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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

A great play at our local theater

To the Editor:

The Willits Community Theatre has done it again, presented an excellent play – and one that challenges the audience to think and feel deeply.

Sam Shepard, the writer of “True West,” always takes on topics that reveal the often unspoken feelings that can haunt a family, and yet he makes us laugh with ironies abounding in the dialogue and action.

In this production, two estranged brothers encounter each other at their mother’s home while she is away. The actors Schuyler Marcier and Eric Layer brilliantly portray Austin and Lee, each seething in their competitive relationship. The play explores the nature of failure and success and how families cope with underlying dysfunctions—or not

But delighted audience laughter rings out as well as gasps of shock at how these brothers treat one another, each seeking validation but unable to connect, so different are their temperaments. The transformation that these actors undergo in their roles is quite remarkable to witness.

The mother, played by Cindi Mohr, and Courtlandt Wilson as a film producer are also flawless in their portrayals, heavy with humor. The staging was excellent as well, by director Joshua Sternberg.

I suggest anyone looking for a thought-provoking evening of theater in our very own Willits go see this play, and take some time to talk with a friend about what it means to you.

Kim Bancroft, Willits

Mobile Vending committee meeting, September 23

Submitted by City of Willits

The City of Willits invites all community members to attend an Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss the development of a mobile vending ordinance. The committee meeting is set for Tuesday, September 23, at 5:30 pm.

This meeting is a chance to:

- Learn about the City's efforts to regulate mobile vending
- Ask questions and share input
- Help shape policies that support safe and successful vending practices

We encourage all interested community members to attend and share their thoughts!

The meeting is set for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:30 pm, at Willits City Hall Council Chambers. 111 East Commercial Street.

The Rules: **LETTERS**

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Plans to close Parlin Fork camp

Editor's Note: Willits Weekly queried the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and CAL FIRE about a tip we got and comments online about plans to close Parlin Fork Conservation Camp in Jackson Demonstration State Forest, the oldest fire camp in Northern California. Thanks to the CDCR Press Information Officer who sent us this response from the two agencies, but we got it too late this week to do any follow-up. We decided to print the response on its own for now, here it is:

“CDCR and CAL FIRE will be consolidating Parlin Fork Conservation (Fire) Camp with the Konocti Conservation Camp [in Lower Lake] by early 2026. Closure of the Palin Fork location does not reduce the number of incarcerated people available for firefighting efforts. Instead, the consolidation will allow for more efficient staffing. Logistics of the consolidation are still in discussion, and no further details are available at this time.”

California Conservation Corps Willits grand opening, September 26

Posted by CCC

Join the California Conservation Corps in celebrating the opening of our newest residential facility, on East Hill Road in Willits. This state-of-the-art center will be home to more than 80 Corpsmembers and provides natural resource project service to Mendocino County and to all of California.

Join us for the celebration, meet our Corpsmembers, tour the facility, and enjoy some snacks. Friday, September 26, 2025, from 11 am to 1 pm, 600 East Hill Road. To pre-register for free event tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/ccc-mendocino-center-opening-celebration-tickets-1629087136479 See you there!

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 18: Chili Burger, Mac & Cheese

Friday, September 19: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Monday, September 22: Ground Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans

Tuesday, September 23: Chili Mac, Corn Bread, Veggies

Wednesday, September 24: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll

Thursday, September 25: Carnitas Burrito Wet w/ Green Sauce

Friday, September 26: Turkey w/Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll

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

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

TOWN-WIDE ONGOING EVENTS

Drop-In Life Drawing Group at WCA: Every Thursday from 1 to 4 pm at Willits Center for the Arts. Cost is based on sliding scale. More info: Margaret 707-459-9251.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Saturdays at 1 pm, sack lunches are served by local churches, community organizations, and families at Bud Snider City Park on East Commercial. Come at 1 pm 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 at: Brickhouse Coffee, Mendo Mill, Willits Branch Library, the Senior Center and Little Lake Grange.

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

Farmstand at the Commonwealth Garden: Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm for farm-fresh produce and treats. Located on right-hand side of Haehl Creek Drive, past Howard Memorial Hospital. More info: 707-459-2777.

