Oops Drive Thru Chicken Dinner is September 26

Editor's Note: Willits Weekly apologizes for the date error in last week's paper – the Willits Senior Center's annual BBQ Drive Thru Chicken Dinner, supported by Willits Lions Club, is set for Friday, September 26. Here's the latest from Senior Center Director Richard Baker:

No need to use the stove or do the dishes. Swing by the senior center and pick up a BBQ Chicken Dinner Friday night, September 26 from 5 to 6:30 pm. If you don't feel like leaving the comfort of your home, got you covered, we're offering delivery for \$5. Dinner feeds (2) and includes half a BBQ Chicken, Calico Beans, Coleslaw, fresh baked Rolls and Ghirardelli Brownies. You can purchase your (Presell tickets only) at the senior center or online @ www.willitsseniorcenter. com If you purchased tickets online and want delivery, make sure to leave your name, address and phone number.

I'd like to thank the following volunteers for donating your time, energy, skills and caring hearts to support our efforts to help support our local

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Above: Drops off the carport were a wonderful sight. Below, left: After the storm, a full quarter-inch filled this southwest Willits rain gauge. Below, right: Ripples spread out in the fountain.



location

Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd

average

South Main @ East Oak

Northbrook Way

Valley Rd

Canyon Rd

Pine Mountain



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The Rain's Keappearance

Season's first rain wet Willits just a bit last week

After a 119-day absence, measurable rainfall returned to the Little Lake Valley. Starting on September 8, the accumulation over about 48 hours averaged 0.55 inches across the valley, on par with the prediction. While June, July, and August saw no rainfall, they also had very few 100+ degree F days. Look for the possibility of light rainfall in our area on September 18 and 19.

- Tim Hanna, Willits Weekly Rain Box

Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches) Sat Sun weekly since Sep 12 Sep 14 Sep 11 Sep 13 01Oct24 total 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.59 82.25 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.52 75.76 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.37 56.63 0.00 0.00 52.43 0.00 0.88 54.70 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.48 74.31 0.00

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data compiled from weatherunderground (https://www.wunderground.com)

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New 'North Coast Catch' label for county seafood

Submitted by WBDC

Noyo The Harbor District and West Business Development Center are proud to announce the launch of "North Coast Catch," a new initiative spotlighting seafood harvested off Mendocino County's rugged coastline. With the support of seven participating fish markets across the county, North Coast Catch gives residents and visitors a direct connection to local fishermen, regional species, and the sustainable practices that define our North Coast.

Shoppers throughout Mendocino County will now see the bright orange North Coast Catch label at fish counters and on packaging, making it easy to identify seafood caught by the North Coast fleet. Local species include Petrale sole, Dover sole, lingcod, rockfish, black cod, rex sole, albacore tuna, California king salmon, and Dungeness crab.

"When you see the North Coast Catch label, you know you're not only getting the freshest seafood but also supporting the livelihoods

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Above, left: Ryan Carter celebrates after a great play at the WHS versus Piner game. Above, right: The varsity girls soccer team poses after their win over Middletown: from left, top row: Guti, Madison Winter, Alissa Randrup, Natalie Hernandez, Ava Holmen, Arion Martin, Kate Winter, Isabella Perez and Coach Juan Diaz; bottom row, Delia Siderakis, Ella Randrup, Alihna Diaz, Lyly Herman, Alexandra Mendoza, Briana Carrillo and Lilly Leese.

Community Sports Roundup

WHS fall sports season kicks off, with new and returning players dedicated to building strong teams

Willits High School fall sports have begun! This season will include football, cheerleading, volleyball, cross country, ladies golf, and soccer. We have another amazing year of athleticism to witness as all of these kids and coaches put in the hard work and dedication. We look forward to seeing the community's support at the games. Schedules can be found on "Wolverines Den 2026" through Facebook and Instagram.

Girls golf program

Willits High School and Head Coach Juliana Aguilar are proud to announce the launch of the new girls gold program, one of the only designated high school girls' golf teams in the area. Despite limited tournament

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opportunities in the region, the WHS golfers have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, using every round as a chance to learn, grow and build

something special together. This year's roster includes juniors Brodey Lamprich, Vada Morgan, Sofia Vacarro and Susana Navarro, and freshmen Gracie Crook and Iliana

"The girls have been showing up with dedication, practicing hard, and mostly having fun," said Aguilar. "They've approached the season with commitment, grace and kindness, making this new program a bright spot for the school and community. The WHS girls golf program would also like to extend a heartfelt gratitude to the community, as well as Brooktrails Golf Course for allowing us to practice on their beautiful course. Thanks to the generous donations of clubs, bags, golf balls, and more. The team is now fully equipped and ready to continue building its program. The outpouring of support has been

overwhelming. The athletes and coaches are all deeply grateful."

Cross country

Cross country has a big team this year with 23 amazing athletes on the roster. More than half are running cross country for the first time. This is very exciting news for WHS! We expect some riveting training and competition.

"The boys team should be pretty competitive with our top runners from last year all returning," said Head Coach Kenny Smith. "One of those is senior Cole Lane who was the 2024 NCL 1 League Champion, and has a good chance for claiming the title for a second season in a row. With Lane and returners Kassi Lopez, Darli Suarez, and Nick Cramer, we have a fast group of guys who will be tough to beat. In the last 10 years, the best WHS has placed in the NCL 1 is sixth out of eight schools. This team has the opportunity to get us out of that rut.

