#### Coroner's report

released on fatal incident on Hearst-Willits Road

Submitted by MCSO

September 19 – As a part of the original investigation conducted on June 5, 2025, the Mendocino County Office of the Sheriff-Coroner conducted a coroner's investigation into the death of Nicholas Bakewell, a 36-year-old male from Willits.

An autopsy performed by a pathologist on June 6, 2025, where blood and tissue samples were obtained for forensic analysis and testing. On September 14, 2025, the

Read the rest of Report

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#### Newsom appoints new judge for Mendocino County

Sacramento - Governor Gavin Newsom announced his appointment of 15 Superior Court judges on September 18, including a new judge for Mendocino County Superior Court, to replace retired Judge Jeanine Nadel.

Ricco McCurry, Mendocino County, has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Mendocino County Superior Court. McCurry is a deputy in the Mendocino County Alternate Public Defender's Office, where he has worked since 2025. He served as a deputy public defender at the Mendocino County Public Defender's

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#### Shamrock Ranch burn scheduled

Submitted by **CAL FIRE MEU** 

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Mendocino Protection Unit will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn on the Shamrock Ranch. This prescribed burn will treat approximately 450-acres of chaparral and understory within oak vegetation woodlands and mixed conifer habitats, creating a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned habitat.

The Shamrock Ranch is in the northern portion of Mendocino County, east of Highway 101, and south east of the town of Laytonville.

Burning was set to begin

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HE MUNCHERY'S SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH 1-5 LIVE MUSIC **PHOTO SHOOT MINIS** WITH SALTYKAY **PHOTOGRAPHY VENDOR BOOTHS** VINTAGE, GOODS, SERVICES, AND MORE SPECIALTY COCKTAILS AND SMALL BITES FROM THE MUNCHERY **FUN FOR ALL AGES!** 



Above: Northern California born-and-raised singer songwriter Lindsay Gang will be singing at the upcoming Mabon Market. "Known as a traveling songbird, Lindsay has carried her music from coast to coast - transforming her life experiences and journeys into heartfelt songs. Drawing inspiration from many eras of music, her influences range from timeless jazz ballads to the raw storytelling and intricate guitar work of classic folk."



drinks in the dining hall.

Above, from left: Many talented vendors will be selling goods at the upcoming Mabon Market including Willits' Linda Dean, a

# Merry Mabon

watercolor artist and wine glass painter. Pajaro Flats Farm will

offer handmade gifts and fresh flowers. Eaton Good will offer

Pumpkin Spice Simple Syrup.

Craft Cocktail Kits in 8-ounce bottles including seasonal favorite

It's officially crossed into the season of fall, and, as the weather starts to cool, attention can turn to all the autumnal things fall has to offer, including celebrating the Autumn Equinox with a holiday called "Mabon." Highlights of Mabon celebrations include balance, reflection, and gratitude, honored and celebrated with feasts with family and friends; preservation of harvests by creating jams, preserves or syrups; altar rituals using symbols of the season like apples, grapes and other harvested items; and appreciation of nature including spending time walking among the fallen leaves, spending time in nature, and enjoying seeing the

Maureen Jennison

#### Celebrate the Fall Equinox at The Munchery's Mabon Market

The Munchery in Willits will host a Mabon Market on Saturday, September 27, from 1 to 5 pm, in celebration of the Fall Equinox.

This seasonal gathering invites the community to come together for an afternoon of music, food, shopping, and connection. Guests can enjoy live music by Lindsay Gang from 2 to 4 pm, as well as photo shoot minis with SaltyKay Photography from 1 to 3 pm. The market will feature a wide variety of vendor booths offering crafts, vintage finds, handmade goods, services, and more.

The Munchery will also be showcasing selections from its new fall menu, alongside specialty cocktails and mocktails. Adding to the festivities, Skip Cochran will be serving fresh grilled oysters on the patio. Designed to be fun for all ages, the Mabon Market is a welcoming way to celebrate the season of harvest and abundance with friends, neighbors, and family.

- Submitted by Mabon Market

Read the rest of Over on page 9 Mabon

corpsmembers, and local dignitaries will be on hand to celebrate the invitationonly grand opening of this \$76 million groundup construction facility in Willits. In addition to a formal event dedicating the new center, from 11 am to 1 pm, attendees will tour the new center and its amenities guided by center staff and the corpsmembers themselves, 18-to 25-yearolds enrolled in the CCC for a year of service to the State of California. There

CCC

The California Conservation Corps'

will also be snacks and

Above, from left: Additional goods at The Munchery's Mabon Market this Saturday will include necklaces and rings from Melissa's Two Stoned Jewelry based in Willits. Opal and Olive Designs will offer jewelry including earrings, bracelets and necklaces – all made from Japanese seed beads. Rust by Sylvie is a "vintage curator who brings timeless style and unique finds to life," and will offer a selection of vintage goods and clothing styled in new and interesting ways.

### **Brooktrails** board chooses new golf operator

Barbara O'Reardon Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

The Brooktrails Township Community Services District board meeting had a packed house on Tuesday, September 9. Since the board had not met during the month of August, it was quite a welcome sight to see all of the seats in the Community Center occupied by interested Brooktrails residents.

The meeting began with Board President Tina Tyler-O'Shea making a special presentation of a plaque to Brooktrails Certified District Manager Tamara Alaniz. Tyler-O'Shea read: "The Board of Directors is pleased to honor GM Tamara Alaniz with this prestigious certified special district designation. manager Through her participation and continuing education in the California Special Districts Association and Special District Leadership Foundation, Tamara has attended leadership courses and regulatory training over the past 18 months to be awarded the CSDN certification on August 26. There are over 1,300 member districts in CSDA, and only 79

Read the rest of Brooktrails

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#### Grand opening of new CCC facility in Willits

Submitted by CCC

On September 26, the California Conservation Corps celebrates the opening of its newest center, a 27-acre residential facility at 600 East Hill Road in Willits. The new facility includes seven dormitories housing as many as 85 corpsmembers, administration kitchen and dining hall, education space, recreation areas.

leaders,

Read the rest of

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Willits Shelter Action Group dance benefit

To the Editor:

I'm writing to invite the Willits community to the second dancehall event to raise money for the Willits Shelter Action Group. The event will be held at the Willits Methodist Church on the corner of School and Pine streets, 6 until 9 pm on Friday evening, October 3.

There will be refreshments, beverages, raffle prizes, and dance lessons. Music from the '60s, '70s and '80s will be provided by Rockin' DJ Mike Tobin.

Everyone is invited! Please come and have a wonderful time while helping to support our efforts to create a shelter in Willits for people who are unhoused.

Call 707-354-3960 with any questions.

Ruthanne Volz, Willits Shelter Action Group board member

#### Huge fence on Highway 101

To the Editor:

I am immensely concerned about a huge fence being erected along Highway 101, from the southern Willits Bypass interchange to the top of the Willits Grade. It is at least 8 feet tall and 100% metal "hog fencing" — openings in the fence get smaller at the bottom to prevent the smaller animals from also passing through. This fence is at least a few miles long and is only currently being erected on the western side of the highway, however preparation for the eastern side is very obvious.

Most wildlife who hit this fence, when crossing from rugged rural land, to other rural lands, will hit a wall. This fencing would be amazing IF it was leading to a wildlife crossing, however I have yet to discover any such information. I am honestly horrified about what this means for the health of our local wildlife populations.

Do any of you know about this project? Perhaps there has been an exorbitant amount of wildlife and auto collisions here, yet if so, I am not aware of such regular concerns. And I actually believe this will lead to an increase in human/wildlife interactions as the end of the fence is close to the southern edge of the Willits human population.

Can you PLEASE research this awful fence and help me stir up some awareness about the damage that it will absolutely cause to the health of our wildlife? We all live in this beautiful rural area for a reason, and restricting the movement of four-legged animals across rugged landscapes (and possibly funneling them into Willits residents' backyards) will be a disaster!!

Additionally I saw a Fisher attempt to cross the highway, halfway down the grade on July 17, and it was also restricted by the 3.5 miles of contiguous K-rails that exist on our mountain. It seems there is no awareness in our road construction organizations about the wildlife we enjoy sharing our home with.