Flourish and Flow Yoga in the Park: Sundays from 10 to 11 am in Rec Grove Park on South Lenore Street. All levels welcome. Cost is by donation which will be given to the Willits Senior Center.

Lunch to Live Music at Brickhouse Coffee: every Wednesday from noon to 2 pm featuring various artists. Corner of Main and Commercial Streets, Willits.

Open Mic Night at Inner Earth Tea House: Fridays from 5 to 8 pm. Bring your songs, poems, stand-up comedy, instruments, etc. to this family-friendly event. \$12 and includes unlimited tea. 48 East San Francisco Street.

Summer Evenings at The Munchery: Most Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 8 pm for a patio party featuring cornhole, darts and ping pong and on Thursdays, Trivia Night! The Munchery, 1797 South Main Street.

Mobile Showers Available in Willits: Mobile shower is in Willits every Monday and Tuesday from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, behind St. Francis Church at the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. Toiletries, towels and washcloths provided. Those with disabilities may need to bring a helper. Sack dinners are served from 4:30 to 5:30 by Willits Daily Bread.

Inland Valley Women's Chorus: Every Thursday (except holidays) from 6 to 7:30 pm to sing songs of peace, joy, social justice and healing. No audition or experience required. Carpooling available from Willits. Holy Trinity Church, Mary & Martha Room, 640 South Orchard Avenue, Ukiah. More info: Madge Strong, 707-459-1493.

Shanachie Pub

Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

Saturday Sessions at Shanachie: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, Tommy G will host

an open jam at Shanachie Pub. Bring any instrument and explore your creativity!"

Bluegrass String Jam: An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm, with all Bluegrass musicians welcome!

Wednesday Open Mic Night: Every Wednesday–Enter your name in the lottery from 3 to 7 pm to choose your 20-minute time slot, with performances beginning at 7:20.

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908. Open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Closed Sunday and Monday.

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Wednesdays, 11 am to 1 pm, in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe."

LEGO Club: Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 pm. "Bring your imagination and start building."

Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to noon, come get computer help and your technical questions answered!

Spinning and Knitting: Saturdays at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome! Spinning, 1 to 2 pm; Knitting, 2 to 4:30 pm.

Story and Playtime: Fridays from 11 am to noon, bring the kids for a story followed by play time in the Children's Area.

Pickleball: Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 5 pm and Saturdays at 9 am at the Willits High School tennis courts. Free to play and all levels welcome.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Monday at 6 pm at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Friday at 7 pm, at St. Francis of the Redwoods on the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the library. Call or email to make an appointment: LiteracyWillits@gmail.com or 707-456-7729.

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See us out and about? At the Farmers Market? We are happy to take any cash donations!

At top, left: Erika Aiella of Deerbee Gardens shows some of her lovely flowers and demonstrates her still for creating hydrosols. At top, right: Damian Sebouhian invites people to play his metaphysical Dungeons and Dragons-type game, Coratopia. Above, left: Julia Jaye Sotomayor of the Willits Gem and Mineral Society displays her minerals and raw gems along with her dog. Above, right: Jennifer Kong brought sushi and potstickers to sell to the block parties.

Below, left: Amber Slater and Abbie Pennington with their kids, Emma and Jadelyn, sell their dye-sublimated tumbler and coffee mugs. Below, right: A family of artists and crafters, Hailey, Carter, James and Hazel Trahan from Laytonville, sell their creations. At bottom, left: Runa Link offers holistic assessments and consultations along with some tinctures. At bottom, right: Molly McClellan of Sacred Soul Alchemy does intuitive readings and energy healing.

At right: After painting on several sections of the community mural, these two kids receive one of Anna Judd's participation bracelets. At far right: Simona Jewelry offers a large selection of finely crafted pieces.

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Thursday, September 18

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at City Park with vendors along State Street for the freshest produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot and cold food, and tasty treats from local businesses, along with crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. The market honors EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits to double your dollars.

Creative Writers Workshop at the Library: Share your fictional works in a supportive environment, receive constructive feedback and discuss publishing options. This free event is open to ages 13 and up. September 18 from 4:30 to 6 pm, and every 3rd Thursday of the month thereafter at the Willits Branch Library.