"As for the girls team," Smith said, "every runner is new to cross country except for senior Emelia Owsiany. Leading the team will be senior Alexandra Ramos and

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City announces retirement of

Cathy Moorhead

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Interim City Manager Rod Wilburn opened the September 10 city council meeting with a brief announcement that Assistant City Manager Cathy Moorhead was retiring effective September 15, after 20 years working for the city. "We're proud to recognize her 20 years of service to the City of Willits, and we wish her the best in the next chapter of her life."

Moorhead was first hired by the city as an office assistant in 2005, and promoted to City Clerk in 2012. In 2018, Moorhead took on the combined title of City Clerk /Deputy City Manager. Then in 2022, Moorhead was again promoted, by then-City Manager Brian Bender, to Assistant City Manager, the first assistant manager in the city's history. Delores Pedersen became the City Clerk, and the position of Deputy City Manager was eliminated. Bender separated from the city in March.

Mayor Tom Allman stated that there will be a public tribute to Moorhead in the near future. "This is a sudden thing. We certainly

Read the rest of Retirement

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School board

hears school site goals

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On the evening of September 11, 2025, the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees met for their monthly meeting. The board heard informational presentations and received comments from the California **Employees** School the Willits Association, Teachers Association, Superintendent John Baker, and the public. During the closed session, the board approved interdistrict transfers and the request for an early retirement incentive.

Reports from School Sites brought a main focus to the goals the administration is hoping to achieve at each school campus over the course of the 2025-2026 school year.

First up on the board's agenda, they recognized the Reclassified English Learners. To be reclassified, students had to take the ELPAC – English Language Proficiency Assessments for California - scoring above a 4 or in the same

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank vou 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.

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.

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

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.

Sam Shepard, the writer of "True West," always takes on

In this production, two estranged brothers encounter each

undergo in their roles is guite remarkable to witness.

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
- Ask questions and share input
- · Help shape policies that support safe and successful vending practices

We encourage all interested community members

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-centeropening-celebration-tickets-1629087136479 See you there!

Senior Center menu for the week

dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 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,

Tuesday, September 23: Chili Mac, Corn Bread,

Wednesday, September 24: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Roll Thursday, September 25: Carnitas Burrito Wet w/

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

Green Sauce

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor 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

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

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

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-

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

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 Sar 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-

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.

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.

several sections Inland Valley Women's Chorus: Every Thursday of the community (except holidays) from 6 to 7:30 pm to sing songs of mural, these two peace, joy, social justice and healing. No audition or kids receive one experience required. Carpooling available from Willits of Anna Judd's participation Holy Trinity Church, Mary & Martha Room, 640 South bracelets. At far Orchard Avenue, Ukiah. More info: Madge Strong, 707right: Simona Jewelry offers a large selection

Shanachie Pub

459-1493.

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

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

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.

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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

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







At right: After

painting on

of finely crafted

pieces









Inner Earth Tea and The Muse host afternoon of vendors and a chance to

participate in creating Rec Grove mural The Block Party hosted by Inner items with the magic of not only the Earth Tea and The Muse last herbs of earth, but also a little playful Saturday, was a joyful event with 15 unique vendors inviting the public to

Block Party

sample their teas, games, tinctures, and hydrosols. Mathew Caine and to hear about their services.

special quest, artist Anna Judd, brought three of her mural panels for the attendees to paint.

"We are so happy to have Anna here with the Community Mural Painting Project," said organizer Meredith Melvin. "She is really the reason we're doing this today, because we wanted a community environment to support the society was progressing toward her project."

Wandering through the intimate setting and speaking with the eclectic group of vendors was as pleasurable as it was informative. There was art, jewelry, medicinal items, and a game from Damian Sebouhian.

"I've been working on this game for three years," said Sebouhian, as he invited people to play. "It's called Coratopia. I'm still putting it together. was a longtime Dungeons and Dragons player, since I was 10 and through all my childhood. As I got into metaphysics, I realized there was so much metaphysics in role-playing games, but it was all pretend. What if I made a game that was real but also pretend? It would take all the metaphysics, using all the aspects of D and D, creating a character which is you, a higher version of yourself, and the game is becoming that higher version of yourself through a group setting with a metaphysical guide, instead of a dungeon master. You work on chakras, through moon cycles. Everybody supports each other through the process. There is no winning. You just level up."

Alex Dunning offered his Gnome Alchemy wellness products, such soap. "My theme is based off the magic of gnomes and nature as they co-exist and integrate each of the

history of gnomes and alchemy mixed together," Dunning said. His products were called Herbaceous Harmony, Sacrosanct Scripture, Saponaceous Shine, and Celestial Charisma Rejuvenating Conditioner Bar.

Julia Jave Sotomayor, of the Willits Gem and Mineral Society, had a booth she shared with her well-behaved dog. "We're selling fine gems and minerals from mostly around the United States," said Sotomayor. " also have some necklaces that have hand-polished myself. I'm doing mostly rough minerals and crystals in their natural state." She also said that opening a lapidary workshop which should be ready soon.