Thank you for any and all assistance you can provide in helping me sound the alarm on this awful fence. I am concerned that, as it is obvious state funds have already been allocated for this project, it will be challenging to have it stopped or amended, however I must do what I can to help the critters.

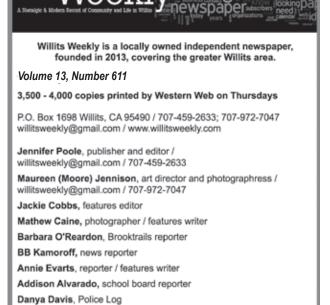
Paw Protector, Willits

Editor's Note: Name withheld at letter writer's request.

#### The Rules: LETTERS

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Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. Deadline is end of day Monday for each Thursday edition. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.



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#### COVID-19 vaccine update from CA Public Health

Posted by CDPH

September 16 – California Department of Public Health continues to recommend that everyone age 6 months and older should have access and the choice to receive COVID-19 vaccines. We also emphasize the importance

of additional protection for groups at higher risk of severe

Infants and toddlers

illness, including:

Pregnant people

Others with risks for serious disease

CDPH is working with partners, including the new West Coast Health Alliance, to continue promoting vaccine access. On September 3, California Governor Gavin Newsom, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, and Washington Governor Bob Ferguson announced they will launch a new West Coast Health Alliance to ensure residents remain protected by science, not politics. The alliance represents a unified regional response to the Trump Administration's destruction of the U.S. Centers of Disease Control's credibility and scientific integrity.

CDPH will also continue providing science and fact-based information on vaccine safety and efficacy.

#### **COVID-19** vaccine availability

To learn more about scheduling your COVID-19 vaccine, check with your:

• Doctor's office

Local pharmacy

Community health center

You may be able to get your flu and COVID-19 vaccines during the same visit.

If receiving the vaccine at your local pharmacy, call to determine if a prescription from your doctor is needed.

Additional guidance on vaccine availability for 2025-26 will be forthcoming.

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance (for 2024-25 Vaccine Supply)

To address the current surge in COVID-19 disease (visit www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/RespiratoryVirusReport.aspx), remaining unexpired supplies of FDA-authorized 2024-25 vaccines may continue to be administered until supplies of 2025-26 COVID-19 vaccine become widely available.

2024-25 COVID-19 vaccines can help protect Californians against severe COVID-19 disease, as will the 2025-26 vaccines once accessible.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance (for 2025-26 Vaccine Supply)

Supplies of 2025-26 COVID-19 vaccine are expected to be widely available later this year.

• Children: CDPH endorses recommendations for the immunization of young (6-23 months) and high-risk children and adolescents

with 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccines issued in August 2025 by the American Academy of Pediatrics. View the recommendations here: https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/doi/10.1542/peds.2025-073924/203222/Recommendations-for-COVID-19-Vaccines-in-Infants

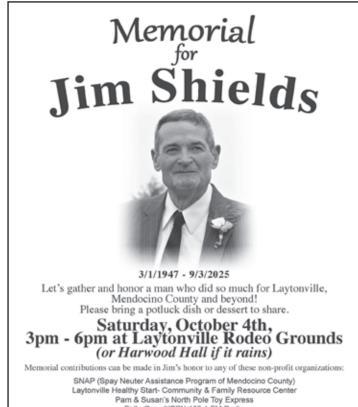
Those recommended for immunization include children with underlying medical conditions or immune compromise, or whose parent or guardian desires their protection from COVID-19.

Many representative underlying medical conditions are listed in the recommendations, but this list is not exhaustive.

• Pregnant individuals: CDPH endorses recommendations for individuals contemplating pregnancy and in pregnant, recently pregnant, and lactating individuals for the use of currently available COVID-19 vaccines issued by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. View those recommendations here: www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2020/12/covid-19-vaccination-considerations-for-obstetric-gynecologic-care

As of September 9, 2025, CDPH and CDC and the American Academy of Family Physicians recommend immunization of adults 18 years and older against COVID-19

Learn more about Public Health issues at the California Department of Public Health website, www.cdph.ca.gov/and visit the CDPH's COVID Dashboard here: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCoV2019.aspx



For more information, feel free to call Jayma or Roland at (707) 984-8089

#### Willits Weekly Rain Box

The storm that rumbled through the Little Lake Valley last Thursday evening, September 18, brought thunder and lightning, but scant rainfall. The spotty showers that followed into Friday morning brought an average of just under one tenth of an inch of rain across the valley, on par with the predictions for that period. Current forecasts call for dry conditions to continue through the end of September.

– Tim Hanna, Willits Weekly Rain Box

	Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)								
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	weekly	since
location	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21	total	01Oct24
Northbrook Way	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.16	82.41
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.10	75.86
Valley Rd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	56.67
Canyon Rd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.05	52.48
Pine Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.05	54.75
South Main @ East Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.16	74.47
average	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.09	66.11

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

## The rest of Burn

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on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 and to continue intermittently as favorable weather conditions present themselves, but will end no later than Sunday, October 12, 2025.

Burning will start at approximately 8 am and conclude at approximately 3 pm daily.

This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire

on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Plan and the California Wildfire and and to continue intermittently as Forest Resilience Action Plan.

To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction.

This project burn will be conducted under strictly controlled weather and fuel conditions. Smoke and aircraft may be visible in the area.

CAL FIRE MEU also reminded local residents on September 24: "In response to multiple escaped debris fires in the county this week, CALFIRE MEU would like to remind you the burn ban remains in place. Despite the recent light rains that we have received, fuels are still dry and receptive to fire."

For more information and to keep up to date on the current burn status please visit: https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/current-burn-status





Above: The Skeleton Krewe Trio is made up of some fine musicians who play with well-known bands. At right, top, left: Peggy O'Leary and Joey James came down from Eureka to be with old friends. At right, top, right: Even kids have to take a break from all the fun and power up with some snacks. At right, above: The campsites reflect the personality and taste of the people who set them up. At right: Wavy Gravy and his wife Jahanara enjoy the three-day festival.

Photos by Mathew Caine

# Hog Farm

## Three-day music festival brings back memories of another era, one of peace and love

The sign on Highway 101, reading "Hog Farm's Annual In Open Celebration," gave a hint of the wonders to be found down the half-mile of dusty, rutted road. It was a time warp to the Be-Ins and Woodstock-

Mathew Caine
Features Writer
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esque events of the '60s and '70s, when the Beat Generation morphed

into the hippie movement, based on love and generosity. It was a slow drive, due to the dust, speed bumps, and general road conditions, but on the one-lane passage, people happily moved over to allow others to pass on the way into the celebration.

Finally, the semi-circle of tepees came into view and the parking volunteers, including a polar bear-suited attendant with multi-colored helium-filled balloons, Amberlynn, greeted visitors and directed them over the new metal bridge, to the registration tent.

The music emanating from the Camp Winnarainbow grounds was mellow, melodic, and brought memories of the Grateful Dead, with which members of the group, the Skeleton Krewe Trio, have collaborated with some of the Dead band mates. A second-generation Hog Farmer named Biosha gifted Willits Weekly with a short tour of the grounds, complete with explanations and definitions.

"This festival is much smaller than Kate Wolf," said Biosha. "It's intimate, with about 300 to 400 people. It happens here, at our Camp Winnarainbow facility. We do other events here private parties and other gatherings, like the Northern California Herbal Symposium happens here at this facility. Then, we do this fundraiser. We're in our fifth year. We raise money for a lot of capital improvements at this facility, some infrastructure projects, for example this lovely bridge that you just walked over. It was a very expensive endeavor that we are still paying off. This festival goes to fundraise for the bridge." Biosha also organizes and promotes Dead on the Creek and "Ten Mile Creek Revival, which is the festival that happens in June. That's my festival. It's a folk festival, continuing the legacy of Kate Wolf."

The festival was arranged in a semi-circle of tepees, which could be utilized for camping on a first-come-first-serve basis. "You lay down your mattress pad and make new friends. It's the same kind of community as Burning Man without the dust," explained Leslie, a longtime participant in this and other festivals at Camp Winnarainbow. "I was here one time, maybe 30 years ago and they had lit all the tepees inside, different colors, and there were dancing Shivas in there."