Avenues to Wellness presentation at WCA: Schuyler Marcier will present 'All Brains are Beautiful: Supporting Children with ADHD, Autism and More,' Thursday, September 18 from 6 to 7 pm at Willits Center for the Arts. Free to attend though donations are appreciated. More info: Call Suzanne 707-456-9676.

Friday, September 19



Food Not Bombs in Rec Grove Park: Food Not Bombs Willits presents a free meal, zines and supplies every first and third Fridays around 5 pm at the picnic tables. Everyone is welcome.

True West at WCT: This darkly funny drama written by Sam Shepard and directed by Joshua Sternberg continues at Willits Community through September 28, with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm.. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or online: wctperformingartscenter.org.

Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library: Come talk about books, authors, and genres on Friday, September 19 from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Library.

Cannabis Community Meeting at the Grange: Free, two-day presentation by Legacy Cannabis Genetics, September 19 and 20 from 1 to 5 pm at the Little Lake Grange. More info: eventbrite.com.

Hog Farm Celebration at Black Oak Ranch: A weekend of camping, games and activities, and live music beginning September 19 at 2 pm. Locally sourced meals and beer and wine Happy Hour included in the ticket price. Tickets are limited. Black Oak Ranch, 50350 Highway 101, Laytonville. Info and tickets: blackoakranch.com.

Ramblers Duo at Shanachie: Friday, September 19 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, September 20

Rhinestone Cowboy Ball at Ridgewood Ranch: Fundraiser for Redwood Community Services, featuring craft beer, wine, and a signature cocktail at the open bar, dinner by Cook's BBQ, a silent and live auction and dancing to live music, Saturday, September 20 from 4 to 10 pm at Ridgewood Ranch. Info and tickets: eventbrite.com.

True West at WCT: Saturday, September 20 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See September 19 listing for details.

Blue Luke at Shanachie: Saturday, September 20 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Hog Farm Celebration at Black Oak Ranch: Event continues Saturday, September 20. See September 19 listing.

Cannabis Community Meeting at the Grange: Second day of presentation by Legacy Cannabis Genetics on September 20 from 1 to 5 pm at Little Lake Grange. See September 19 listing.

Ecstatic Dance in Brooktrails: An equinox sunset ecstatic dance with DJ Dragonfly, and tea provided by Inner Earth Tea. Cost is sliding scale, \$20 to \$30. Saturday, September 20 from 5 to 7 pm in the Ohl Redwood Grove park in Brooktrails, 24992 Clover Road, Willits.

Sunday, September 21

HSMC & Roots of Motor Power presentation at the Grange: History of the Northwestern Redwood Company on September 21 at 1 pm at the Little Lake Grange. Afterward, attendees are invited to refreshments and a tour of their collection. Cost is \$10. Please RSVP at mendocinocountyhistory.org/event.

True West at WCT: Sunday, September 21 at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. See September 19 listing for more info.

WCT Hearts for the Arts Gala at Whistle Stop Cafe: A fundraiser for Willits Community Theatre with dinner catered by the Lions Club, live music and auction. Seating is limited so reserve your ticket at eventbrite.com. Sunday, September 21 at 5 pm in the Courtyard of the Whistle Stop Cafe, 280 East Commercial St.

Mobile Vending Ordinance Discussion: City of Willits invites community to add input to the development of a mobile vending ordinance, Monday, September 23 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at Willits City Hall.

Wednesday, September 24
Willits Stamp Club at the Library: Wednesday, September 24 from 5 to 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Refreshments served. Willits Branch Library. More info email: talsofam@pacific.net

Tuesday, September 23

WCT Annual Gala
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History Makers Printmaking at the Museum: Create different styles of artistic prints every Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 pm. This week: Found Object Prints. All ages, free with museum admission. Mendocino County Museum.

Thursday, September 25

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at City Park, for the freshest produce available, local meat, tasty treats, crafts, the new edition of the Willits Weekly and much more. See September 18 listing for more details.

Friday, September 26

CCC Mendocino Center Grand Opening: California Conservation Corps celebrates the opening of its newest residential facility and invites you to tour the facility, meet the Corps members and enjoy some snacks on Friday, September 26 from 11 am to 1 pm at 600 East Hill Road, Willits.

Anniversary Celebration at Flourish & Flow: A free event to celebrate the community with music, dancing, food and drinks on Thursday, September 26 from 6 to 9 pm at Flourish & Flow Mendo, 1726 South Main Street, Ste B, Willits.

