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Submitted by MCSO

An autopsy was 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

Newsom appoints new judge for Mendocino County

Ricco McCurry, of 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

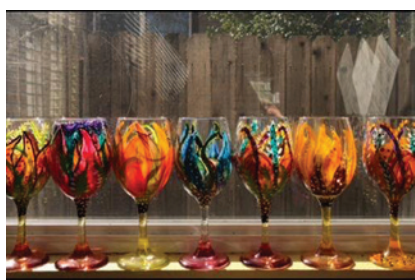
Shamrock
Ranch burn
scheduled

Submitted by
CAL FIRE MEU

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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Merry Mabon and the arrival of fall! Get out and celebrate the changing of the seasons.

Photo by Maureen Jennis



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."



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.

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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 manager designation. 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

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 offices, kitchen and dining hall, education space, and recreation areas.

CCC leaders, corpsmembers, and local dignitaries will be on hand to celebrate the invitation-only grand opening of this \$76 million ground-up 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-year-olds enrolled in the CCC for a year of service to the State of California. There will also be snacks and drinks in the dining hall.

The California
Conservation Corps'

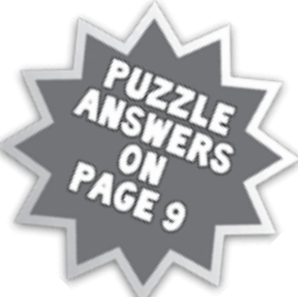
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Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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Level: Intermediate



HOW TO
SUDOKU

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

FALL IS HERE WORD SEARCH

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AUTUMN	CRISP	MAPLE	SEPTEMBER
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CLUES ACROSS

- Gas usage measurement
- Muslim mystic
- Towards the mouth or oral region
- Monday (Spanish)
- Frame for a coffin
- Rub out
- John __, English educator 1467-1519
- Small round particle
- Chilean seaport
- News service
- Play for dinner
- Glamorous city
- Subway rodent
- 'The Raven' author
- Buddhist festival
- Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- Indigenous person of Thailand

CLUES DOWN

- Large hat covering
- 'From what is earlier' (Latin)
- Celtic
- Retirement region
- A way to change posture
- Touches
- A small island
- Rubbish

- 'The Blonde Bombshell'
- Series-ending episodes
- Bluish greens
- Aquatic mammal
- Unit of measurement
- Eye membranes
- Indian god of dissolution
- People of Scotland
- Leak slowly through
- Rock icon Turner
- Midway between south and southeast
- A citizen of Laos
- A place to dance
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Mild expression of surprise
- 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- Descriptions
- Men's fashion accessory
- Thieves of the sea
- Prohibit
- Card game
- French and Belgian river
- Underling
- Downwind
- Type of medication
- German city
- Animal disease
- Martini ingredients
- Get away from
- Stuffed (French)
- Type of precipitation

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

September 1 to September 14

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 1

5:27 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

September 2

1:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court.

4:49 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Commercial Street and South Humboldt Street and issued a citation.

8:20 pm: BELL, Jessica May (36) of 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 drug paraphernalia.

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 drug paraphernalia.

September 3

4:02 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

7:03 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.

9:27 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:03 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

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 weapon with great bodily injury.

September 4

12:12 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:39 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

10:34 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East San Francisco Avenue and South Main Street and issued a warning.

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 possession of drug paraphernalia.

September 5

8:49 am: SAINE, Randy Lewis (38) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear.

10:24 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:59 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue 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

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

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

on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

September 7

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 being under the influence of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

4:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 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 a warning.

September 8

12:37 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

6:38 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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

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

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 warning.

September 10

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

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

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

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

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 probation.

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

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

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.

10:03 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:16 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 Lane.

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 Over on page 11



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 on the mural.

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

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.

At bottom, left: Sarah Brown assisted her friend 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.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Community Poppies

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

It takes a village ... and some paint ... and a spirit of community cooperation. Soon there will be a new beautifully 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 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 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 Artflex, 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 Commercial Street [and Lenore]. I think we're going to do the install in early October. The last community painting event was held September 13 [at the Inner Earth Tea and 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 best.