At the open end of the semi-circle, the stage offered the afore-mentioned group of musicians, to which the people began to dance, or just sat and appreciated the sounds.

It was Happy Hour, and the free wine was flowing, with no visible signs of drunkenness or belligerency, in fact, it seemed incredibly mellow and inviting. The festival was, in a way, a family reunion, with old friends travelling from all over the state to enjoy their extended family.

Even those who had never been to the camp previously, were never made to feel as outsiders. They were brought into the family and embraced. Everyone had a story, about their days at Woodstock, the hippie and yippie movements, or their experiences at Hog Farm.

"We still consider ourselves 'hippies.' To me, personally, I think it is a way of life. I think I'm a hippie by heritage. I don't wear a lot of tiedye or dreadlocks, all those things that people see when they think about hippies. For me, the peace, love and happiness are a part of being a hippie. They're really in my soul," explained Biosha.

The Hog Farm commune got its start in Southern California, closely aligned with and sharing members with the Merry Pranksters, of Ken Kesey fame. At one point they took care of a pig farm in Sunland. They even ran one of the pigs for president. "Her name was Pigasus and she was the first black and white female presidential candidate," said Biosha.

A legendary member of the Merry Pranksters

A legendary member of the Merry Pranksters and Hog Farm, Hugh Romney, who eventually became known as Wavy Gravy, (a name bestowed on him by B. B. King), founded Camp Winnarainbow, to teach kids circus skills, and delight them, and it continues to do so to this day.

Remembering Woodstock when he was on stage, Wavy Gravy recited his famous lines: "Good morning. What we have in mind is breakfast in bed for 400,000. It's not going to be steak and eggs either." At his age, it's not always easy to remember everything. "My chromosomes have amnesia, and not milk of ether. Milk of Amnesia," he says with a twinkle in his eye and the grin of someone who refuses to grow up and give in to the banal rat race which entraps many of the modern humans. He and the people around him continue to embody the spirit of playfulness and wonder that was part of the hippie generation.

Hog Farm & Friends: In Open Celebration, is a three-day festival with music, games, flowers, kids, families, hippie trivia, bingo (with Wavy), and a labyrinth, and most importantly, peace and love.









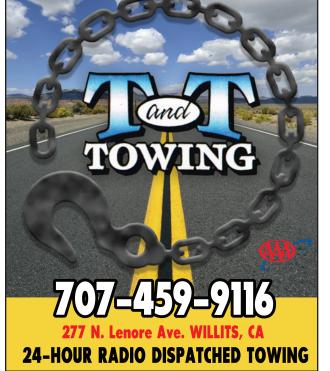


Above, left: Kimber Holmes helps out with the afternoon snacks. Above, right: Shyla Churchill volunteers her time behind the wine booth. At left: The sign on Highway 101 helps people find the location. Below: Mary Jane works in the kitchen and Scott is with the camping crew, but they both find time to dance. At bottom, left: A couple enjoys the music and the comradery. At bottom, right: Julia can't help but smile around her friends and the music.











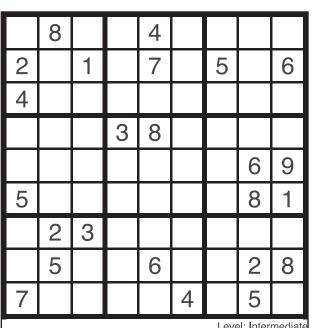
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## Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



#### HOW TO SUDOKU

14-day period.

September 1

September 2

Alder Court.

and Arrests

1:49 pm: Officers responded to a report

Willits was contacted in the 800 block of

South Main Street. She was arrested on

misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of

8:20 pm: PATTY, Franklin Arthur (59) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of

South Main Street. He was arrested on

felony charges of carrying a concealed

dirk or dagger, possession of a controlled

substance with two or more prior

convictions, and violation of parole and on

misdemeanor charges of possession of a

controlled substance and possession of

4:02 am: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 300 block of South Main

7:03 am: Officers initiated a theft

9:27 am: Officers responded to a report

12:03 pm: Officers initiated a fraud

investigation in the 100 block of East

6:29 pm: CALES, Tyler Greyson (28)

of Willits was contacted in the 800 block

of South Main Street. He was arrested on

felony charges of assault with a deadly

12:12 am: Officers conducted a stop in

the 200 block of South Main Street and

9:39 am: Officers responded to a report

10:34 am: Officers conducted a stop

near the intersection of East San Francisco

Avenue and South Main Street and issued

8:27 pm: SHANOFF, Timothy Robert

(32) of Willits was contacted in the 300

block of Creekside Drive. He was arrested

on felony charges of possession of a

controlled substance for sale, weapons

violations, and violation of probation and

on misdemeanor charges of being under

the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and

8:49 am: SAINE, Randy Lewis (38) of

Willits was contacted in the 800 block of

South Main Street. He was arrested on

10:24 am: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 200 block of South Main

8:59 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

9:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

possession of drug paraphernalia.

felony charges of failure to appear.

Street and issued a warning.

of vandalism in the 1500 block of South

weapon with great bodily injury.

of a suspicious vehicle in the 1500 block of

investigation in the 300 block of Franklin

drug paraphernalia.

South Main Street.

Commercial Street.

September 4

issued a warning.

Main Street.

a warning.

September 5

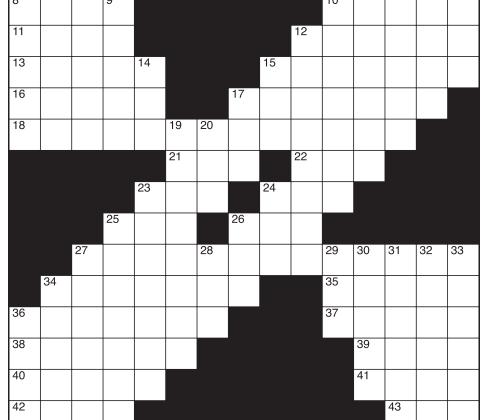
September 3

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

# FALL IS HERE WORD SEARCH

O S U N S E T S P R B Y U T S E V R A H

ACORNS				CINNAMON			HARVEST				RAKE			
APPLE			CORNUCOPIA			LEAVES				SCARECROW				
AUTUMN			CRISP			MAPLE				SEPTEMBER				
BONFIRE			FI	ESTIVAL		MAZE			SPICE					
CHILLY			F	OLIAGE		ORCHARD				SUNSET				
CIDER				G	OURDS		PUMPKIN				SWEATER			
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8			9						10					
11								12						
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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Gas usage measurement
- 4. Muslim mystic
- 8. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 10. Monday (Spanish)
- 11. Frame for a coffin
- 12. Rub out
- 13. John \_\_\_, English educator I467-I5I9
- 15. Small round particle
- 16. Chilean seaport
- 17. News service
- 18. Pay for dinner
- 21. Glamorous city
- 22. Subway rodent 23. 'The Raven' author

Thailand

- 24. Buddhist festiva

- 25. Cost, insurance
- and freight (abbr.) 26. Indigenous person of

- 27. 'The Blonde Bombshell' 34. Series-ending episodes
- 12. A place to dance 14. 19th letter of Greek 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Aquatic mammal 37. Unit of measurement 38. Eye membranes

41. Leak slowly through

43. Midway between south

42. Rock icon Turner

and southeast

**CLUES DOWN** 

1. Large hat covering

2. 'From what is earlier'

4. Retirement region

5. A way to change posture

(Latin)

Celtic

6. Touches

9. Rubbish

7. A small island

- of surprise 17. 17th letter of Greek 39. Indian god of dissolution 40. People of Scotland
  - alphabet 19. Descriptions

alphabet

15. Mild expression

10. A citizen of Laos

- 20. Men's fashion accessory 23. Thieves of the sea
- 24. Prohibit 25. Card game

27. Underling

28. Downwind

30. German city

31. Animal disease

33. Get away from

34. Stuffed (French)

36. Type of precipitation

29. Type of medication

32. Martini ingredients

26. French and Belgian river

and issued a citation. 10:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

#### September 6

issued a warning.