True West Final Weekend at WCT: Friday, September 26 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. For more info see September 19 listing.

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Roller skate for \$1 from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, September 26 at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits Avenue, Laytonville.

Drive-thru Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at Senior Center: Two BBQ Chicken dinners with cole slaw, beans, rolls and brownies for \$40 that can be picked up Friday, September 26 from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Senior Center, or delivered for \$5. Buy tickets there or online: willitsseniorcenter.com

Blue J's at Shanachie: Friday, September 26 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, September 27

Celebration of Life Trail Trek: Community trail running and walking event through the Brooktrails area. This family-friendly event begins at 9 am on Saturday, September 27. Same-day registration at the Brooktrails Par Course starting at 8 am or preregister online at runsignup.com. More info: Crystal 916-764-1746.

Harvest and Seed Gathering at Grange Garden: Free class to learn how to collect, store and process seeds for next year's planting. September 27 from 11 am to 2 pm at Little Lake Grange Garden.

Eckankar Dreams Workshop at Willits Community Center: Learn to understand and receive answers from your dreams at this free, family-friendly workshop on Saturday, September 27 from 2 to 3:30 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

Hillshaker at Shanachie: Saturday, September 27 at 8 pm, at Shanachi Pub.

Mabon Market at The Munchery: Live music, mini photo sessions and a curated selection of local vendors, plus specialty cocktails and seasonal small bites to savor. Saturday, September 27 from 1 to 5 pm at The Munchery, 1797 South Main Street.

True West Final Evening Performance at WCT: Final evening performance, Saturday, September 27 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. For more info see September 19 listing.

Sunday, September 28

Grange Pancake Breakfast: All you can eat of our "scratch" pancakes (sourdough, wholegrain, Hank's famous buttermilk, or gluten-free) plus organic, local farm-fresh scrambled eggs, Beeler's Quality bacon, real butter, juice and organic coffee or tea for only \$12! (\$11 for Seniors, \$5 for kids under 10). Enjoy extra sides of organic fruit, Amish organic maple syrup, fresh

fruit syrup or extra bacon for a small additional fee. Fourth Sunday of the month, 8 to 11 am, Little Lake Grange.

True West Final Show at WCT: Final performance, Sunday September 28 at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. More info see September 19 listing.

Song Circle at Inner Earth Tea: Bring your songs to share and sing together on Sunday, September 28 from 4 to 6 pm. Donation-based, all skill levels welcome. Inner Earth Tea, 40 East San Francisco Avenue.

Death Cafe at Inner Earth Tea: A safe space to discuss death and dying, Sunday, September 28 from 1 to 3 pm. This event is donation based. Inner Earth Tea House, 48 East San Francisco Avenue.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

‘Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale’



The Story: A memorial for Dame Maggie Smith, and a continuation of the Crawley Family saga. It's 1930, the end of the wild Post War Decade. What's going to happen to every one of the well-known (though not by this Reviewer, alas) characters, all of whom are getting older and perhaps are moving on?

A large portion of the Crawley fortune is lost in the horrific pre-Great Depression Stock Market Crash. The no-longer-enormously-wealthy Crawleys have (OMG) serious money problems.

And then, beautiful Mary got a divorce!?! Why the question mark??? Well...getting a divorce just isn't done! Not in Society! Quel scandale! None of Downton Abbey's neighbors will come to the annual dinner party. Perhaps they can be enticed somehow. The transcendently famous songwriter Noël Coward is in England for a show. Perhaps he can be invited. If Coward attends the Crawley soiree, that would be an enormous social coup. The recalcitrant neighbors would not be able to resist basking in Noël Coward's stary presence.

My Thoughts: The Downton Abbey television and motion picture series, little of which I actually know, is based on nostalgia for a lost world. What I need to say rises above what I do not know. I can affirm unconditionally that the actors are all masters of their craft. This flick demands watching for their brilliance, and for celebration of the late Dame Maggie Smith who passed away September 27, 2024. We film lovers will miss her presence.

Parents: If you bring your children, there will be an enormous amount of explaining required. I suggest teens and up.