Mendocino Queen Honey had a sampling booth and said that her products could be found at various fairs, markets, and at Cat's Meow in Willits. Jennifer Kong brought sushi and potstickers for the attendees to try. "I just made this food for fun This whole community is very vibrant and open-minded," Kong said Amber Slater and Abbie Pennington had a booth with their colorful dyesublimated tumblers and coffee

Erika Aiella of Deerbee Gardens brought a copper still to demonstrate how she distills marigold hydrosols. "We're going to make steam distillations today," said Aiella. "We're going to make hydrosols. This is a rose one from Damask roses I grow. Today, we're going to do marigolds. Marigolds have a pretty particular, pungent smell. I happen to love the smell of marigolds. It has medicinal components and is used in perfumery

brought their whole family, all of whom contribute to their goods. "We do beaded pins, beaded bracelets, as soaking salts, shampoo and beaded charms. We also do key conditioner, solid lotion bars, and chains which are made out of beads,

Beaded Items and Paintings

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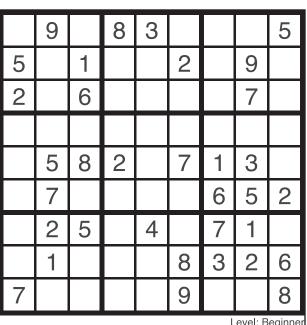


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HOW TO SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles 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

E P T C S V E C W N M T N A R

PROTECTION

PUDDLES

RAINFALL

SLIPPERY

SLUGGISH

17. Official

18. Skin lesions

20. Electroencephalograph

23. Middle Eastern country

24. Extremely angry

25. Title used before a

woman's name

26. British thermal unit

29. By the way (abbr.)

32. Ones who acquire

30. Anger

31. Nullifies

35. Time zone

36. Arabic name

40. Ballpoint pen

wishes

south

44. Cool!

41. Mimics

38. Protein in mucus

42. Humans have a lot of it

43. Expressions of good

45. One point east of due

46. City of Angels football

team (abbr.)

47. A way to save for

retirement

40. Swollen lymph node

44. Walter White poison

45. Sleeveless garment

48. Long accompanied

49. Without features

CLUES DOWN

1. Root of taro plant

3. Appliances have one

5. Midway between east

and southeast

6. Animal dwelling

7. An object that as

8. Oil cartel

9. Affirmative

10. Foul smell

11. Brisk tempo

12. S. American

14. Restored

indigenous person

survived from the past

2. Those ones

4. A way to sing

50. Yankee great Mattingly

51. Removes from record

41. A way to lessen

SOGGY

UMBRELLA

VISIBILITY

WET

WINDY

M R W V R I D J H E N N W P K W L I S G

P M O P C Z R B C L

GUSTS

HUMIDITY

INDOORS

JACKET

OVERCAST

CLOUDY

DAMP

DEW POINT

DRIZZLE

GALOSHES

CLUES ACROSS

7. __ Rogers, cowboy

12. Edible mushroom

14. Rattling breaths

Brit. P.M.

15. David __ George,

16. Musician Clapton

18. Invests in little

enterprises

Chicago ballplayer

22. Animal body part

28. Fictional ad exec

34. Against the current

33. Mr. T character

36. Subway rodent

38. Hair on the head

37. Armor plate

39. Strong insect

Baracus

27. It's everywhere these

19. Perimeter

days

17. Small Eurasian deer

13. Influential noblemen

1. Carved into

10. Unruly locale

county-wide mailer will arrive in mailboxes in late September, outlining how the community can support local markets and enjoy locally caught species. Shoppers will also find North Coast Catch outreach materials in stores, making it simple to learn more about supporting local boats and choosing fish based on seasonal Find North Coast Catch at markets around the county Harvest Market (Fort Bragg) Princess Seafood Market (Fort Bragg), Surf Market (Gualala)

(Ukiah),

(Point Arena).

Next time you're at the fish counter, look for the North Coast Catch label and bring home a taste of Mendocino County's ocean heritage. For more information, visit https:// noyoharbordistrict.org/the-

Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op

(Ukiah), Left Coast Seafood

Mariposa

(Willits), and Little Dory Seafood

Market

Seafood

of our local fishermen." said

protects the health of our waters."

As part of the campaign, a

Chicken

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senior community. The Willits Lions Club writes us a check for \$500 every year which pays for the chicken and covers some of our food costs; they also grill 60 chickens. The Senior Center Board of Directors will be cooking the Calico Beans, making the Ccoleslaw, baking the Ghirardelli Brownies and packaging meals. Tam Adams will be baking and donating 240 fresh rolls. Joanne Patterson donated $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of oak wood. cutting the whole chickens in for the public. half, packaging, and handing out

I'd like also to thank those because of your kindness and foster a love of music. steadfast financial support you provide each year.

The rest of Retirement

From page 1 appreciate what she's done."

It is unknown if the city, currently without a permanent city manager and with a serious she looks forward to another successful year. financial crisis, will eventually hire a new assistant city manager or eliminate the position.

Rezone ordinance vote postponed

The hoped-for vote rezoning Main Street downtown Willits - eliminating the requirement for businesses to have off-street parking, allowing residences above and behind storefronts, permitting nanobreweries to operate downtown, and prohibiting chain stores and franchise businesses - was postponed, along with a second rezoning ordinance in the residential part of the city, until the September 24 council

A local resident, whose home will be negatively impacted by the residential rezone ordinance, stated that she did not receive the required mail notification about the meeting, and did not learn about it in enough time

sent out. The council agreed.

realm as their English-speaking counterparts. Students recognized this evening were Brianna and Susanna, both students of Willits High School, who Anna Neumann, Harbormaster passed the ELPAC, among multiple students who of the Noyo Harbor District. achieved this reclassification at WHS. Many students "This initiative keeps dollars in at Baechtel Grove were also recognized for this our community and promotes the responsible harvesting that

Goals

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"It's a big accomplishment that you've made today, and it's something to really celebrate in yourselves, Baechtel Grove Principal Michelle Hutchins compliments her students, saying, "Congratulations." Brookside Elementary School also celebrated and recognized a first- and second-grader for their