9:34 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued

9:46 pm: CURTIS, Rickie Allen (52) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested

The officers of the Willits Police on misdemeanor charges of disorderly Department reported 132 incidents in this conduct (alcohol).

#### September 7

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE LOG** 

September 1 to September 14

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

**Summary of Active Investigations** 12:46 am: SPECIALE, Realia Evangelina (43) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of 5:27 am: Officers initiated a theft being under the influence of a controlled investigation in the 800 block of South Main substance and violation of probation

4:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in 11:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

> 5:08 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

#### of suspicious activity in the 100 block of September 8

12:37 am: Officers conducted a stop in 4:49 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the 1200 block of South Main Street and the intersection of East Commercial Street issued a citation.

and South Humboldt Street and issued a 6:38 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and 8:20 pm: BELL, Jessica May (36) of

> 11:29 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of North

> 4:04 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Monroe

6:06 pm; Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

#### September 9

11:20 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road and issued a warning.

11:45 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Commercial Street and South Humboldt Street and issued a

#### September 10

7:15 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of

2:09 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued

3:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

5:30 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of Magnolia

8:39 pm: FIGGHOBLYN, Amanda Irene (25) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of vandalism and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, and on misdemeanor charges of trespassing (refusal to leave), possession of a controlled substance, resisting an officer, and violation of probation.

#### September 11

3:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:03 pm: THORNTON, Triston Wayne (29) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of Mill Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of

8:26 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 600 block of South Main Street and issued

8:31 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of Sherwood Road and issued a

9:04 pm: GRUBER, Julius Eugene (62) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of petty theft with prior conviction and possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

the 1400 block of South Main Street and the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. 10:16 pm: Officers conducted a stop in 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue

10:03 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

#### September 12

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of Shell

12:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

Read the rest of WPD

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At left, top: A wide view of the Community Poppy Mural to be installed on the back of the bandstand at the Recreation Grove.

At far left: Painting was a family project. Two sisters, Liss Dawn and Amythyst Romero, worked side by side. At left: The mural was set up as a paint-by-numbers project. Each color had a corresponding number

Below, from top: The mural sections were available at the Farmers Market for two weeks for anyone wishing to take

Taylor Pardue couldn't resist trying her hand at painting. The orange bracelet on her left hand was for those who participated

Dessa couldn't let the opportunity pass to make her mark on the mural.

Anna Judd in helping the painters prepare and find sections to print. At bottom, right:

Sequoia Jones found an unpainted section on which to make her mark.

# **Community Poppies**

New mural for Rec Grove bandstand created by artist Anna Judd but painted by many

community cooperation. Soon there will be a new beautifully solvents without harming the mural underneath. There's colorful six-panel mural on the back of the bandstand stage at the Recreational Grove Park thanks to the efforts of the Willits City Planning Department, artist Anna Judd, and at least 181 citizens of the Little Lake Valley (and possibly

Mathew Caine

others) who have added their marks (and paint) to the Community Mural Project.

Setting up the panels in several locations over the span of a few weeks. Anna Judd is seeing her vision come to fruition as she prepares to put the finishing touches on her depiction of the state flower, the California poppy, in brilliant hues of oranges and greens, that can brighten anyone's days as they pass the their city. completed mural from East Commercial or Lenore Streets. It will also be quite visible from the Willits Library and the

Willits Elementary Charter School. "We are painting a community mural for the Recreation Grove on aluminum panels," explained Judd. "There are six aluminum panels. They're from Artifex, which is a local company. The final mural is going to be 24 feet by 6 feet. It's going on the back of the bandstand, and it will face art and then ran them by the city council for approval. This Commercial Street [and Lenore]. I think we're going to do the install in early October. The last community painting public. Then the council confirmed that it was appropriate event was held September 13 [at the Inner Earth Tea and art to be placed up in public spaces. Muse Block Party].

After hosting painting parties at the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, the Willits Farmers Market, and the Block Party, the panels are almost ready for installation. Judd is planning on touching up some of the areas and the lines to make the mural as perfect as possible. Being a public project, some of the participants varied in talent and ability to stay in the lines, but all joyfully did their diligent

"I'm going to hide the people's names in the painting. I'm going to do a translucent glaze and organically hide the names in the forms of the flowers and the leaves. So, it will be like a treasure hunt when it's done. If you worked on the painting, you can go and visit it and try to find your name, have more of a connection to the art," said Judd

"I'm going to preserve the panels. I basically have to preserve them in a shell of polymers and protectants. These are special mural paints that protect from the UV rays so they won't fade in sun and weather. There are other layers

Sculpture

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It takes a village ... and some paint ... and a spirit of on top of that that makes it easy to remove graffiti with not a lot of graffiti here but it's inevitable that someone will want to add their touch to it, after it's done."

> The project that the public participated in was basically a Paint-By-Numbers process. Judd outlined all of the paint areas from her prior design that was submitted to the city. Each area had a number which corresponded to cups of the various colors, so all that the participants had to do was find the numbers of the areas in which to utilize their color. Several did multiple areas and several painted only small spaces, just to be able to look at the finished mural and know that they were represented as part of this community of residents who wanted to create a little more beauty in

> Connor Stack, City Planner, has been involved in facilitating the project from the inception, along with others from his department. The mural is part of a larger Caltrans grant to beautify the city. "About a year ago, the City of Willits put out a call to artists throughout the city, took all the applicants, and put the designs up in the Willits Center for the Arts. Then, we chose the two most voted-on pieces of wasn't artists chosen by the city, but rather, by a vote of the

> The other piece of art is by Jenn Procacci. She is preparing this piece. It's going to be 6 feet wide by 12 feet tall. It's going to bed on the side of the bandstand. Both of the designs were confirmed almost four months ago by

> "Technically, this is the first time the city has ever purchased art, even through a grant," City Planner Stack said. "There have been some donations that we facilitated, but this is the first time the city ever purchased art. We haven't done this before in the history of the town."

> "I love watching these kids paint on the mural," mused Judd. "It's amazing. The community part of this is the most exciting, because you give people a chance to be creative and to connect and to maybe go outside their comfort zone a little and to put their energy into the work. They get to have a connection to this place. It gives them a reason to go to the park and can say 'I helped paint this."

Visit www.annajudd.com/ to learn more about artist Anna Judd's work.











#### Agape **Bible Church**

290 S. Lenore Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship dult Sunday School 8:30 a.m Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com

#### **Amazing Grace** Assembly of God Church

803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Worship Service - 5:00 p.m. Pastor Kris Strickland EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

#### Church

of Christ What must we do to be saved? Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service-6-7:00 p.m.

#### The Church of **Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints

Wednesday Bible Study-

7-8:00 p.m.

265 Margie Drive Willits, ČA 95490 ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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#### **Grace Community** Church

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits Worship Service 10 a.m. For appointments call: (707) 459-3106

#### St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church 61 W. San Francisco Ave. 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 Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252

saintanthonywillits@gmail.com We welcome All Walks of Faith St. Francis

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#### **Episcopal Church** North Main Street, Willits

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

#### St. John Lutheran Church

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive acebook.com/stjohnswillits ALL ARE WELCOME

#### Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church**

707-459-5714 Friendly, open worship Saturdays Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. Zoom Transmission Available. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 399 W. Mendocino Ave.

## All are welcome! **Willits United**

**Methodist Church** Labyrinth and Peace Garden A place to find comfort where all are welcome Pastor Jaime Rogers-Fairchild Sunday Worship at 10:30 am 286 School St. (at Pine) 707-459-2855

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#### Thursday, September 25

Willits Farmers Market: 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 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

Bit and a Bite at the Museum: Light refreshments and a presentation by Karen Mattson on the history of the museum Thursday, September 25 at 12:30 at the Mendocino County Museum

#### Friday, September 26

Last Farmstand of the season at Commonwealth Garden: 10 am until 1 pm but it sells out fast! Stop by the garden, located at 90 Haelh Creek, just across from Howard Hospital, for cabbage, tomatoes, carrots, beets, lettuce, kale, chard, collards, apples, pears, peppers, eggplant, and the last of the cucumbers and summer squash – but winter squash are coming, too, including delicata and pumpkins.