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



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This annual, free, family-friendly Fall festival features a variety of activities, including live music, games, pie eating contest (sponsored by Kemmy's Pies), delicious food, vendors, classic cars and more, with downtown shops and restaurants open late for unbelievable sales and specials. Saturday, October 4 from 4 to 9 pm in Downtown Willits.

Uncorked & Uncharted Luncheon Benefit for Museum, October 5

A fundraising event featuring a live auction, music and a historical tour of Mendocino County through stories of our shared past. Ticket price is \$55 and includes a catered lunch by Harvest Market with proceeds benefitting the Mendocino County Museum. Sunday, October 5 from 1 to 4 pm at the Ridgewood Ranch Carriage House. For tickets and more info: mendocinocountymuseumfriends.org.

Call to Artists
38th Annual Willits Holiday Craft Fair
December 13th and 14th, 2025
to be held at the Willits Community Center and Willits Center for the Arts.
This is a 2 day show starting Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 10am-6pm. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs, who hand-make their own products, should request application forms by e-mail to: Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com
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At top: Grand opening refreshments laid out for customers before the doors were open. Above: Diana Hosford works at the computer at Country Quilts & Crafts. At right: Co-owner Jackie Knoell, at left, behind the counter ringing up customers during Country Quilt's grand opening celebration. Below: The shelves at Country Quilts are full of supplies for creative pursuits.



Above: The new Country Quilts & Crafts storefront at 1611 South Main Street.

Country Quilts & Crafts offers supplies for creative crafters of all levels

Submitted by Country Quilts & Crafts

Country Quilts & Crafts had a grand opening celebration for the new shop at 1611 South Main Street on Saturday, September 6. On Instagram, the store says it carries: "Quilting & Crafting supplies for crafters of all level" – and offers classes too.

Owners Jackie Knoell and Pat Knoell were thrilled with all the people that came to the grand opening day to support the new shop. "We had a huge turnout," reported Lisa Yokum, who manages the scrapbooking department and is helping get the word out.

The Knoells are a mother-daughter team with a shared love for quilting and creativity. "At Country Quilts and Crafts, we offer premium fabrics, threads, notions, patterns, and everything you need to bring your quilting projects to life."

The Main Street store also stocks "an inspiring selection of supplies for your scrapbooking and crafting adventures and so much more. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just beginning your creative

journey, we're here to help you stitch memories that last a lifetime."

Country Quilts will be offering monthly paper craft classes as well as sewing classes and have open scrapbooking crops and sewing each month.

The upcoming paper craft class, "Making a Spooky Banner," is set for Wednesday, September 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Space is limited on the classes, so you need to pre-register.

Country Quilts is open Tuesdays 10-6, Wednesdays 10-4, Thursdays, 10-6, Fridays 10-6, Saturdays 10-4. Closed on Sundays and Mondays. Stop by 1611 South Main Street during open hours to pre-register for classes, or call 707-360-0985.

Visit <https://www.cqcrafts.com/> for more information or to sign up for the newsletter. Follow Country Quilts on Facebook or Instagram to keep up with classes and other special offerings.

LEGAL NOTICES

WW561

CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE Second Reading and adoption continued to September 24, 2025 City Council Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Willits will consider the second reading and adoption of the following ordinances at its regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 111 E Commercial St, Willits, California:

1. An Ordinance of the City of Willits Amending Title 17 of the Willits Municipal Code Including the Modification of Chapter 17.06 Entitled Use Group Classifications and the Establishment of Two New Mixed Use Zoning Districts: Main Street Mixed Use (DU) and General Mixed Use (GU).

2. An Ordinance of the City of Willits Amending the Official Zoning Map to Apply New and Revised Zoning Districts Consistent with the 2024 General Plan Land Use Element and Land Use Map.

The proposed ordinances would implement the City of Willits 2024 General Plan Land Use Element Update, adopted on October 24, 2024, by establishing two new zoning classifications and revising the Zoning Map to achieve consistency with the General Plan Land Use Map. The new zoning districts are intended to encourage mixed use development, support economic vitality, and promote walkable neighborhoods.