Secondly, the board heard presentations from the School Sites based on their Annual Goals. All sites shared three goals: academic, student culture and attendance, or applied learning, which each site is working towards during the 2025-2026 academic year. The first school site the board heard from was Sherwood Elementary School; the site recognized their academic goal in writing, school culture goal in student leadership, and applied learning goal in STEAM rotations. Secondly, Brookside presented its academic goal to support learning outcomes and achievements, its school culture goal to have 80% of all students score an 80% or higher on their BES student survey (which is still being developed) by the end of the third trimester, and its attendance goal to have 80% of all students have a 94% attendance

Blosser Elementary School defines their three goals to be for each student to plan, draft, write, edit, and publish one piece of writing each trimester with 85% of students producing a grade level proficient piece every trimester, to have lunch on the lawn once a trimester – inviting families and fostering positive experiences for students and families, and to elevate writing on campus throughout the school year.

Shifting from lower grade levels, Baechtel Grove defines its site goals as academically improving reading and writing outcomes, culturally cultivating pride and ownership of the school, and creating and analyzing a comprehensive map of academic and behavioral interventions to ensure each student receives appropriate, data-informed support.

Willits High School outlines its goals: focusing on academic improvements in core subjects, enhancing school culture to create a supportive learning environment and community, maintaining student engagement, and promoting better attendance to increase instructional time and academic engagement.

Lastly, the Sanhedrin High School outlines their academic, student culture, and attendance or applied learning goals in differentiated instruction, SEL framework, and trainings to highlight a 10% or more improvement in safety, belonging, and Safeway donated 120 paper self-management through surveys and increase bags and 120 containers for the engagement and partnerships. The district has BBQ chicken. Volunteers will be uploaded all site presentations to the Board Agenda

Following the informational presentations, we heard comments from board members. Trustee Jennifer Sookne spoke on WHS's zero-period music. She in our community who support shared an anecdote about a community member who our fundraising efforts. Our enjoyed playing an instrument and whose parents doors remain open in large part were worried they would have to transfer schools to

> Superintendent Baker spoke with teachers, and they collaboratively created a music club during the week for students on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday lunch period. A concern raised by the WTA president at the August meeting was the district's lack of a music program and immediate action to increase student interest. Board Trustee April Lamprich also commented about Superintendent Baker, stating: "I commend you, John, for just having so much communication with us. It keeps us informed of the positive, the negative," extending her appreciation as

Board Trustee and President Jeanne King especially highlighted Superintendent Baker. "John's been a tremendous leader, coming right on, and his communication is excellent. He really cares about the district." She is fond of his focus on integrating himself into the community and establishing relationships within the district to bring his vision to life.

Following board comments, the WTA president provided updates on WHS sports. So far, there have been successful opening games in football, volleyball, and soccer, with the first cross-country meet taken place on September 10. WTA president informs the board that WHS will be understaffed and lack resource teachers, with the application for the position already being posted. Bowles also made other requests for the high school's needs – electronically, reimbursement of resources, new desks, etc., - and a district need for better scheduling.

Superintendent Baker reported that he attended all back-to-school nights hosted by the district, graciously thanking the administrators and teachers who worked hard on the events. He fosters this importance of communication, explaining, "It's great to see all the newsletters being sent out.... I've always said it's important for the community to know the story of

Superintendent Baker is looking forward to the rest to prepare her opposition. City of the school year, applauding the School Sites' goals, Attorney Jim Lance, not knowing and is pleased to see the music club coming together if everyone impacted by the at the high school, nodding towards a future for other two ordinances had or had not music program opportunities. "I'm hearing all the great received a mailed notification, things that we're going to see down the road," he says, urged the council to postpone extending gratitude, closing his statement, "Thank voting on both ordinances until you." As the meeting comes to a close, the board mailed notifications were again discusses the consent agenda, officially concluding around 7 pm, with the school year in full swing.

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sophomore Frida Friend, who are already showing big improvements. For the first time in over six years, the WHS girls will have a complete team, and will earn a team score."

Varsity football

Wolverines Varsity Football pulled no stops in preparing for another amazing season! They have a strong set of coaches and players who have put in intense effort and work throughout the summer and season start. Brandon Norbury returns as head coach, with returning assistants Bill Norbury, Gary Cavender, Matt Moratti, Hipolito Beltran, Colby Forrester and Aaron Branscomb. There are noticeable improvements in many athletes. This is a dynamic team with infectious energy. There is positive chemistry between them all.

First week: "Willits versus Piner 35-14 (ended in the third quarter)," said Norbury. "We were excited to get the Wolverine Football season started! The players have put in a lot of hard work this off-season, in the weight room and on the field. I'm stating it lightly when I say we have some extra motivation this season! Being left out of the playoffs with an 8-2 overall record, and battling for the NCS Title the year before has left a bitter taste in the Wolverines'

"Friday night we had four different players that scored touchdowns," Norbury said. "Senior and standout No. 4 Corey Rockey had a great game distributing the ball. He is another extension of our coaching staff on the field, his knowledge of our offense is at an all-time high. No. 11 Ryan Carter had an outstanding game at WR, opening the game up with our first touchdown. He ran for tough yardage after the catch. No. 22 Ricky Britton and No. 3 Porter Garman also played great Wolverine Football for us on both offense and defense. No. 6 Donny Alexander stepped in after two years away from football and played an outstanding game at cornerback, and No. 9 Rickey Ramirez brought the energy and intensity on defense.