Vendor Event at Adri's Salon: Come peruse the wares of multiple craft, clothing and food vendors on September 26 from 3 to 7 pm at Adri's Salon, 1615A South Main Street, Willits.



True West Final Weekend at WCT: Final weekend performance of this darkly funny drama written by Sam Shepard and directed by Joshua Sternberg begins Friday, September 26 at 7 pm, at Willits Community Theatre.

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. Sameday registration at the Brooktrails Par Course starting at 8 am. 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

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to 3 pm at the Mendocino County Museum. True West Final Performance at WCT: Sunday September 28 at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. More info see Sept 26

disabled adult artists. September 28, from 2

Program Director for Art Explorers, a creative arts

program serving neurodivergent and physically

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,

Friday, October 3,

Willits United

Methodist Church

286 School St.

Corner of School and Pine

September 28 from 1 to 3 pm at Inner Earth Tea House. This event is donation-based.

#### Thursday, October 2

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

**True West Final Evening** 

Performance at WCT:

27 at 7 pm at Willits

Community Theatre. For

September

Main Street.

Saturday,

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at City Park, for the freshest local produce, meat, farm fresh eggs, hot and cold food from local businesses. plus live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. First Thursday of the month, October 2, Meet the Library at the Farmers Market, 3 to 4:30 pm, with library card signups, information about library services and events, and an activity for the kids to enjoy.

Virtual Author Talk at the Library: Smithsonian educators present 'Nuestra America,' inspiring stories of the Latino contribution to the United States, on Thursday, October 2 at 11 am at the Willits Branch Library. Register and submit questions at

#### Friday, October 3

mendolibrary.org under Willits Events.

Dance Hall Benefit at the Methodist Church: Fundraiser for the Willits Shelter Action Group featuring DJ Mike Tobin, plus snacks, raffles and dance lessons! \$4 General, \$2 for youths and free for Seniors. Friday, October 3 from 6 to 9 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street.

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

Cliff Porter Collective at Shanachie: Friday, October 3 from 8 to 11 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Mrs. Roper Town Stroll: Dress up as your best Mrs.

Roper (from 'Three's Company') to stroll the town! Friday, October 3 at 6 pm at Northspur Brewing Co., Willits.

#### Saturday, October 4

Willits Harvest Moon Carnivale: With live music, games, pie eating contest, food, vendors, and more, this free, familyfriendly event will be held from 4 to 9pm on Saturday, October 4, with shops and restaurants open late on Main, Commercial and Humboldt Street.

Nuestra Alianza Exhibit opens at WCA: Enjoy food

and beverages as exhibit by Nuestra featuring NUESTRA ALIANZA Day of the Dead altars and other seasonal Mexican art and crafts on Saturday, October 4 from 6 to 8 pm at Willits Center for the

#### Sunday, October 5

Mendocino Camerata at WCA: Diverse, a capella choral music along with seasonal refreshments, in the Great Room at Willits Center for the Arts on Sunday, October 5. Doors open at 3:30 pm, concert begins at 4 pm. Advanced tickets are \$12 or \$15 at the door. Tickets and more info: willitscenterforthearts.org.

Uncorked & Uncharted Benefit for Museum: Catered lunch, live auction, music and a historical tour of Mendocino County through stories of our shared past. Tickets \$55 with proceeds benefiting Mendocino County Museum. Sunday, October 5 from 1 to 4 pm at the Ridgewood Ranch Carriage House. Tickets and Info: mendocinocountymuseumfriends.org.



# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS' 14TH ANNUAL MARY BURGESS MEMORIAL RANCH RODEO **COMING SOON TO** WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2025

#### **Bridging Summer Scholars Fundraising Dinner**

Saturday October 11, 2025 Doors open at 5:00 pm



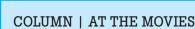
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### 'A Big Bold Beautiful Journey'

The Story: A sad/happy fantasy drama about the human condition. This magic-filled movie is about love, and about forgiveness, and about selfdoubt, and about



Dan Essman

self-loathing---and personal guilt(s). The flick recreates the hurtful events our two

protagonists must relive so that they can actually be capable of loving each other. The twisty and magic-filled plot of this flick is sometimes tearful and sad, and sometimes guite funny. It should be seen in a theater because it's a big screen story, just like real life.

My Thoughts: First: Colin Farrell can sing and dance. Who knew? And second: We all know that Margot Robbie is lovely. But in this flick, in shot after shot, in full big screen close-ups, she is stunningly and incandescently Hollywood-movie star beautiful. What I'm trying to say is Miss Robbie is one of the reasons I love movies. It is my understanding that she was pregnant during the shooting schedule of the production. That's an affirmation of the belief that some women "glow" when "with child." In this flick, the camera caught "the glow."

All through this flick, the dialog is intelligent. That's a rarity. The whole cast was great, bit parts to bigger parts. It's always good to see Kevin Kline in a movie. His was an odd character part next to Phoebe Waller-Bridge. She had an inner smile, it was funny and almost a smirk. Kline, too, was funny, and he carried a strange understated kind of mystery wrapped about him which made this viewer ask, "Who is this guy!?!"

Do go see this movie. It will leave you feeling better about our world.

Parents: Not for children. It would bore them, or disturb them.

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

#### Fall Plant Sale at Mendo College Ukiah Campus September 26 & 27

A benefit for the Mendocino College Agricultural Department, the sale includes new varieties of California native plants, great for pollinators and wildlife plus a large variety of organic winter veggies, herbs and greens and will be held September 26 from 9 am to 5 pm and September 27 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Agriculture Department of Mendocino College in Ukiah. Cash or checks only.

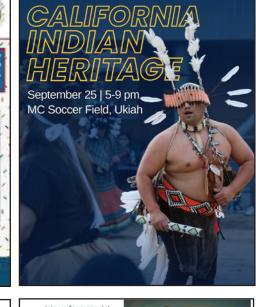


#### VENDOR **SEPTEMBER 26, 2025** 3PM - 7PM **ADRI'S SALON** 1615 A S MAIN STREET, WILLITS Multiple craft vendors, a clothing endor, and food vendors Come have some fun, grab some one of a kind gifts, or something for youself and grab some food while

#### California Indian Heritage Celebration September 25

This free, community-wide event hosted by the Native American Student Success & Support Program, will feature Native dancers, live music, cultural workshops, an Elders giveaway, raffles and food, beverages and crafts by local Native vendors plus the unveiling of the new Medicine Garden. September 25 from 5 to 9 pm at the soccer field on the Mendocino College Ukiah Campus.









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#### **Bridging Summer Scholars** Fundraising Dinner October 11

Benefitting the Summer Scholars program, an educational enrichment opportunity for high school students, this dinner includes either a lamb chop served with local seasonal sides or mushroom ravioli with butter sage cream sauce and porcini dust, a decadent dessert and one beer or wine ticket. There will also be a door prize and a silent and live auction. Saturday, October 11 from 5 to 9 pm at the Little Lake Grange. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased online at foundation.mendocino. edu or at Mendo College, 372 East Commercial Street,

#### TOWN-WIDE ONGOING EVENTS

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. Everyone is welcome. Join us at the picnic

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.

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,

Commercial Streets. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390. Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the library.

at St. Francis of the Redwoods on the corner of Main and

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.