Key components of the ordinances include:

- Land use and development standards for the new DU and GU zoning districts;

- Design and building orientation requirements;

- Additional regulations on formula-based businesses;

- Create new nanobrewery use group

- Special off-street parking provisions for the DU zoning district consistent with Land Use Element Policy LU-4.4, which include exemptions from standard parking requirements for small-scale developments and deed-restricted affordable housing south of Broadus Creek.

Environmental Review: The proposed ordinances were fully analyzed under the certified Program Environmental Impact Report prepared for the 2024 Land Use Element Update. No additional environmental review is required.

Copies of the proposed ordinances and all related materials are available for public review at City Hall during regular business hours.

For additional information, contact the Community Development Department at 707-459-4601 or dduley@cityofwillits.org.

/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

Publication Date: September 18, 2025

WW559

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0346

The following person or persons are doing business as Bell Glen Resort, 70400 Highway 101, Leggett, CA 95685. Mailing address: 30600 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; 707-972-7724.

Registered owner: Lyndia Pyeatt, 30600 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; 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 8, 2025.

/s/ Lyndia Pyeatt

Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2025

WW557

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0392

The following person or persons are doing business as KIP Consulting, 16300 Bluejay Lane, Willits, CA 95490; 707-472-9094.

Registered owner: Brianna Adams, 16300 Bluejay 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 August 11, 2025.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 10, 2025.

/s/ Brianna Adams

Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2025

WW558

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0376

The following person or persons are doing business as Mattress By Appointment, 1726 South Main Street, Suite G, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Y over OK LLC, 1490 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 25, 2025.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 27, 2025.

/s/ Jeff Yokum, President
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Volleyball JV and varsity

This year's JV volleyball team is a set of all brand new players. As they pave their way, learning and growing through the challenges of a brand new team, it will be a fun and exciting set of games!

"This year's JV team is all freshmen. We are a determined group of great girls and I'm excited to see how this season goes," said Head Coach Lucy Kyne.

This year's varsity team has a variety of experienced players from freshmen to seniors, adding zest to their already successful seasons. This is a group of fierce, tenacious ladies. This go-around should be no different! The WHS varsity volleyball roster includes six returning players: seniors Captain Jazmarie Henson, Captain Cecily Potter, Gloria Gutierrez, Evie Kale, and Dannika Smith, as well as junior Abigail Sherf. Five new players join the team this year: senior Jayden Sossamen, junior Izzy Sims, and three freshmen Tulsi Bixler, Ashley Aadland Breen and Presley Tuttle.

"During the recent preseason games, we have competed against only teams in higher CIF sections and divisions," said Head Coach Jon Jessup. "Our Lady Wolverines have wowed onlookers with this team's clear strength and undeniable potential. In our most recent match against Healdsburg, our varsity team battled from start to finish, making beautiful offensive plays and fabulous defensive saves. Our Lady Wolverines this year are very strong, competitive, and incredibly talented. We are looking forward to a promising fall season!"

Varsity volleyball had their first league game last week, away, against Credo. These girls came up a bit short as they are still working out some kinks just getting started. But, they displayed great teamwork and spirit.

"We did not come out with the win, but are looking forward to a rematch with them when they come to Willits," said Jessup. "We are still getting the rust off from just returning back this fall volleyball season, and consequently made too many errors that resulted in our loss. We're busy working hard to make fewer errors that should lead to more wins."

Varsity Volleyball then held a riveting game against RCP at home in the Steve Short Gymnasium. These girls were ready for victory, taking to the court with determination and grit. "With Thursday's volleyball game against Roseland Collegiate Prep High School, the Lady Wolverines made quick work of their opponent, attacking their weakness, and never let up, winning in three," said Jessup.

Congratulations on your victory, varsity Wolverines! Next up is a varsity volleyball tournament at Carmichael. Best of luck, ladies!

Girls soccer

The girls soccer team opened their league game last Thursday against Middletown with a victory. This year's team consists of some returning and new players: freshman Lilly Lees, Alissa and Ella Randrup, sophomores Alihna Diaz and Madison Winter, junior Briana Carrillo and seniors Kate Winter, Arion Martin, Lyly Herman,

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Delia Siderakis, Ava Holmen, Natalie Hernandez and Alexandra Mendoza.

