and confuse kids. And then there's "Roy." You

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September 5, 9am-3pm Southwest Overgrown-Riding Center
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September 13, 12-3pm Trick Party at Inner Earth Tea House, 301 S. Sacramento St.
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Above, from left: The monthly maker's market stretches in front of several businesses on Commercial Street. Hailey Trahan and her daughter, Hazel, enjoy meeting people and selling her pieces. Amanda Wierman is the Crafty Dragon, with a variety of fanciful items. Below, from left: Samantha Lazaro dabbles in several types of media, including gouache, acrylic and oil. Amanda Wierman embeds images from the James Webb telescope in her art. Crafty Dragon uses small gears for jewelry, including "gears." At bottom, left: There's no shortage of things to buy for gifts or oneself. At bottom, right: Tiffany Chandler makes candles that are fanciful as well as calming and therapeutic.



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Margaret Gilman Shults

With heavy hearts and profound love, we announce the passing of Margaret Gilman Shults on July 19, 2025.

She was a devoted mother, cherished friend, and radiant soul who lived each day with uncommon grace and wholehearted joy.

Margaret departed this world peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, achievement, and unwavering light.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Willits Community Center on September 7, 2025 from 12 to 4 pm.

Willits Weekly can run legal notices including fictitious business name statements, foreclosure notices, storage unit auctions, and more.

Contact us for more information at willitsweekly@gmail.com

The rest of Skate

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the original intended uses for the building. "I was looking through the files for Harwood Park – I had to do some paperwork – I found the plans for Harwood Hall. The skate room is actually in the original design from 1948. They intended to do skating right off the bat," said Shields. According to Spence, there is a mountain of old skates and skate parts in the attic.

The rules of the night are fairly basic. "Skate within your ability. Don't cut people off. No playing tag. No eating or drinking while skating. Parents or a designated adult must accompany the children. People used to drop their kids off here and go to the bar. We'd be looking for them at 11 pm. 'Where are you? Your kid's here.' Generally, the kids are well-behaved. We haven't had to kick anybody out of Skate Night, ever. We talk it through with them when they act out," Spence explained.

Spence and Shields-Spence are responsible, in large part, for the nearby Skate Park, which is soon going to have the Fifth Annual NorCal Shredfest on Saturday, September 13.

"Six hard rock bands are going to be playing," said Spence. "A couple of them are ska bands from Southern California, Chicano ska punk. They're really good, with full horn sections, upbeat, energetic, positive, fun music. Some pro skaters are coming out. There's a skateboarding competition. There's a huge raffle. Everybody wins something. Also, we have product tosses, lots of really great food from local vendors. There's going to be a beer and wine garden. One of our main beer sponsors is Northspur Brewing out of Willits. It starts at 1 pm. We are asking for a \$10-to-\$20 donation at the door. It's all ages. It'll be a lot of fun."

"The coolest thing about Skate Night is the way that it's set up as a community function. The prices are low, so that everybody can afford to go. It's fun. Everybody has a blast," said Chris Johnston, a Harwood Park board member and ticket taker at the Skate Night.

Harwood Hall, built in 1948, is the de facto community center in Laytonville. It is the site of many events and meetings. The Harwood Park Association is the umbrella non-profit, under which is Harwood Hall, Laytonville Healthy Start, the bookstore at the old High School, the Friends of the Laytonville Library, and much more. For more information about Harwood Hall Skate Night, held at 44400 Willis Avenue, call 707-984-8089.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

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Brown Bag Lunch Program

Every Saturday at 1 pm sack lunches are served by local churches, community organizations, and families at Bud Snider Park on East Commercial. Come at 1 pm to be assured a lunch!

Do you need food?

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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 6510 Drive-Thru Tree Road. Info: Rachelle@mendofood.org; 707-615-6654.

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RV/Trailer Space for Rent

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Yard Sale

Saturday and Sunday, 9/6 and 9/7, from 9 am to 4 pm @ 555 Mill Street, Willits. Sale items will be Sports Cards and other Sports Memorabilia, Men's Clothing, Adult Clothing, Kids' Toys, Kitchen Stuff, 55 gal Fish Tank with Cabinet Stand and Housewares, and a lot more.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0360
The following person or persons are doing business as Tight Line Painting, 171 Crestview Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Justin Allen Johnson, 171 Crestview 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 August 4, 2025

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 18, 2025.