"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

on top of that that makes it easy to remove graffiti with solvents without harming the mural underneath. There's 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 their city.

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 art and then ran them by the city council for approval. This wasn't artists chosen by the city, but rather, by a vote of the public. Then the council confirmed that it was appropriate art to be placed up in public spaces.

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

"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.



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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 dollars.

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.

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

True West Final Weekend at WCT: 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: willitsseiorcenter.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. More info: Crystal 916-764-1746.

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

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

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



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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). Extra sides of organic fruit, Amish organic maple syrup, fresh fruit syrup or bacon for a small additional fee. Fourth Sunday of the month, 8 to 11 am, Little Lake Grange.

Sunday History & Waffle Club at the Museum: Waffles, conversation and a presentation by the Program Director for Art Explorers, a creative arts program serving neurodivergent and physically disabled adult artists. September 28, from 2 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 listing.



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

Death Cafe at Inner Earth Tea: A safe space to discuss death and dying, Sunday,

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

True West Final Evening Performance at WCT: Saturday, September 27 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. For



Friday, October 3

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 8 pm on Friday, September 26 at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits 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, family-friendly event will be

held from 4 to 9pm on Saturday, October 4, with shops and restaurants open late on Main, Commercial and Humboldt Street.

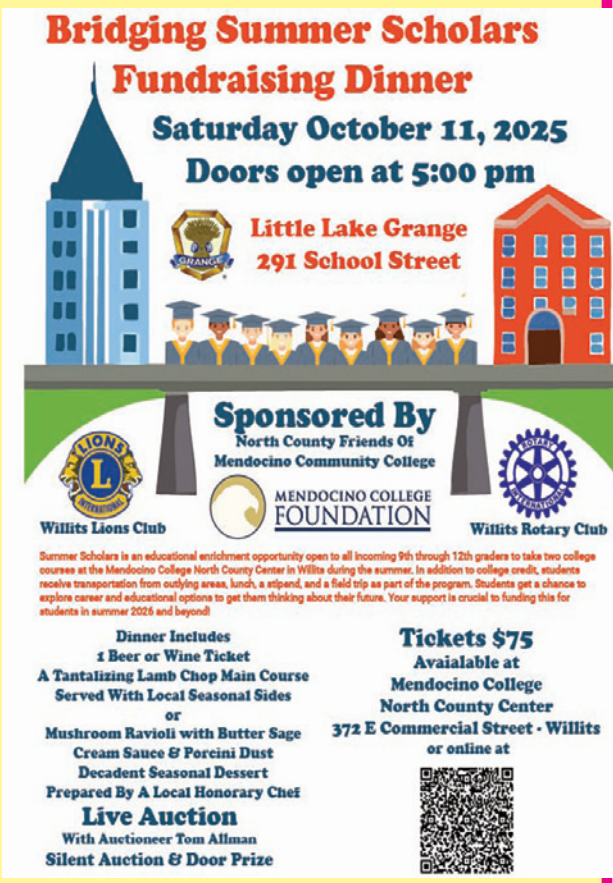
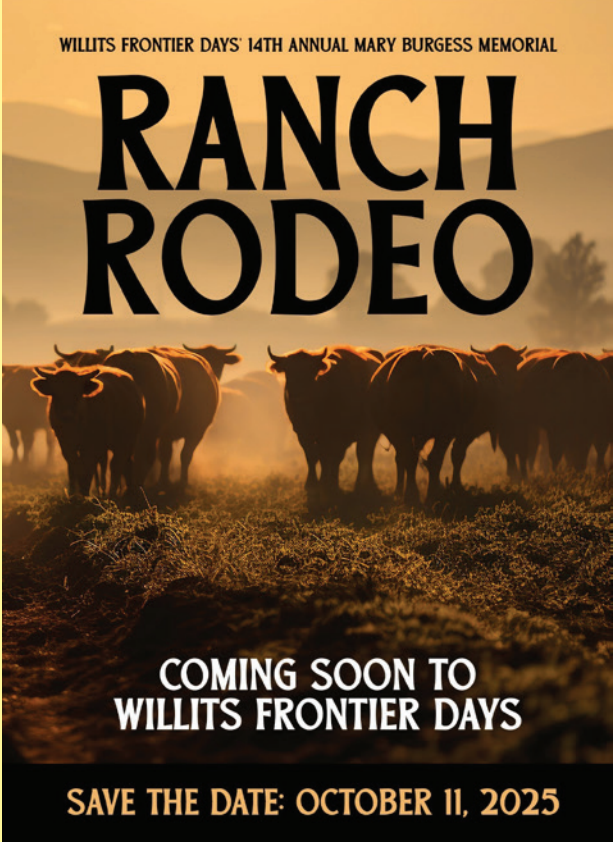
Nuestra Alianza Exhibit opens at WCA: Enjoy food and beverages as you explore this exhibit by Nuestra Alianza, featuring Day of the Dead altars and other seasonal Mexican art and crafts on Saturday, October 4 from 6 to 8 pm at Willits Center for the Arts.