"Wolverines opened their season with a victory over Middletown, 3-1 with two goals from senior Ava Holmen, and one from senior Delia Siderakis," said Head Coach Juan Diaz. "The team dominated the whole game and gave up a goal at the end of the game. We are still working on how to finish our games strong and not continue making mistakes at the end of the games. I'm excited for my second year as a head coach, and excited for having a few new faces; of course, for our returning players. The team is working very hard every practice because we are excited to defend our championship and try to do a back-to-back title."

Holmen has high hopes and is approaching this year with a great deal of optimism. "I'm always looking forward to practice because it's my favorite part of the day," Holmen said. "We work hard, but always have fun because the team bond is amazing. Our coach always lifts us up and encourages us to do our best. I'm very proud of how we play together on the field. Last year we were league champions and I believe we will be successful once again."

Congratulations on a great start! Let's go, Wolverines!

Boys soccer

The Wolverines Boys Soccer team is ready to hit the field running with some talented athletes this year. They stomped their first league game against Middletown with an awesome win. When Jackie Castaneda took over the boys soccer team, she knew it would be a challenge.

"I recognized the great talent within the group," said Castaneda. "From the beginning, I believed that with dedication and hard work, this team could accomplish great things. The first few games were tough. With only one or two substitutes available, and the players adjusting to a completely different style of play than what we were used to, it wasn't easy. Still, the boys quickly realized what areas needed improvement. Through consistent practice and commitment, we began to see real progress.

"From day-one to now, the transformation has been great," said Castaneda. "The players have not only sharpened their skills, but also developed a stronger understanding of the game. They are learning the importance of discipline, decision making, and playing the right way. Our focus is on teaching them to play the right way, and play true soccer: connecting passes, moving the ball with purpose, and trusting each other as a team. That's what the beautiful game is all about."

Coaches Castaneda and Diaz have set clear goals: to compete for a league title and earn a spot in the playoffs. Based on the growth, effort and determination these boys have shown, they believe their goals are in reach. They are building a culture of hard work, unity, and how they need to represent their school. "I am proud of how far the team has come, and I'm excited to see how far we can go," concluded Castaneda.

COLUMN | The Medicine Chest Garden

It's time to save seeds

By Donna d'Terra

Why save seeds from our gardens? We save seeds for reasons of tradition, economy, seed-saving sovereignty, and of course, because we want more plants!

When you gather seeds from your own garden, you become keenly aware of the way each plant produces, protects and eventually distributes its seeds. Although this article is mostly about herb seed, the principles apply to food and flower plants, as well.

In general, let seeds stay on the plants as long as possible because they will continue to pull food from the mother plant. Seeds are mature when the flowers have died back, the seedheads are dry, and in most cases, when the seeds are brown or black.

One way to test seed maturity is to hold the plant stalk and shake it gently, noticing if some of the seeds fall off. Nature, in her wisdom, does not ripen all of the seeds on a plant at the same time.

With some plants, you can carefully bend the flower stem into a brown bag and shake it to release ripened seeds. I do this with Valerian plants, repeating the process every few days.

Some herbs have multiple small seed heads that can easily be snipped off when they are mature, and dropped into a paper bag. Grindelia, Meadow Arnica, Agrimony, and Spilanthes are a few examples.

Other herbs don't fully ripen their seeds until late autumn, and then it is the color of the seed that indicates its maturity. Ashwagandha seeds will be bright orange-red; Echinacea seedheads will be dark brown or black.

For herbs in the Apiaceae family, (Dill, Cilantro/Coriander, Fennel, Angelica, Lovage), tie a paper bag over the umbels and leave it for a week or two, weather permitting.

Rather than save seeds, I find some herbs easier to propagate with a division (Mints, Catnip, Comfrey, Lemon Balm, Yarrow), or with winter cuttings (Rosemary, Elders, Sages, Lavender). This said, there is also a good argument to be made for planting new herb seed to encourage more diverse genetics in your garden.

Once harvested, herb seed is cleaned by separating it from the plant matter (chaff) that was harvested with it.

An easy way to do this is to scoop some of the seed and chaff onto a shallow box lid or cookie sheet and then tilt it slightly. The seeds roll down and the chaff stays put. Screens with varying mesh sizes can also be used.