/s/ Justin Johnson
Publication Dates: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0380
The following person or persons are doing business as Root And Ritual, 70 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Veronica G. Fani, 70 Nancy Lane, 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 August 29, 2025.

/s/ Veronica G. Fani
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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Affectionate Taylor



little wary of new people at first. With a slow introduction and a bit of patience, he quickly warms up and reveals his goofy, affectionate side. He's the kind of dog who forms strong bonds and will be a loyal companion once he feels safe and comfortable.

Taylor may do well with other dogs after a proper introduction, so a meet-and-greet with any potential canine siblings would be a great idea. He's still young and would thrive with continued training and structure to help him be his best self. If you're looking for a playful, loving dog with a big heart and a bright future, come meet Taylor – he might just be your new best friend!

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

Energetic Lily

Lily is an active, full-throttle kind of girl! Grab life by the horns and run with it ... or grab a big stick, rather! She LOVES running and chasing sticks, the bigger the better.



She is super confident, a bit bossy, and selective about the company she keeps. Lily isn't a social butterfly, she would love a home with a couple active adults who don't have a ton of social activity in the home. She will protect, and maybe get possessive if allowed, so best to keep some boundaries with her! She's a smart, athletic girl who needs dog-savvy folks with a yard and time to provide lots of love, play time (big sticks!), and ongoing training and stimulation.

She doesn't love crowds, so no dog parks for Lily.

To learn more about Lily, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.



Lively Rocko

Meet Rocko! The perfect buddy to have with you always. Rocko enjoys supervising chores, watching Netflix with the fam, and entertaining you with his crazy kitten shenanigans.

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

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Sam Shepard's 'True West' starts 3-week run at WCT September 12

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

"True West," Sam Shepard's searing tale of brotherly rivalry, identity, and the crumbling myth of the American West, opens at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, September 12 for a three-week run. Directed by Joshua Sternberg, this intense and darkly funny drama depicts brothers Austin and Lee reuniting at their mother's suburban home, where the calm quickly unravels into a volatile battle of wills.

Sternberg, in his directorial debut at WCT, says the action unfolds in very condensed and concise moments of familial conflict. What emerges are two brothers working out truths about themselves in relationship to each other.

"It's an adventurous ride for the audience," Sternberg

Art Talks: 'American Art of the West'

Submitted by WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts is proud to announce the next installment of its Art Talks lecture series with an engaging presentation by art historian Dr. Julie Alderson, titled "American Art of the West." The event will take place on Friday, September 12 at 6:30 pm, and is free to the public.

Dr. Alderson, a specialist in American and European Art from 1860 to the present, holds a Ph.D. from Rutgers University and currently teaches art history at Cal Poly Humboldt University. Her scholarly work explores topics in sculpture, public art, Land Art, and museum theory. She has contributed to several academic publications, including "Nancy Holt:

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pointing out a unique stuffed animal. "She's a combination of an elephant and a unicorn. I call them Not Your Mother's Plushies. That one is Manta Bear, and this is Chicken Mantis. They are parts of the same animal. There are three creatures involved, a bear, a mantis, and a chicken. I made two creatures out of them. I rescue them from thrift stores, and I wash them really good. I restuff them with clean polyfill and then put them together whichever way I see fit, and then I make a little story about each of them whenever I make them. I tell myself a story in my head. Ellecorn is just kind of chill. She hangs out with a sister growing out of the side of her head but she's a unicorn as well as an elephant, so she has a trunk and a unicorn horn, so she's kind of confused, but she's happy." Wiernman also has "garrings," earrings made from little clock gears.

Samantha Lazaro is following in her grandfather's artistic footsteps. He was the well-known illustrator, Larry Todd. She is soon on her way to Oregon to major in digital art. She was selling paintings from a variety of materials and media. She also makes decorated notebooks and doodles.

Tiffany Chandler, the coordinator of the market, sells

says, "in how it takes you through a tableau of emotions, from sadness to elation, humor, and even a little fear or anxiety."

Shepard has said of his script, it presents the messy process of finding out who we are while also considering the possibility of who else we could become, explains Sternberg. "It's a deep dive into identity that plays itself out on a grimy surface." Featured actors Schyler Marcier, Eric Layer, Cindi Mohr, and Cortlandt Wilson bring "True West" to life where the only thing more dangerous than the desert is the truth.