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 iam 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

slot, with performances beginning at 7:20. Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

name in the lottery from 3 to 7 pm to choose your 20-minute time

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

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



57 East Commercial Street - Willits 707-459-6660 www.noyotheater.com

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At top, from left: A mosaic from renowned artist Elizabeth Raybee is one of the silent auction items. Young Desa Holt tries on some of the costumes available for photos from WCT and Kathy Vellis. Bhavvy Ducharme presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to longtime Willits luminary Linda Posner. Above: Mark Henriques raises his paddle to bid on one of the eclectic auction items, outbidding even himself. Below, left: Mary Guibert, mother of Jeff Buckley, is deeply touched by the rendition of "Hallelujah" by Desa Holt. Below, right: The attendees enjoy al fresco dining in the beautiful outdoor space at The Whistle Stop. Further below, left: Saprina and Martin Rodriguez generously provided the location (The Whistle Stop), accessories, and printing (from Ace Copy). Further below, right: Many of the townsfolk attend the WCT Gala, including Jill and Chuck Persico. Even further below, left: Two of the current board members of the Willits Community Theatre, Michael Ducharme, treasurer, and Kevin Moore, president, enjoy each other's company. Even further below, right: Malakai Schindel plays the pipes as one of his many instrumental offerings to the diners. At bottom: The Lions Club charcuterie board and appetizers are as attractive as they are

















## **WCT Gala**

Annual fundraiser for community theater is a lovely evening of entertainment, great food, and memories

Community theater is an entity for the the bar, providing beer and wine and some community to enjoy and participate in because it belongs to everyone. No matter the experience or level of talent one has,

Mathew Caine

information.

in the production of plays, music shows, readings. poetry and other forms of entertainment and

they can find a place

The Willits Community Theatre has been in operation since 1977 and has a long and distinguished list of plays and productions in its portfolio. It has hosted both professionals and talented amateurs

"A community theater is a community inside these walls but is also a community outside the walls," said Amythyst Romero, WCT managing director. "Many of us are amateurs who have never set foot on the stage or the tech booth before. We have fun and everybody is invited. You learn as you go, and you learn about yourself. You make friends and you're part of a family, but it's an open family. We are looking forward to new faces and new personalities, and people with their own unique skillset.

"You're never on your own," Romero said. "We also have experienced people to guide and teach you. When I agreed to be stage manager for the first time, a couple years ago, I said yes, then went home and Googled 'stage manager.' I wasn't alone. had people showing me the ropes. I learned as I went, but I was supported in every aspect. I was supported the whole time. You learn about your own skills as

Being a community theater in a small town, WCT lives on a shoestring and by the good graces of volunteers. Even so, its operating budget necessitates raising money through grants and fundraising events. Each year, WCT puts on a gala, recently named Hearts for the Arts, with a dinner, entertainment, and both silent and

The gala was extra special this year, held in the lush courtyard at The Whistle Stop, with live entertainment by Malakai Schindel and catering by the Willits Lions Club. The night was filled with incredible memories and performances. Gane Jackson of Smokey's Barbecue grilled up delicious tri-tip steaks, and vegetarian lasagna was provided by the Willits Lions Club, who also printing, amongst many others who made created an attractive and tasty appetizer table. In addition, there were green beans, roasted potatoes, and rolls. The dessert was from Kemmy's Pies. Theater Production Manager Jeff Shipp deftly ran love from this gem of a local institution.

of the theater's famous margaritas.

Dr. Andrea McCullough created a memory board where people could write on provided cards about their favorite memories of their WCT experience. McCullough's memory was a sweet moment. "My favorite memory so far is when Matt Holzhauer proposed to Erin at the last showing of 'Same Time Next Year," mused McCullough.

The diners were treated to an eclectic musical set by Malakai Schindel, on pipes, flute, guitar and voice. After dinner, the Lifetime Achievement Award was given to the very deserving Linda Posner, the first artistic director of the theater, whose early productions made it possible to lease the space where the theater is situated to this day. Posner was very gracious as she received her award from her old friend and neighbor, Bhavvy Ducharme. She thanked the crowd and sang a song from her heart.

Then, it was time for the auction, skillfully run, as usual by the lovely and talented Rachel Britten, who made people greatly enjoy spending their money and helping out the theater. The first item was a tour of Spencer Brewer's Studio, along with a copy of his book, "Lost and Found: Assemblage Art of California," and dinner at the Beehive Restaurant that went for \$700. Other items included a day of landscaping, a Skunk Train rail bike package, backstage VIP passes to Reggae on the River, and a Julia Morgan Redwood Grove Getaway. The final and most valuable auction item was a private concert from Spencer Brewer with a dinner for eight by Hatake Farm Kitchen, and eight bottles of wine, which went for

A very special and touching moment came when young Desa Holt sang a perfect version of "Hallelujah," made even more special as it was song for Mary Guibert, the mother of Jeff Buckley (Buckley is famous for singing the most well-known version of the Leonard Cohen song "Hallelujah"). Guibert resides in the area and is a generous donor to the theater. There were many tears at the beauty of the rendition and of the moment.

It was an amazing night with an abundance of smiles and loving memories. WCT thanks Martin and Saprina Rodriguez for generously providing the venue and the evening possible. In the end, the theater did rather well, netting \$16,210, which will go a long way toward creating the art and performances that people have grown to







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Mabon Market Music Spotlight: We're thrilled to

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Market! Known as a traveling songbird, Lindsay has

carried her music from coast to coast - transforming her

life experiences and journeys into heartfelt songs. Drawing

inspiration from many eras of music, her influences range

from timeless jazz ballads to the raw storytelling and

intricate guitar work of classic folk. Since 2017, Lindsay

has shared her voice and guitar in a wide variety of

settings – from intimate restaurants and wine lounges to

vibrant bars - always bringing authenticity, warmth and

soul to the stage. Don't miss her live performance at the

Mabon Market, where her music will weave perfectly into

Other vendors expected to be present at the market

include: Mika's Minkys by Tina and Deva; Capri Beauty Bar

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**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

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2025 /s/ Brianna Adams Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2,

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2025-F0376

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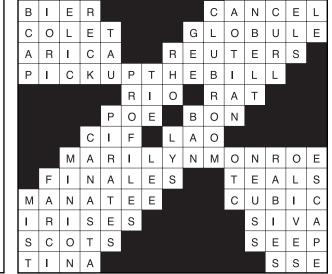
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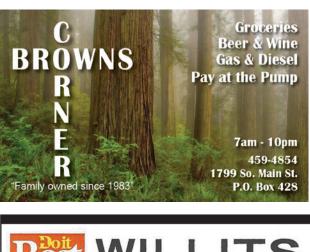
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from a safe distance as she takes everything in. But

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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.



#### The rest of Brooktrails

managers have received this certification."

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A round of applause followed the presentation, and Director Mary Ziady said, "This certification gives Tamara a stronger voice as she advocates for us in applying for grants, etc. which is very advantageous for our community."

Tyler-O'Shea asked if any directors had anything to report, and Director Susan Mahoney shared that LAFCO has streamlined their process regarding annual reviews which will make reporting more efficient.

The GM provided a brief report saying: "Brooktrails water supply is very good. A new local fleet mechanic has been identified that is providing great assistance with fire department apparatus repairs. Also, a new (to us) vehicle repair shop in town has done some wonderful and timely repair work for us, and we are glad to have them readily available."

Continuing, Alaniz said: "Two water operators are testing for their Treatment Two certifications, so that's moving along nicely. And, we have been very happy to have our new firefighter, Jeremy Lippincott on board

Next, came the time that the audience had been patiently waiting for, the Public Comments section of the meeting.

Matthew Alaniz announced that WUSD is offering Citizenship Classes for those interested in getting naturalized, to help them pass the Civics test and navigate the legal process involved. The classes began on September 18 and are continuing for six weeks at the Adult School at Sanhedrin. He suggested those interested in taking the class may contact Director of Student Programs Arora Chavez at the district office: (707) 459-5314 or arorachavez@willitsunified.com

Brooktrails Disc Golf Director/Organizer Joseph Haggard stepped to the podium and gave an update on the recent 6th annual Brooktrails Open Tournament. Joseph stated: "We had another very successful event, and we experienced a lot of great feedback from the players and the community. We are happy to say that Flying Dog Pizza reported that they had their single best day of business that they've ever had on the Saturday of the tournament. They were a key sponsor and host for the players, so it was amazing to see the event not only benefiting the Brooktrails Golf Course but extending out into the greater Willits community.

"We also had a film crew for the first time onsite, and we were able to more than double the amount of our sponsorship funding. That coverage is now viewable on YouTube. We were able to hit over 11,000 views in the first week, so it was received really well by the greater disc golf community.

He added: "I also want to give a huge 'thank you' to Brooktrails Golf Course Managers Marcus and Jacqui [Newby/Christian] for allowing us to build this event to what it has become during our time here. Thank you so much for allowing us to build this event to what it

Helpful to note at this point is that at the end of May managers Newby/Christian submitted their resignation to the board, and the board subsequently accepted their resignation which will become effective at the end of December. Throughout the summer months the board has been seeking new management for the erupted into applause upon hearing the result of the

Newby/Christian desire a smooth transition to the new management group and would like to be involved in the turnover/transition process.