"I want to send a heartfelt thank you out to our entire Willits Wolverines family, and the Piner Prospectors that were there to support us in assisting our longtime Coach EP Beltran," said Norbury. "If it weren't for the quick, decisive actions of many within a short timeframe, we could have lost our dear friend and coach. Praise God, EP is recovering and will be back at full strength. We love you EP! We are blessed to have you on our staff. Thank you again to all those who supported our staff, and all of

"Being the varsity quarterback for this team is a blessing," said Corey Rockey. "To also have all of these great coaches and athletes around me makes my job a lot easier. Everyone played a great game, including Porter Garman who had a rushing and receiving touchdown; Ricky Britton, who put in the work for this season, and it shows. I also have to give a big thank you to my offensive line for protecting me from those monsters on Piner's defensive line. Much love to our Coach EP!"

Second week: Willits Wolverines faced off with Upper Lake Cougars on home territory. Rockey led the team, throwing 251 vards and three touchdowns. Britton gained 187 total yards and two touchdowns. Carter hauled in a great number of Rockey's passes and also brought in a receiving touchdown. Willits picked off three of the Cougars QB passes. Carter, Ramirez and Alexander picked up one a piece. Sophomore Grady Cooley and junior Eddie Perez also ran in touchdowns. Another key player was junior Jayden Schlegel who picked up 0.5 sacks, forced one fumble, and made eight total tackles. Willits dominated the game with a complete shutout, final score Willits 54, Upper Lake 0. Way to work, Wolverines!

This Friday is another home game versus Healdsburg. We look forward to seeing our community at all of the games!

JV football

Another team you don't want to miss this season is the WHS JV Football team. They're full of spunk and ready to rumble, with many returning and new players! This team has an all new coaching staff, with one returning. Head coach this year is Reece Christiansen, along with returning assistant coaches Colby Forrester and Matt

Rountree. New assistan coaches are Tom Barbitta and Ayden Thrillkill.

The first game of the season was head to head until Willits busted out with determination to lead in the last quarter with a win.

"This team has three things we've been lacking for two years at the JV level," said Thrillkill. "They have grit, dedication, and a willingness to have fun

while playing. The first half was filled with small mistakes, but in the second half, they brought it in and scored a lot. To PHS credit, they played the best they could and they have some solid athletes. The future looks bright for Willits JV Football."

Wolverines JV Football also faced off on home territory against the Upper Lake Cougars for their second game.

"It was a pretty even matchup," said Christiansen. "The game opened up as well as we could hope for, with us recovering the opening kickoff. We couldn't get the offense going the way we had hoped, but we managed to be in a tie game 6-6 at the half. The game stayed tight throughout the second half, late in the fourth guarter they scored a touchdown to go up 12-16. We tried to put a drive together to tie it back up. and hopefully take the lead. Unfortunately, it didn't work out in our favor and we lost a

"We always hope for a battle on the football field and that's what we got. We just came out on the losing side of this one. Our boys are back this week, focused and preparing for our upcoming home game against Del Norte. We were scheduled to play Healdsburg, but unfortunately they were not able to field a JV team. Our athletic director was able to fill the spot with Del Norte coming down to us."

Cheerleading

This year we have been blessed with a gigantic JV and varsity cheerleading squad with new head coaches who have been coaching cheer in the Willits community for many years. Former alumni cheerleaders Tabatha Hulsey and her daughter, Courtney Glass, are an absolute dynamic duo when it comes to this sport. They put in the hard work, pouring their hearts into coaching, bringing high energy, smiles and discipline to every cheerleader.

Hulsey is the varsity head coach while Glass is the JV head coach with assistant coach Dawnna Hetherington. The work ethic showed during their first game at PHS. The squads were together in unity, dance moves and cheering. The crowd really enjoyed it.

"I can't even put into words how proud I am of this team," said Tulsey. "From the beginning, I watched them push through challenges, lift each other up, and learn what it really means to move as one. Cheer isn't just about sharp motions, tumbling, or chants. It's about heart, dedication, and the way they support one another. How they celebrate victories, big and small. How they bounce back when things get tough shows what teamwork is all about.

"Every practice, every game, every cheer, they've shown me what dedication and spirit looks like," Tulsey said. "I couldn't ask for a better group to coach, and I'm beyond proud to call them my team. Keep believing in each other, keep believing in yourselves, and remember: green, gold and white – we fight together. We shine together. Go Wolverines!"

"I am incredibly proud of our JV cheer squad this season," said Glass. "These athletes have shown tremendous dedication, school spirit and teamwork, both on and off the field. Our program focuses not only on building strong cheerleaders, but also confident, responsible young individuals who support each other like family. The energy and commitment they bring to every practice, game and event is inspiring. We are grateful for the support of our parents, school staff and community, who make it possible for us to represent our school with pride. I'm excited to see these athletes continue to grow and shine

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At top, left: Luis



Mandujano plays the ball between two Middletown opponents. At top, right Varsity cheerleader Kirra Wilburn makes her way in the air for an impressive toe-touch during halftime. Above, left: Abigail Sherf makes a great tip over the net. Above, right: Lyly Herman takes initiative getting the ball from her Middletown opponent, At left: JV football offense listens to quarterback Logan Walsh about what play they're going to be



NOVEMBER **Fair Elections Decided by California Voters**

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- It commits to <u>fair redistricting nationwide</u>. The GOP opponents hypocritically reject independent commissions.