Performances are September 12-28, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door or online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. Box Office: 707-216-1826.

Support for WCT is provided by NC Financial Group, Jerry Drew Painting, Big Fish Construction, Julia Morgan Redwood Grove, KZYX and KLLG radio, Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Penserra Group, and Redwood Waste Solutions.

Sightlines" (University of California Press) and "Thomas Kinkade: The Artist in the Mall" (Duke University Press).

In this lecture, Dr. Alderson will trace the artistic development of the American West, examining how artists have shaped and reflected the mythology of the western frontier – from early encounters to contemporary interpretations. With visual examples spanning centuries, she will explore the enduring significance of "The West" as a cultural concept and the ways in which it continues to influence American identity today.

Join us for a thought-provoking evening that brings together art, history, and the enduring power of myth. Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street.

For more information, visit willitscenterforthearts.org or email info@willitscenterforthearts.org.

College bound? See your counselor!

Submitted by Bob Colvig, Ed.D.

Back to School! It's September 2025 and time for college bound seniors to start their college applications. Students can begin the University California Application and the Common Application (for many private and out of state universities) as early as August 1. The early August application start date can be helpful for some seniors, but I recommend a later start and a relaxed approach.

Start by scheduling a meeting with your high school counselor first. Most of the application deadlines this year are November 30. The entire college application process takes time and thoughtful reflection by parents and students. Communication with your high school counselor is essential. Seeking a high school counselor's advice and help will reduce the stress and enable all to enjoy the process.

There are different terms used in the college application world, and the language can be confusing. Terms like CSU, UC, A-G, AP will have crept into our senior's vocabulary by early fall (SAT and ACT test scores may be discussed, they are currently required by some universities while optional at others). This may lead to more new terms that can be a challenge for both parents and students. Students will be discussing Essays, Personal Insight Questions, GPAs, the FAFSA, CAL GRANTS, UC APPLY, CAL STATE APPLY, the COMMON APP, and needing an FSA ID. It's important for both parents and students to take an active role to learn what these terms mean, and keep track of the various steps in the application process.

When we want help, a common answer we might hear is "it's on the web." Just because it is on a website does not necessarily mean we understand it, or how to use it, or its importance. That is when we turn to our high school counselors for help with the college application process. From the development of college lists, to completing letters of recommendation, listening, and guidance, our high school counselors will help our seniors submit their college applications.

My advice for seniors and parents of college-bound seniors is to PLAN EARLY. MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR as early in the school year as possible. To all educators, thank you in advance, for all of your hard work.

Dr. Bob Colvig, Ed.D. is a former high school counselor, teacher, and coach.

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501

Thursday, September 4: Chicken Cordon Blu Casserole

Friday, September 5: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies

Monday, September 8: Tuna Salad Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

Tuesday, September 9: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies, Roll

Wednesday, September 10, Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Beans

Thursday, September 11: Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham, Veggies, Roll

Friday, September 12: Sloppy Joes, Pasta Salad, Pickle

Activities: Bingo on Friday nights, 5 to 7

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based on the fiscal year 2024/25 budget.

The vote was 4 to 1 again, with Councilmember Bruce Burton voting no again. Commenting on the plan to bring a complete budget forward at the second meeting in September, Burton said: "As was the plan to have a complete budget in June and July and August."

"It's been almost four months of this fiscal year having budget be the top item of every month," Mayor Allman said at last week's meeting. "Any idea when we could get it done?"

"We're shooting for the second meeting in September," manager Wilburn responded. The regular meeting that week would be Wednesday, September 24.

"So the first meeting [in September] we'll be having the preliminary [budget]?" Allman asked.

"If we can have it done by the first meeting, that would be ideal," Wilburn said. "I just want to make sure.... I don't want

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A second part of the proposed ordinance will allow residences on Main Street, above and behind storefronts, adding not only much-needed housing, but bringing more people, more activity, and more commerce to the heart of downtown.

A third part of the ordinance will allow small "nano-breweries" to open on Main Street: breweries producing up to 3,000 barrels a year (a barrel holds 31 gallons). Currently, breweries are prohibited on Main Street unless the brewing is considered to be an offshoot, a sideline, to an eating establishment, which is how Northspur Brewery was able to obtain a permit to open. Breweries produce beer and ale and, especially for Willits, sake: A local – and very popular – chef and brewer from Japan, Ryo Muto, who currently owns the Hatake Farm Kitchen ghost (to go only) sushi restaurant in town, would like to open a sake brewery on Main Street.