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.



COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

‘A Big Bold Beautiful Journey’

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

doubt, and about self-loathing---and certainly 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 quite 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.

Home GARDEN PRODUCE EXCHANGE
For the remainder of the Harvest Season the Willits Branch Library is inviting the community to share/exchange any surplus of produce that has grown in abundance from their gardens!
Starting: Tuesday, September 23, 2025
If you would like to participate bring your produce to the library and take home something tasty!
Library Hours:
Sunday Closed
Monday Closed
Tuesday 10 AM - 7 PM
Wednesday 10 AM - 7 PM
Thursday 10 AM - 7 PM
Friday 10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM
Willits Branch Library
1615A South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490
707-459-5986
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VENDOR EVENT
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Multiple craft vendors, a clothing vendor, and food vendors
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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.

SUNDAY HISTORY AND WAFFLE CLUB
Join us for a fun, informal introduction to Art Explorers provided by Program Director, Maria Trombetta. Art Explorers, Inc. is a creative arts program and progressive studio in Fort Bragg, California, serving neurodivergent and physically disabled adult artists.
Sunday September, 28
2-3 p.m.
Willits Community Art Explorers
488 E. Commercial St. Ukiah, CA 95568 (707) 459-2855
www.willitscommunityartexplorers.org

CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE
September 25 | 5-9 pm
MC Soccer Field, Ukiah

Halloween Dance & Costume Party
Saturday - October 25th
Bartlett Event Center
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October 10th
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495 Leslie St - Ukiah
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www.bartletteventcenter.org
Early entry to enjoy delicious offerings of the Food Truck is in the parking lot from 5:30pm
Doors open at 6:00pm
Dancing 7:00pm to 10:00pm
All proceeds benefit the Ukiah Senior Center to support the programs and activities for seniors and disabled adults.

DANCE HALL
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Friday, October 3, 6:00-9:00pm
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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, Willits.

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(PG) 2hr 42min
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Showtimes: September 26 to October 2
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Thrifty Thursday: \$8.00 tickets. Thrifty Thursday films this week in red.

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 tables.

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 Haelh 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, at St. Francis of the Redwoods on the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the library.

Call or email to make an appointment: LiteracyWillits@gmail.com or 707-456-7729.

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

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

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street
Saturday Sessions at Shanachie: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, Tommy G will host an open jam at Shanachie Pub. Bring any instrument and explore your creativity!"

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

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

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendollibrary.org or 459-5908. Open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am to 2 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.



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 delicious.



WCT Gala

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

Community theater is an entity for the community to enjoy and participate in because it belongs to everyone. No matter the experience or level of talent one has, they can find a place in the production of plays, music shows, poetry readings, and other forms of entertainment and information.

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 on its stage.

"A community theater is a community inside these walls but is also a community outside the walls," said Anythyst 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. I 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 you go."

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 live auctions.

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 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

the bar, providing beer and wine and some 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 \$2,500.

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 printing, amongst many others who made 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 love from this gem of a local institution.

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LEGAL NOTICES

WW559

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; 707-972-7724.

Registered owner: Lyndia Pyleatt, 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 Pyleatt

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WW557

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0392

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

Registered owner: Brianna Adams, 16300 Bluejay Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 11, 2025.