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Partial list of local endorsers: State Senator Mike McGuire; Assemblyperson Chris Rogers; County Supervisor John Haschak; Gordon Oslund; Greg Kanne; David & Ellen Drell; Bernadette Willoughby; Catherine Glyer; Fran Gardner; Jed & Carlin Diamond; Ginger Myklebost; Jerry Albright; Louis & Sally Rohlicek; Anne & Monte Vander Horck; Dr. Monte Lieberfarb; Dr. Angus Matheson; Dr. Mills Matheson; Martin & Saprina Rodriguez; Madge Strong; Kate Marianchild; Norma Hanson; Mary Burns; Linda Grace; Melinda Clarke; Jane McCabe and Robin Goldner.

To volunteer contact mstrong827@outlook.com Footnote re: Common Cause Analysis:

California Meets, Texas Fails to Meet Common Cause's Redistricting







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Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday-5:30 p.m. Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English 10:30 a.m. - Spanish 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252 https://stanthonywillits.org/

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707-272-0177 Sunday Service - 10 a.m. In-person and on Zoom Call for information. ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

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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 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-

Friday, September 19



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

Friday, September 26

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continues at Willits Community through September 28, by Inner Earth Tea. Cost is sliding scale, \$20 to \$30.

LEGACY CANNABIS GENETICS

MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

COMMUNITY

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.

with shows Fridays and Saturdays at

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 mendocinocountyhistory.org/event tickets: blackoakranch.com.

Ramblers Duo at Shanachie: Friday, September 19 21 at 2 pm at the Willits Community at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, September 20

Ball Cowboy Fundraiser Ridgewood Ranch: Redwood Community Services, featuring craft beer, wine,

and a signature cocktai 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 ickets: eventbrite.com. 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

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.

by Sam Shepard and directed by Joshua Sternberg ecstatic dance with DJ Dragonfly, and tea provided

> 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 Company on September 21 at 1 pm at the Little Lake Grange. Afterward, attendees are invited to the Root of

Motive Power facilities for refreshments and a tour of collection. Cost is \$10. Please RSVP

True West at WCT: Sunday, September

INSIDE THE RESEARCH

September19 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.

Tuesday, September 23

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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

LOVE & THEFT

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

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

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. 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

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,

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 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.

Drive-thru Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at Senior Center: Two BBQ Chicken dinners with cole slaw, beans, rolls and **Drive Thru** brownies for \$40 that can be Chicken Dinner picked up Friday, September 26 from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Friday September 26, 2025 Senior Center, or delivered for **Pre-Sale Tickets Only** \$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-

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

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

Final Evening True West 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

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. GRANGE GARDEN HARVES and SEED GATHERING

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'



Dan Essman

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

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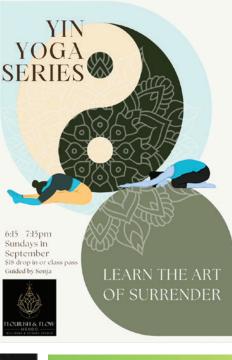
And then, beautiful Mary got a divorce!?! Why the question mark??? Well...getting a divorce just isn't done! Not in Society! Quel scandale! None of Downton Abbey's neighbors will come to the annual dinner party. Perhaps they can be enticed somehow. The transcendentally famous songwriter Noël Coward is 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 starry 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

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

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





5:00pm - 6:30pm

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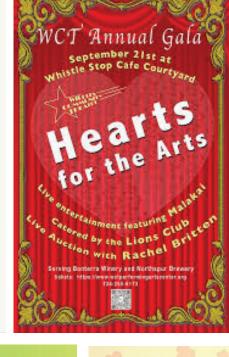
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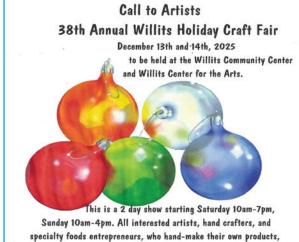
nity Theatre stage in the play, "True West."

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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 benefiting 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.

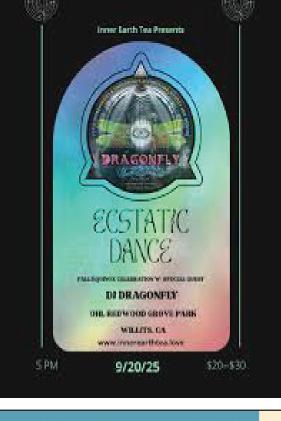


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THE GRAND FINALE BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY (R) 1hr 49min

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(R) 1hr 36min

Fri - Sat - Sun: 4:45, 7:45 Wed - Thur: 4:45, 7:45

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Thrifty Thursday: \$8.00 tickets. Thrifty Thursday films this week in red.

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OBITUARY |

Terry Harvey

Terry "Harv" Harvey, born June 16, 1951, passed at home in Santa Rosa on August 16, 2025 after a two year champion fight with stage 3 lung cancer.

A semi-truck driver, restaurant owner, solar assembler and volunteer, Harv was a giver as time continues to be the most precious commodity. Whether it be an arena for civil discussion, President of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, service of the Revitalization Committee, Vice Mayor on Willits City Council, Airport Commissioner, or as Mendocino Grand Jury Foreperson, he believe he could and would make a difference to help.

This commitment was extended in the donation of his body to UCSF Willed Body Program as his

final wish to assist the doctors of tomorrow help future patients. He consented to research at UCSF during his entire treatment. His family wishes to thank ALL of the UCSF staff and especially Drs. Mulvey, Gesthalter, Cho and Dixit as well as their NPs.

We made the best of the last two years where laughter was the best and primary medicine. National Lampoon, Mel Brooks and any John Candy movie produced his signature laugh and grin.