The Brooktrails Golf Course is a beautiful, tranquil place to spend quality time. It's been described as "the jewel in the crown" of Brooktrails. It is a tremendous asset for the community, drawing golfing enthusiasts from all over to enjoy.

What transpired next in the meeting was very interesting, heartening, and a little disconcerting. Due to space constraints it's not possible to quote all of the notable sentiments that were expressed. But, for the better part of an hour, one by one, the list of individuals (below) stepped up to the podium to address the board and to eloquently express their love and appreciation for the golf course and to thank Newby/Christian for their good management over the years: Bob Cronin, Stephen Ford, Georgine Hultz, Alex Carlin, Colby Friend, Beth Green, Michael Rice, Jim Brown, Christine Griggs, Jessica Lyman, Rico Tramelini, Don Kruegars and Jeanine Johnson

Two speakers voiced their concerns regarding the existing restroom facilities at the course, noting that they need to be upgraded. The board was glad to hear their suggestions, so it is hoped that the necessary updating can occur in a timely manner in the future.

Somehow some misinformation had apparently been disseminated in the community and a handful of speakers were under the mistaken impression that the Brooktrails Golf Course was going to be closed in the near future. They were passionate as they spoke about the golf course being taken away and lost.

So, after the Public Comments board president Tyler-O'Shea invited responses from the board, and she emphatically began by stating: "I'm hearing from several of you who came up to speak that the golf course is in jeopardy. The golf course is not in jeopardy. We are very much in support of keeping it a thriving operation. We know the value that it brings to our community. I'm a member of the course and a disc golfer. I've introduced people in this room to the game. Director Ed Horrick is an avid golfer. We understand at a time." the value of this golf course. It is **not** going away."

Horrick expressed deep gratitude for the impressive turnout in support of "our wonderful community and beautiful golf course." Director Ziady said: "Too often people talk but they don't show up. I think that this has in it wholeheartedly. I think you all know that our current roll call vote was unanimous to approve

golf course operators/ managers have submitted their resignation, and we have undertaken to find the best possible persons to continue to operate this gem and to keep our community outreach going."

The board then turned their attention to the Consent Calendar item: Review and Approval of Accounts Payable for the month of August and September 10, 2025. There were a few questions regarding some expenditures which were quickly answered, and the board voted unanimous approval and authorized payments totaling \$473,318.59.

The agenda item that was foremost for the board's attention for the evening came up next: "Consideration of Request for Proposals for Management and Operations Services to Brooktrails Golf Course."

There were two proposals submitted for consideration: One from Redwood Fairway Group and one from Rose (Cedarholm) and Aram Lemette. Both entities were highly qualified to assume the management of the operations of the course.

The board grappled with making the decision about which group to go with and acknowledged that it was a difficult decision because both groups were so well qualified. In the final analysis, the board decided to go with Redwood Fairway Group whose principals are: Alex Herron, General Manager and Operational Lead; Mark Blumenfeld, CPA - Business Operations/Financial Oversight, and James Mitchell Infrastructure, Community Liaison and Business

Board members Tyler-O'Shea, Ziady and Mahoney shared with those gathered their reasons for deciding to choose the Redwood Fairway Group.

Tyler-O'Shea said: "Redwood Fairway Group has a CPA, a contractor, and a pro golfer team. They have the business plan and that, to me, sounds like exactly what we need.'

Mahoney said: "Both groups were impassioned and loyal and wanting the best for Brooktrails in terms of the golf course becoming a draw for people. Not knowing anybody here, I just started on the board in December, I have no baggage involved in serving this community. I feel that the group we chose is ready to go, and they talked about using the time between now, during the fall, to work with the current operators to ensure a smooth transition which would be advantageous."

Continuing she said: "I really appreciate that everyone who came to speak tonight is passionate about using the golf course for everyone to socialize, and keeping the clubhouse and facilities really nice, and that is our goal as well. I would also encourage you and say this is always a transparent process. When you have things that you've heard and you want to come and check them out, the board meetings are always open to you and the podium is ready for you at every single meeting. We are happy to address any questions that you have for you to get the answers that you need."

Tyler-O'Shea then called for a roll call vote on the recommendation that the board enter into a Golf Course Operations Agreement with the Redwood Fairway Group. The board then voted unanimously to approve the recommendation, and the audience

As the crowd dispersed Director Rick Wiilliams said: "Thank you for coming here tonight. We haven't had this big of a crowd show up since we threatened to chop down a redwood tree." Much laughter followed

Finally, the last item on the agenda was "Consideration of Chipper Policy."

Brooktrails Fire Department now owns a chipper which has been used for clearing hazardous vegetation in the greenbelt, and cleaning up fallen limbs on the through hard work and education golf course and other district property

There's been numerous inquiries from citizens and chipper. With a liability waiver like the one used for trail activities undertaken by the Willits Area Cyclists, community members may be trained and allowed to operate the chipper under Fire Department supervision.

GM Alaniz stated: "Now that we own the chipper, we want to figure out how we can best utilize the chipper in the community. Working with Chief Donaldson, we're proposing the chipper policy that has simple guidelines for the public to follow. If the board is amenable to this simple policy, it would include our trained personnel transporting the chipper to the desired location for use. Also, any individual desiring to use the chipper will sign a waiver and will pay a fee for the use."

There was significant back-and-forth among the board regarding the safety concerns involved in using a chipper and the wording of the guidelines.

During the lengthy discussion Rick Williams made the statement (which reflected the thoughts of all of the The rest of board): "I've never felt the same about chippers since I saw that scene in 'Fargo'"

Everyone laughed at that recollection, but the general consensus was that safety was of the utmost concern. Horrick said, "We just want to make sure that the operator of the chipper will be a trained operator. GM Alaniz said, "Trained personnel will always be at hand, and the chipper use will not be permitted to exceed a four hour block of work time at any one site

At last Williams made the motion to approve the Chipper Policy but had a question about an indemnification policy before the vote could be finalized. There was additional discussion regarding safety concerns and after all questions were answered been wonderful. The golf course will continue. I believe and all felt comfortable about the proposed policy, the

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Office from 2022 to 2025. He worked in solo practice from 2021 to 2022, 2015 to 2019, 2009 to 2013,

McCurry served in various roles in the U.S. Army, including as a chief of staff at the 311th Expeditionary Sustainment Command from 2019 to 2021, deputy director of Logistical Operations from 2013 to 2015, and as a transportation officer from 2008 to 2009 and 2003 to 2005.



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Above: New Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Ricco McCurry.

McCurry worked as a paralegal

specialist in the U.S. Small Business Administration from 1994 to 1995. McCurry received a Juris Doctor degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.

He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jeanine Nadel as of January 1, 2024. McCurry is a Democrat.

Newsom also appointed two judges in Alameda County; one in Contra Costa County, one in Kern County, one in Los Angeles County, one in Marin County, one in Orange County, two in Riverside County, one in San Bernardino County, two in San Francisco County, one in Santa Cruz County, and one in Siskiyou

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forensic pathologist determined Bakewell's cause of death was restraint-associated asphyxiation and type 2 myocardial ischemic

Other significant contributing factors were determined to be acute combined methamphetamine, psilocin, dextromethorphan and gamma-hydroxybutyric acid toxicity; hypertensive cardiomyopathy, and W.H.O class III obesity.

The manner of death determined by the pathologist was

The autopsy report, toxicology report, and findings of the forensic pathologist were shared with the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office for their investigation into this incident involving

Additional information regarding this investigation will be released as it becomes available.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office employees involved in this incident on June 6, 2025 in the 2000 block of Hearst Willits Road were Deputy Jesus Lopez and Sergeant Sam Logan. Deputy Lopez has approximately 5 years of law enforcement experience and Sergeant Logan has approximately 13.5 years of law enforcement experience. Both Deputy Lopez and Sergeant Logan have law enforcement experience in the Corrections and Patrol Divisions with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 748, dispatch and video footage of this incident are being released publicly on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office YouTube page. The video release can be accessed by utilizing either of the following links: https://www. youtube.com/c/MendocinoSheriff or https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=XBzx08v3s7U

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mission is to protect and enhance California's natural resources and communities while empowering and developing young adults

The CCC is a state agency and the nation's oldest and largest conservation corps. The CCC has corpsmember openings every other groups about developing a broader use of the month for young adults 18 to 25 and U.S. military veterans up to age 29. Call 800-952-5627 or visit ccc.ca.gov to learn more.