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

/s/ Brianna Adams

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WW558

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0376

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

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

This business is conducted by a corporation.

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

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/s/ Jeff Yokum, President

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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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WW555

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0360

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

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

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 4, 2025.

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

/s/ Justin Johnson

Publication Dates: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

WW554

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0380

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

Registered owner: Veronica G. Fani, 70 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 29, 2025.

/s/ Veronica G. Fani

Publication Dates: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

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A Few Vendor Spotlights:

Melissa Galliano and Two Stoned Jewelry: a local silversmith and company based in Willits.. Her creations are "Rooted in Earth. Made with Magic." Melissa handcrafts silver jewelry paired with soulful stones including opal, sea glass, labradorite, and more. At her booth you'll find necklaces, rings and stacker rings.

Pajaro Flats Farm: A family-run business in Mendocino County offering eclectic handmade gifts and fresh-cut flowers. At their booth you'll find: Fresh-cut and dried flower arrangements, handmade paper, jewelry unique décor, handmade witch's brooms – all featuring blooms cultivated directly from their farm!

Eaton Good: They'll be bringing their Craft Cocktail Kits – sold in 8-ounce bottles, each including a garnish for your glass. Mixes are alcohol-free – just add your favorite spirit, or enjoy as a refreshing mocktail. Plus, don't miss the seasonal favorite: Pumpkin Spice Simply Syrup (perfect in coffee!) released every September.

Opal and Olive Designs: Original handcrafted jewelry made with love and detail. Earrings are the star of the collection, but you'll also find beautiful bracelets and necklaces. Each piece is carefully designed and beaded by hand using the highest-quality Japanese seed beads. Opal and Olive Designs loves mixing textures and elements, incorporating brass, stainless steel, and wood frames into the designs. The newest obsession? Transforming forgotten vintage tin into stunning, wearable art.

Linda Dean: A local watercolor artist and wine glass painter right here in Willits, and proud grandma to our very own Kiera. Linda brings her artistic touch to both canvas and glass, creating pieces that are vibrant, unique, and full of character.

Rust by Sylvie: A vintage curator who brings timeless style and unique finds to life. Sylvie carefully curates vintage goods and clothing, transforming them into pop-up experiences both in and beyond Mendocino County. Each piece is hand-selected to carry a story, adding character and charm to your wardrobe or home.

Mabon Market Music Spotlight: We're thrilled to welcome Lindsay Gang, a Northern California born-and-raised singer-songwriter, to The Munchery's 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. 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 the magic of the season.

Other vendors expected to be present at the market include: Mika's Minkys by Tina and Deva; Capri Beauty Bar and Copper Rose Studios by Michele Mode; photo shoot minis by Kayla Lyman; Slime Bar Kid Table by Nora Martin; Vintage goods and clothing by Sylvia Clark; Candles by Misty Blough; Metals by Nature by Carrie Fox; Deerbee Gardens by Erica Ayala; Ravenwood Pens by Dan; Thread Shed by Taylor Day; face paint, Mazahar and Enchanted Toy Shoppe, by Melody Clearbrook; Vintage Pop Up by Reba Smith; crystal reading by Misty Sutton; Tarot reading by Tiffany Woodward; and Mary's Vintage Van.

For more information, check out The Mabon Market event page on Facebook. Come by the market, located at 1797 South Main Street in Willits from 1 to 5 pm on Saturday, September 27.

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Help Wanted

Wanted Office Secretary: Mail, Messages, Banking, Quickbooks, Reconcile Accounts, Statements and Billing Experience. 16-20 Hours/Month, Competitive Pay. Little Lake Grange 707-459-9716. Resumes to willitsgrange@gmail.com or drop off at 291 School Street

Do you need food?

Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, new expanded distribution hours: 11 am to 4:30 pm. New Client Choice model where you select your own items. Bring shopping bags, Bring an I.D. Info: (707) 459-3333

Indoor Yard Sale

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

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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 Lane.

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.



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 days.

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 Ill (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 of 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. County-wide projects available to 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.



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.

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: willits4club@gmail.com.

YES on Prop 50

ON NOVEMBER 4 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 voting.
- 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. 4th.**

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 Glycer; 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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