History was a passion as well as travel. For his 50th birthday, he caught the skydiving

Harv is survived by his wife, Stephanie, daughter Jayne (Jim), grandkids Miranda (Alex) and Cole (Jessica), as well as the "Little Men," Felix, Miles and Owen.

Please join us on September 20, 2025 for a Celebration of Life at Jayne's Santa Rosa home. Please email omajayne@gmail.com for information.

Your wings were ready to fly. My heart was not. Until we meet again, We Love You.







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LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL PLAN **AMENDMENT #GPA 22-01, REZONE #ZC 22-01 AND**

BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT #BLA 22-04 PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sanhedrin Timber Company submitted an application for a General Plan Amendment and Rezone, which the City Council will consider and make a decision on the adequacy of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and the merits of the proposed

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project proposes a General Plan Amendment and Rezone of two parcels totaling approximately 19.05 acres. The properties are currently designated Commercial-General under the General Plan with zoning classifications of Heavy Commercial (APN 108-040-11) and Community Commercial (APN 108-040-18) under the Zoning Ordinance. The project seeks to amend the General Plan Designation to Industrial-General and rezone the parcels to Heavy Industrial to facilitate the expansion of a log yard operation currently located on the adjacent parcel (APN 005-030-31). Further, the applicant, Sanhedrin Timber Company, is proposing a Boundary Line Adjustment to relocate the boundary line between APN 108-040-18 (10.64 acres) and 108-040-11 (10.61 acres). The adjustment would reconfigure existing parcels to create a 2.2-acre parcel adjacent to N. Main Street and a 19.05-acre parcel for the expanded log yard.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at the northern end of the Willits city limits, on the east side of North Main Street, approximately 0.12 miles north of its intersection with Casteel Lane; APNs: 108-040-11 and 108-040-18)

MEETING DATE/TIME: October 8, 2025 at 6:30

MEETING LOCATION: City Council Chambers 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Prior to the meeting. electronic copies of the staff report and agenda will be available on the City's website at http://ca-willits. civicplus.com/AgendaCenter/City-Council-1.

· Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Dusty Duley, dduley@cityofwillits.org or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. All public comments received will be provided to the City Council.

 Oral comments may be presented to the City Council during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the public meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (707) 459-4601. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable accommodations are made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

Publication Date: September 18, 2025



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Registered owner: Veronica G.

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September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

Mendocino County Clerk-

/s/ Veronica G. Fani

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/s/ Justin Johnson

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badge reels for IDs, for nurses to hold their badges. We

Molly McClellan of Sacred Soul Alchemy does energy healing and intuitive readings. "I sit with someone and answer questions and anything they want to look at more deeply in their lives. I sense the energy of their questions and invite them to sense that with me. The answer often arises from their own body or mind or heart. I help guide them," said McClellan.

Tina Tedeschi of the Mendocino Herb Guild was present with the "Wellness Wagon that we take around the county to help support communities in their wellness through herbal medicine and other dietary lifestyle recommendations," Tedeschi said. "We sit down with folks in the community. They come by our Wellness Wagon, and we do a little intake and then 15 to 45 minutes of evaluating their health and coming up with a wellness plan," Tedeschi said.

Anna Judd's mural panels lit up the far corner of the

Throughout the day, people were treated to this mellow gathering of medicinal and artistic vendors, capped off by a raffle featuring donated items from most of the vendors.

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LEGAL NOTICES

The following person or persons are doing business as Tight Line Painting, 171 Crestview Street, Willits, CA

Registered owner: Justin Allen Johnson, 171 Crestview Street, Willits, CA 95490.

an individiual. The registrant commenced to fictitious business name listed

Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 18, 2025

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Runa Link of Elemental Allies makes flower essences. She calls them "energetic medicine," said Link. "I do divination. I do free tarot readings. I also have pendulums for sale. They are a divination tool. You can ask them yes or no questions and they might help you clarify some things," explained Link.

space with a burst of color as she invited the attendees to take part in the painting on the community project, which will soon be seen on the back of the bandstand at Recreational Grove Park on East Commercial Street.

to 4:30 pm. New Client Choice model where you select your own items. Bring shopping bags, Bring an I.D. Info: (707) 459-3333

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John Ford Ranch

John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkelian @ 459-5049.

Multi-Family Yard Sale Saturday and Sunday

Sept. 20th and 21st, 10 am to 3 pm both days. Household items, electronics. musical instruments, knickknacks, old jewelry, womens clothes, misc horse items and more. Lots of affordable items and a whole lot of free items too. 2 miles up Sherwood Road at the corner of Sherwood Road and Brooktrails

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

Understanding Your Dreams Workshop

Learn simple tools

to help your dreams give you answers to challenges & goals, gain relief from nightmares & fear, and more! All faiths welcome. This is a family-friendly workshop! A FREE service community sponsored by Eckankar California and Nevada. Saturday, September 27, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Willits Community Center, 111 E. Commercial St.