Another part of the ordinance encourages local business ownership. "Formula-based businesses" (franchise and chain stores with more than 10 locations, such as Starbucks and Subway and Baskin & Robbins) will not be allowed to operate in the Main Street Mixed Use Zone unless granted a conditional use permit from the city. This means that the city council can decide if a franchise or chain store business

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 Juliana at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826.

to have the issue that we're talking about today with numbers floating around. The numbers are going to be solid."

So far, as Wilburn commented earlier, councilmembers have been through "every page" of the budget, but still haven't made any hard decisions.

Wilburn acknowledged the budget numbers need to be "consistent" and include corrections and omissions discussed during the budget workshops. "We need to get accurate numbers, and Manny [Financial Director Manual Orozco], that's going to be up to you, what can be provided. It needs to be the entirety."

One example cited of changing numbers in the budget data was the Working Capital sheet, discussed by councilmembers, and also cited in public comment on the budget by Measure K Committee member Sheri Ebyam. "Working Capital last Wednesday was \$8.3 million," Ebyam said, "and today it was \$11.9 million."

can open on downtown Main Street.

City councilman Bruce Burton pointed out that Main Street businesses would also be helped greatly if the city eliminated some of the red no-parking curbs: "The city has red curbed a significant amount of Main Street in favor of bike lanes that are seldom used." Burton's suggestion, however, is not part of the proposed ordinance. It would require additional preparation by the city's planning department, which has not received any direction from the city council.

Entertainment Zone proposed

Yet another Main Street proposal, though not part of the proposed ordinance, is to establish an Entertainment Zone, a specified area of Main Street that, during special events, people could walk around the event area with a beer or a glass of wine. Any business with a city-issued alcohol license and a license from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) could sell beverages, in specially labeled containers, to take out. This Entertainment Zone is still only in the discussion stage.

The Main Street Mixed Use Zone ordinance will get a second public hearing and council vote at the September 10 city council meeting.

David Lopez and Scarlett Frauto at the 2025 Mendocino County Fair Wine Competition awards, which featured People's Choice awards this year, as well as professionally judged contests. Photo by Edgar Castro.

Mendocino Winegrowers announces results of Mendocino County Fair Wine Competition

Submitted by MWI

Mendocino Winegrowers, Inc. recently announced the results of the 46th annual Mendocino County Fair Wine Competition at a special event at Ukiah's California Welcome Center.

For the first time ever, the competition – held on Saturday, August 16 at Brutocao Winery in downtown Hopland – comprised simultaneous People's Choice and professionally judged competitions.

"There are very few other competitions anything like this," says MWI Executive Director Diego Mendoza. "A chance for wine-loving consumers to taste and rate wines that have been double blinded, alongside professional judges, is as unique an experience as one can have in the wine world."

This year, 124 wines across 49 different winery labels were entered into the competition, all within the Mendocino County AVA, or American Viticultural Area. Awards were given in 14 categories, or classes. As in years past, Gold+ wines will be poured at MWI's booth at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show in Boonville from September 12-14.

Three exceptional wines won Best in Class in both the People's Choice and the professionally judged competitions: Girasole Vineyards 2023 Pinot Noir, Rustic Ridge 2023 Zinfandel, and Husch Vineyards 2024 Late Harvest Gewurztraminer in the Dessert Wines category. Event organizers noted that there was also a lot of crossover in wines earning Gold and Double Gold in both competitions.

"It's extremely gratifying, as a producer, to know that professionals and consumers all rated our wine so highly," says Zac Robinson of Husch Vineyards, whose family has been making this particular wine in Anderson Valley since the 1970s. Their Late Harvest Gewurztraminer also won Best in Class in the 2024 competition.

"We will always evolve what we do to best serve our members and to promote Mendocino County," says Archer of the

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culture at the City of Willits office (excluding the Police Department). This has prompted highly qualified, dedicated workers to leave City employment.

F2. The Grand Jury found the Willits City Council failed to provide oversight of top management for compliance with personnel policies and procedures.

