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Above, from left: Cora Saxton and Tracey McNamara sell raffle tickets for the Cornhole board sets at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's Kritter Karnival. Vin De Paws was made exclusively for the benefit of HSIMC with only 142 cases produced. Becca Edwards, HSIMC Lifesaving Programs manager, holds one of the several donation boxes set out around the event. Below: Working on their community service for St Mary's school, Lyla Esteve, Penelope Reuser, and Jaclyn McGrath hold Gouda, an English Angora bunny, who was a part of the petting zoo, with other rabbits, goats, chickens and a guinea pig, which was set up at the Kritter Karnival.



Above, from left: The kitchen squad smile at the taco station including, from left: Nancy Paxton, Nan Gaithersburg-Kilker, Mary Miller, and Christine Schmidt. (Not pictured: Kevin Moreland.) Tom Allman and Stewart Hande chat before Allman loaded into the dunk tank. CCC members helped with parking and helping at the various booths, including from left: M. Bailey, A. Spray and A. Samis Salaam.

Below, from left: Just making sure it works, Erin Moynahan pushes the button, dunking husband, Emerson Brende, into the tank. Maggie Jennison was almost as excited for the bounce house as she was for face painting. Ukiah 4-H's Michele Scatena smiles with her goat Appolo. At bottom, from left: There were dozens of items available to bid on at the silent auction tables, including everything from gift baskets, to strollers, to a metal detector, to certificates, and more. Tacos were free to event attendees, and many enjoyed a tasty plate. Calayan Knight offered free 10 minute massages at her booth at the Karnival.

"It was a really fun time at this year's Kritter Carnival," said Teresa King, president of the board of directors for the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County. "This is my fourth year doing the event, and this year, we decided to combine it with our volunteer appreciation event and made one great big party."

Volunteers, and the public, were welcome to attend the Karnival, which was sponsored by BAS Roofing, and held at the HSMC center in Redwood Valley on Sunday, September 27, to enjoy free carnival games, food, music and more.

The Ukiah 4-H helped put on a petting zoo where goats, rabbits, a guinea pig and some chickens were available to snuggle, feed and pet. Volunteer Stacey Rohrbaugh spearheaded creating several carnival games including Tootsie-Pop Ring Toss, Bean Bag Tic-Tac-Toe, Water Cannon Knock Down, and more. Rohrbaugh also

DJ Ken Steely donated his time on the mic, emceeding the event and providing music; Jaime Wilkes was serving drinks, including a special wine that was made exclusively for the benefit of the HSMC, Paws De Vin the "Purrfect White Wine" by Cesar Toxqui Cellars, and a silent auction offered all sorts of goodies collected by volunteer Pien Risyarbrough that people could bid on to help raise funds for the shelter.

A bounce house also delighted the young attendees, as did face painting by Hailey Caborn, and adults delighted in the free 10-minute massages being offered by Calayan Knight.

The dunk tank surely delighted the dunkers more than the dunkees, but was a big hit none the less. The chance to bid

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A steady drop in the city's general fund – a deficit of \$2.4 million a year – has been going on for two years, but the city council was never made aware of the growing problem until Willits Finance Director Mauel Orozco sprung the bad news at the June 11 city council meeting.

Prior to that meeting, Orozco had been assuring the council – who were concerned about the long delay in getting financial reports – that the city's finances were “still healthy, we have healthy balances.” Long-time council member Gerry Gonzalez said: “I was on that council. We’d ask, ‘Do we have money?’ The reply was always ‘Yes, we have

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All directors were in attendance for the September 23 meeting of the Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board. General Manager Tamara Alaniz was out of town attending a Water Reuse Association Conference, but was attending the board meeting via zoom. There in-person in her stead to assist the board was Brooktrails staffer Alyse LaFortune. District Counsel Chris Neary (out sick) was also in attendance via zoom.

First up on the agenda for the evening: the Consent Calendar “Review and Approval of Accounts Payable Report and Authorization to Issue Checks on September 24, 2025.”

There were several questions posed by the board regarding the way and the format that the Accounts Payable report is now set up. The GM explained the codes for

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SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape Bible Church
290 S. Lenore Ave.
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Where love is first and the Bible is central.
Sunday Services:
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
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Worship Service - 5:00 p.m.
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Church of Christ
"What must we do to be saved?"
Acts 2:37
1095 S. Main St., Willits
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(707) 459-5023
Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-6:7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-7-8:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
265 Margie Drive
Willits, CA 95490
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Worship Service
10 a.m.
For appointments call:
(707) 459-3106

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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 appointment at
707-459-2252
https://santhonywillits.org/
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We welcome All Walks of Faith

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1 North Main Street, Willits
707-272-0177
Sunday Service - 10 a.m.
In-person and on Zoom
Call for information.
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The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

St. John Lutheran Church
Sunday Service
10:00 a.m.
(707) 459-2988
24 Mill Creek Drive
Facebook.com/stjohnswillits
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Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church
707-459-5714
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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)
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Thursday, October 2
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: 'Nuestra America: inspiring stories of the Latino contribution to the United States,' Thursday, October 2 at 11 am at the Willits Branch Library.

Friday, October 3
Food Not Bombs in Rec Grove Park: Food Not Bombs Willits presents a free meal, zines and supplies every first and third Friday around 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Join us at the picnic tables.