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At top: Grand opening 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 other special offerings.

journey, we're here to help you stitch

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

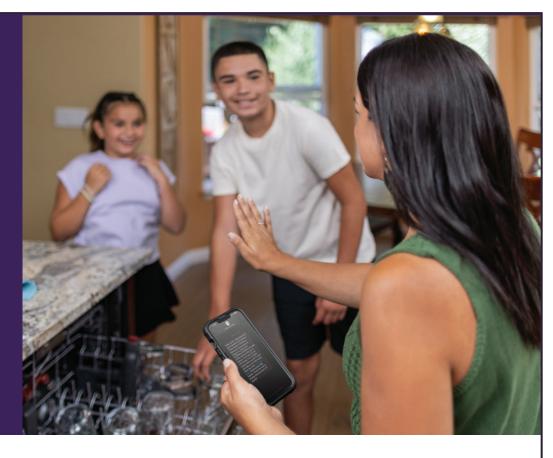
The upcoming paper craft class, "Making a Spooky Banner," is set for Wednesday, September 24. from 6 to 8 pm. Space is limited on the classes, so you need to pre-

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-

Visit https://www.cgcrafts.com/ for more information or to sign up for the newsletter. Follow Country Quilts on Facebook or Instagram to keep up with classes and



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LEGAL NOTICES

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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 Broaddus 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

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025-F0346

The following person or

persons are doing business as Bell Glen Resort, 70400 Highway 101, Leggett, CA 95585. Mailing address: 30600 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; 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,

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,

This business is conducted by an individual.

Willits, CA 95490.

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,

/s/ Brianna Adams Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2,

WW558

9, 2025

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 Publication Dates: Septembe

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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

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Delia Siderakis, Ava Holmen, Natalie Hernandez

Sports

throughout the year.

and growing through the

challenges of a brand new

exciting set of games!

Head Coach Lucy Kyne.

"During

promising fall season!"

more wins."

three," said Jessup.

Best of luck, ladies!

Girls soccer

Randrup,

tournament at Carmichael.

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

Alihna Diaz and Madison

Winter, junior Briana Carrillo

and seniors Kate Winter,

Arion Martin, Lyly Herman,

preseason

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Volleyball JV and and Alexandra Mendoza. "Wolverines This year's JV volleyball their season with a victory team is a set of all brand over Middletown, 3-1 with new players. As they two goals from senior Ava pave their way, learning Holmen, and one from

team, it will be a fun and Diaz. "The team dominated the whole game and gave up a goal at the end of "This year's JV team the game. We are still is all freshmen. We are a working on how to finish determined group of great our games strong and not girls and I'm excited to see continue making mistakes how this season goes," said at the end of the games. I'm excited for my second This year's varsity team year as a head coach, and has a variety of experienced excited for having a few players from freshmen to new faces; of course, for seniors, adding zest to our returning players. The their already successful team is working very hard seasons. This is a group of every practice because we are excited to defend our

senior Delia Siderakis,"

said Head Coach Juan

fierce, tenacious ladies. This go-around should be no championship and try to do different! The WHS varsity a back-to-back title." volleyball roster includes six returning players: seniors Holmen has high hopes and is approaching this Captain Jazmarie Henson, year with a great deal Captain Cecily Potter, of optimism. "I'm always Gloria Gutierrez, Evie Kale, looking forward to practice and Dannyka Smith, as well as junior Abigail Sherf. Five because it's my favorite part of the day," Holmen new players join the team said. "We work hard, but this year: senior Jayden always have fun because Sossamen, junior Izzy the team bond is amazing. Sims, and three freshmen Our coach always lifts us Tulsi Bixler, Ashley Aadland Breen and Presley Tuttle. up and encourages us to do our best. I'm very proud of how we play together games, on the field. Last year we have competed against were league champions

only teams in higher CIF and I believe we will be sections and divisions," said successful once again." Head Coach Jon Jessup. Congratulations "Our Lady Wolverines have a great start! Let's go, wowed onlookers with this Wolverines! team's clear strength and undeniable potential. In our **Boys soccer** 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 awesome win. When Jackie are looking forward to a Castaneda took over the boys soccer team, she knew it would be a challenge. Varsity volleyball had their "I recognized the great first league game last week,

talent within the group," away, against Credo. These said Castaneda. "From girls came up a bit short as they are still working the beginning, I believed out some kinks just getting that with dedication and hard work, this team could great teamwork and spirit. accomplish great things. The first few games were "We did not come out tough. With only one or with the win, but are looking two substitutes available, forward to a rematch with and the players adjusting them when they come to to a completely different Willits," said Jessup. "We style of play than what are still getting the rust off we were used to, it wasn't from just returning back

easy. Still, the boys quickly this fall volleyball season, realized what areas needed and consequently made too Through improvement. many errors that resulted consistent practice and in our loss. We're busy commitment, we began to working hard to make fewer see real progress. errors that should lead to "From day-one to now, Varsity Volleyball then held a riveting game against

the transformation has been great," said Castaneda. The players have not only RCP at home in the Steve sharpened their skills, but Short Gymnasium. These also developed a stronger girls were ready for victory, understanding of the game. taking to the court with They are learning the determination and grit. "With importance of discipline, Thursday's volleyball game against Roseland Collegiate playing the right way. Our Prep High School, the Lady focus is on teaching them Wolverines made quick to play the right way, and work of their opponent, play true soccer: connecting attacking their weakness, passes, moving the ball with and never let up, winning in purpose, and trusting each other as a team. That's Congratulations on your what the beautiful game is victory, varsity Wolverines! all about." Next up is a varsity volleyball Coaches

> 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

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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. do this with Valerian plants, repeating the process every

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 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.

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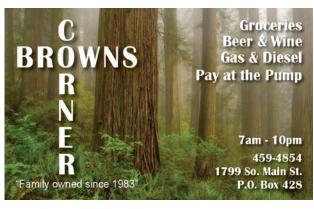
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Patient Hanky

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 Melody trails. needs a firm guardian and correction for the 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 a d v e n t u r e s



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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