> Editor's Note: An upcoming event, Willits Fire Forum, set for Thursday, October 9, will take place at the new CCC facility, 600 East Hill Road, and the general public is invited. A free "evening of expert insight and community connection" features speaker Yana Valachovic, who will talk on home hardening, defensible space, fire science, Zone 0, and new lessons from recent LA fires. Also a representative from United Policyholders will speak on the current state of insurance in California, how to respond to rate hikes or cancellations, and tips for navigating your coverage.

> In addition there will be a Q&A with the speakers, free pizza from Flying Dog Pizza, and an info fair, including booths on fire resiliency, prizes, insurance guidance, resources on home hardening, and

Come see the new California Conservation Corps District HQ across from Howard Hospital

From page 4 WPD

BICKNELL, Benjamin Eli Quick (36) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct

4:26 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 700 block of Coast Street.

8:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main

9:47 pm: Officers responded

September 13

to a report of vandalism in the

100 block of Franklin Avenue.

No incidents to report.

September 14

8:52 am: LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank (55) of Willits

was contacted in the 600 block of Hawthorn Lane. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of

707-459-5859

### Jane Selover Young

Born in West Springfield, Mass in 1951, the firstborn of Katie and Britton Selover. Jane Selover Young died unexpectedly at home on September 8 in Fernley, Nevada.

In her early years, Jane worked In Manhattan, NY, for various theatre companies. She came to Willits in 1982 to be near her sister Stella, who had been living here for ten years. Jane tiptoed Into the culinary world by opening Calamity Jane's, a small restaurant, on West Van



Jane's major focus in life, besides her husband, David, and her dogs, were her culinary endeavors. She began working at Fetzer Valley Oaks in Hopland, a culinary school and event center.

She worked under the tutelage of John Ash, In the pavilion overlooking the lake, catering many events. She also assisted John while he taught there. Many may remember the amazing garden at this center and Jane was in charge of preserving and pickling the garden produce, Items that would be for sale in the gift shop.

During this period she met David Young of Willits who would soon become her husband. They were married at the Boonville Hotel In 1993, when Stella and Jay's children. Genevieve and Luke, were bridesmaid and ring bearer respectively.

After approximately 6 years with Fetzer, Jane started her own restaurant, "dish" in Ukiah on School Street across from the Mendocino Book Company. She ran this restaurant successfully for ten years, until David, who worked at Windsor Mill In Willits, was transferred to Virginia to set up the East Coast division of Windsor Mill. They sold their home and the restaurant when they moved, and Jane then became a private chef in Virginia, working for corporate and private Individuals.

When David retired, they wanted to be near his son, Michael and his wife, Shana, with their children in Sparks, Nevada, so moved nearby to Fernley, Nevada, where Jane loved cooking for the five grandchildren she had then acquired through David: Miles, Travis, Adeline, Mason and Brooklyn.

Their house in Fernley had a wonderful view of BLM areas where mustangs lived wild and free. Her garden there was influenced by the gardens at Fetzer so despite the high desert climate, Jane was successful in growing some of her own vegetables. She was always active and thoroughly enjoyed her life, her family and beautiful home.

She is sadly missed by her family and friends.

**Fair Elections Decided by California Voters** 

In response to Trump ordering Texas to break all rules and gerrymander its Congressional seats (disenfranchising millions of Texas voters), California's Prop. 50 will level the playing field, temporarily redrawing California's Congressional maps.

Prop. 50:

- Provides hope for a balanced Congress that will rein in Trump's abuses of power and attempts to suppress
- Is fair & proportional; it complies with Fair Redistricting guidelines, as confirmed by Common Cause (which found Texas redistricting did NOT).\*
- It gives power to the voters to affirm or reject the new maps (TX did not).
- It is temporary; CA will revert to the Independent Commission to draw boundaries after the 2030 Census.
- It commits to fair redistricting nationwide. The GOP opponents hypocritically reject independent commissions.

Don't let Trump pack Congress the way he has packed the Courts. Vote yes on Prop. 50 on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 Fairness Criteria

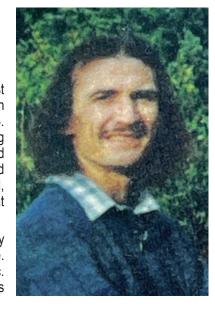


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## Jim Wagenet

James Curtis Wagenet passed away on August 17, 2025. Jim was born to Catharine and Gordon Wagenet in Willits, California, on March 2, 1953. His childhood was spent climbing trees, building forts in the woods, as a Cub Scout member, and excelling at piano lessons. He loved music and followed in the footsteps of his oldest brother Hal, forming a band and playing guitar as a freshman at Willits High School.

Jim began to struggle in high school. His reality shifted. This was a major turning point in his life. He was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. He would live with this illness for the rest of his



Jim had a kind heart and a wonderful sense of humor. He liked to make puns and was quite accomplished at getting a laugh with his quick wit and turn of phrase. He enjoyed art and created colorful pictures with pastels and pen and ink combined.

Jim loved to share his music. He played piano at the Senior Center, at his sister's wedding, and jammed on the guitar with anyone he could persuade to join him. Music was his happiness and he played it or listened to the radio, religiously.

Jim is survived by brothers Hal (Rosie), John (Anita), Bob (Josephine), sister Anne (Mark), his daughter Stephanie, and many nieces and nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. His gentle soul will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Donations may be made to the Mendocino County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI).



#### Join Willits 4-H for a year of fun, friends, and learning

Submitted by Willits 4-H

Willits 4-H is currently enrolling new members for the 2025-2026 year and invites local youth and families to become part of its longstanding tradition hands-on learning, leadership, and community service.

Willits 4-H offers a wide range of local projects, including arts and crafts, sheep, goats, cooking, canning (limited to the first SiX participants), dairy cattle, beef, poultry, horses and ponies, swine, sewing, leadership, and floral arrangement. Countyprojects available members include rabbits, cavies, dogs, and scrapbooking.

Come see what 4-H is all about at our Open House on Saturday, September 27 at Ridgewood Ranch.

From 11 am to 12 pm, families are invited to take part in fresh apple cider making (bring a mason jar to take some home). At 12 pm, join the club for a picnic on the lawn of the historic Howard House. Celebrate with us, meet members and leaders, and ask questions if you have any.

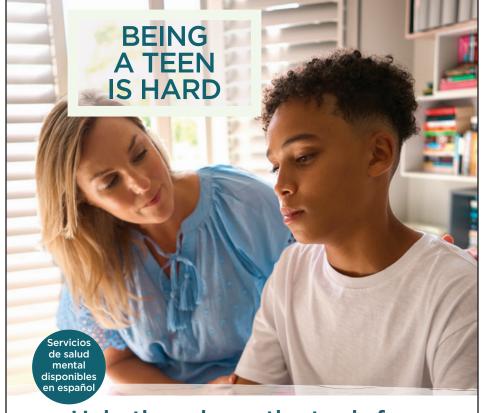
Enrollment is open now, and families are encouraged to sign up by October 15 in order to take full advantage of the year's opportunities.

For additional information about Willits 4-H projects or the enrollment process, please attend the September 27 Open House or contact Willits 4-H directly at: willits4hclub@gmail.com.



At top: The Willits 4-H group sits in front of their banner at this year's Redwood Empire Fair Junior Livestock Auction.

Above: Willits 4-H kids, mostly in their club T-shirts, pose in front of the historic Wells Fargo U.S. Mail stagecoach, which made a tour of the schools after returning to Ridgewood Ranch earlier this year.



#### Help them learn the tools for stress, anxiety and depression.

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