Once cleaned, proper storage of your seeds is important. Put the seeds into envelopes or ziplock bags and place those into an airtight container, such as a glass jar. Be sure to label those envelopes! Many small, dark seeds look alike. Ideally, store the jars in a place that is cool (optimum temperature, 35 to 65 degrees), low humidity, and dark or out of direct sunlight. Where I live, this is in the bottom of a closet in a room on the north side of the house.

The importance of saving your own herb and food seed is underscored by these figures: Of the food seeds that existed 100 years ago, 90 percent are now extinct. (The less diversity, the greater the potential catastrophe.)

For 200 years there were no seed corporations. Now, 90 percent of seeds are owned by large corporations. Three multi-national companies (Dupont, Monsanto, Syngenta), controlled 60 percent of seeds. Since 1970, 20,000 seed companies have disappeared.

If you would like to learn more about seed saving and celebrate the harvest season, come to the FREE event at the Little Lake Grange in Willits on Saturday, September 27 from 11 am to 2 pm.

The "Abundance! Garden Harvest and Seed Gathering" event will take place in the back lot and garden.

Jamie Chevalier, owner of Quail Seeds, will give a talk on how to best handle, process and store seeds, using simple household utensils. There will be other talks and presentations, as well as hands-on seed processing, garden tours and kids activities.

You are encouraged to bring your harvest abundance – extra produce to share, trade, or send to the Food Bank – and to bring extra plants, bulbs or fertilizer to share. All of it will find new homes and create a positive impact.

This is an important, FREE opportunity to learn ways to be more self-sufficient, self-empowered and to share knowledge with each other. Let's together celebrate this seed collecting and harvest season as we build and strengthen our community.

See you there!

Donna d'Terra is an herbalist and herbal educator in Willits.

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Patient Hanky

What a treasure this dog is! Hanky Panky was found in the vineyards in Redwood Valley, stoic and calm, he was waiting for the right help to come along.

Hanky is our longest resident now, he is a volunteer favorite, and being in his company is a real treat. Hanky loves his ears rubbed and is learning lots with our team, he would love to make some new friends. Hanky is ready to try out life in a home and we hope you will come and meet him soon! Foster or adopter needed!

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

Intelligent Melody

Melody has it all and wants to share it with her forever family! This beautiful nugget of a dog is smart, affectionate, and great with teenagers (16

and up). Young, energetic, and people-oriented, she just wants to play the day away with her people in a yard or go walking on trails. Melody needs a firm guardian and correction for the jumping and nipping she

does – small little grabs at clothes and occasionally that tiny little bit of a pinch on skin – she can be an exuberant jumping bean! We have worked with her but it needs to continue – trying to crop her wings and keep her grounded is a fete.

Melody is not a dog-park dog, she is an alpha dog, and a super physical player. She is best suited to being the only dog in a home, and no cats or young children. She is happy to run and play in a yard; she loves treats and may do scent work – hide and seek. She is best with stay-at-home folks with a big yard and as a running companion. This girl is a real go-getter like a big, active Lab crammed into a tidy

little chunk of a body that’s bursting at the seams!

Because of her active nature, Melody will do best in an environment with a tall, secure fence. Her above average-intelligence has led her to become a bit of an escape artist and she is adept at climbing fences and opening doors (but not to run away ... just to be with you!). However, these tendencies are fixable since Melody is a good listener who is eager to please and is very treat motivated. Melody understands hand signals and voice commands, she will stop any undesirable behavior with correction, and making the effort, providing consistency, and enough exercise will go a long way.

Melody’s adoption fee is one half off! Adoption fee: \$200. Melody comes with a 20-day get-acquainted period with her adoption, time to adjust to her new surroundings. Please give time and patience to new adoptees, particularly dogs from the Milo Sanctuary.

To learn more about Melody, 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.

Sassy Lily

Lily is a beautiful brown tabby kitten with bright eyes full of wonder and just the right dash of sass. A little independent by nature, she enjoys her solo adventures around the house, exploring every nook and cranny like the curious kitty she is. But don’t be fooled – when the toys come out, Lily’s playful side shines! Feather wands, jingly balls, and crinkly tunnels are her jam, and she’s always up for a good game (on her terms, of course). Lily is the perfect companion for someone who appreciates a kitten with a mind of her own, but who’s always nearby, keeping an eye on the fun – and occasionally pouncing right into it.

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

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