F3. The Grand Jury found the City of Willits employees do not have an effective avenue for bringing complaints to the attention of top management. This is due to the failure to follow the Willits Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

F4. The Grand Jury found the City of Willits presently does not have a Director of Human Resources. Portions of the Willits Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual expressly contemplate such a position as employees are instructed to seek help from the Director of Human Resources.

F5. The Grand Jury found that the Willits City Council had not conducted annual performance reviews of the Willits City Manager by April 30 of each year.

The report also lists five recommendations:

R1. The Grand Jury recommends the Willits City Council direct its City Manager to demonstrate compliance with the existing written Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for the City of Willits, by July 31, 2025.

unusual competition format. "What will never change is our commitment to supporting and promoting Mendocino County, not just our grapes and wines but the broader community as well."

Archer explained that wherever possible, the competition sourced from local businesses including The Thatcher Hotel, Ukiah Natural Foods Co-Op, Schat's Bakery, Flora Quest Farm, Creative Workshop, Ukiah Paper Supply, and Lake Event Design.

There were nine industry judges who participated: Sarah Doyle, wine & beverage reporter at The Press Democrat, WSET Level 3; Chris Sawyer, Master Sommelier; Laura Ness, wine journalist with the San Jose Mercury News and Wine Industry Network; Diane Baccaro, certified sommelier and owner of Rendezvous Mendocino; Bernadette Byrne, former executive director of MWI; Charles Brock, wine buyer at Surf Market; Bekah Burnett, wine sales; Bob Blue, retired Mendocino County winemaker; and John Buechsenstein, enologist, adjunct wine faculty at The Culinary Institute of America, and recipient of the 2025 Rhone Rangers Lifetime Achievement Award.

"We're so grateful to these industry experts for sharing their time and considerable expertise with us, especially within our non-traditional format," says MWI President Elizabeth Archer. "They were all very good sports!"

In addition to voting, attendees of the People's Choice competition had the opportunity to provide comments on their favorite wines. The winner, George Swain, received two VIP tickets to the annual MWI Harvest Party on November 8 for his comment about Greenwood Ridge Vineyards 2023 Mendocino Zinfandel: "With more notes of baking spices than Grandma's house on a Sunday, this wine is a crowd pleaser."

For a full list of competition results, including links to all the winning wines, visit mendowine.com.

R2. The Grand Jury recommends the Willits City Council create a mechanism for compliance and oversight to ensure all personnel policies are being followed, by January 1, 2026.

R3. The Grand Jury recommends the Willits City Council direct the Willits City Manager to restore and fill the position of Human Resources Director by January 1, 2026.

R4. The Grand Jury recommends the Willits City Council conduct annual performance reviews of the Willits City Manager by April 30 of each year.

The Willits City Council is required to respond to all findings and recommendations.

Willits Weekly confirmed that the public record shows that the city council did do a performance review of former city manager Brian Bender every year as required. Reviews were done at the February 8, 2022, March 22, 2023, and April 10, 2024 meetings, as confirmed by agendas, minutes, and videos of the meetings. Bender started work with the city in January 2021.

When asked if the Grand Jury had looked up the public record showing the performance reviews had been conducted, foreperson Mary Leitem-Thomas said the Grand Jury had evidence for and had verified everything in the report.

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**MENDOCINO
COUNTY
FAIR & APPLE
SHOW**

SEPT. 12TH - 14TH, 2025

OPEN 9 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY!

FRIDAY, 9/12:
Free admission for children under 12
Admission is \$6 for seniors 65 and over
4 pm: Apple Bowl - Soccer



SATURDAY, 9/13:
8 pm: CCPRA Rodeo
**9:30 pm: Dance - Dean Titus
& the Coyote Cowboys**



SUNDAY, 9/14:
10 am: Sheep Dog Trials
10 am: Classic Car Show
Noon: Parade
2 pm: CCPRA Rodeo
**6 pm: Dance - Vales Del
Rancho and
Herenchue Reyes**



GENERAL ADMISSION:
ADULTS \$10 | JUNIORS 13-18: \$8
KIDS 7-12: \$6 | 6 AND UNDER: FREE



Apple Tasting | Livestock | Wool & Fiber Show | Exhibits

**BOONVILLE
FAIRGROUNDS**

See full schedule online: <http://mendocountyfair.com/>



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