'Spooktacular' S.T.E.M. Science at the Library: Open to kids aged 9 to 14, every Friday in October from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Branch Library. This week's project: Slime!

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 United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, Willits.

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Roller skate for \$1 from 6 to 8pm on Friday, October 3 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 to stroll the town! Friday, October 3 at 6 pm at Northspur Brewing Co., Willits.

Wolf Tree at Northspur Brewing Co: Acoustic Americana every first Friday of the month, this month on October 3 from 6 to 8 pm at Northspur Brewing Company.

tickets \$12 or \$15 at the door. Tickets and more info: willitscenterforthearts.org.

Tuesday, October 7
Eckankar Meeting at the Library: Join us for a spiritual discussion on Dreams and Soul Travel, Tuesday, October 7 from 11am to noon at the Willits Branch Library. More info call Joy, 707-367-3777. (This program is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the Mendocino County Library.)

Wednesday, October 8
Learn & Share Family History at the Library: Learn how to track down your ancestors for your family tree and similar topics every second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library.

History Makers Family Programs at the Museum: Make Fall crafts every Wednesday in October from 2 to 4:30 pm. This week: A hand-traced family tree! Free admission on Wednesdays with a valid Mendo County library card.

Thursday, October 9
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

Decater Pumpkin Patch opens in Covelo: Get your pumpkins, jams, butters, zucchini and pumpkin bread and more, beginning Saturday, October 4 and each weekend through October. Located at the south end of the valley on Covelo Road, State Route 162. More info: 707-349-7754.

Friday, October 5
Mendocino Camerata at WCA: Diverse, a capella choral music along with seasonal refreshments at Willits Center for the Arts on Sunday, October 5. Doors open at 3:30 pm, concert begins at 4 pm. Advanced

free slices from Flying Dog Pizza, Thursday, October 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the new California Conservation Corps facility, 600 East Hill Road, Willits.

Trivia Night at The Munchery: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 6 pm at The Munchery, 1979 South Main Street, Willits.

Friday, October 10
'Spooktacular' S.T.E.M. Science at the Library: Open to kids aged 9 to 14, every Friday in October from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Branch Library. This week's project: Skittle Art!

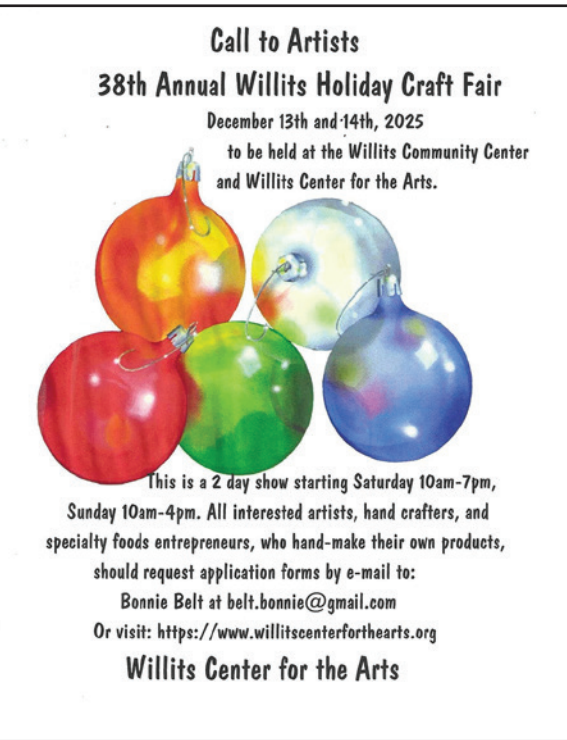
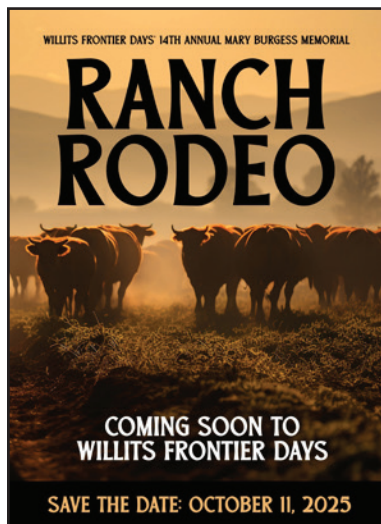
Art Talk with Gary Martin at WCA: Chinese Art and its historical and cultural significance, Friday, October 10 at 6:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts.

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Roller skate for \$1 from 6 to 8pm on Friday, October 10. Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.

Saturday, October 11
Poet Devereaux Baker at WCT: Donation-based poetry reading by the first Poet Laureate of Mendocino County on Saturday, October 11 at 7 pm with an open reading to follow at Willits Community Theatre.

Willits Photography Club at WCA: Open to all skill levels and meets Saturday, October 11, from 10 am to noon in the classroom at Willits Center for the Arts. (Enter through back door).

Summer Scholars Fundraising Dinner at the Grange: Includes either a lamb chop served with seasonal sides or mushroom ravioli with sage cream sauce, dessert and one beer or wine ticket, plus a silent and live auction, Saturday, October 11 from 5 to 9 pm at the Little Lake Grange. Tickets \$75, purchased online at foundation.mendocino.edu or at Mendo College, 372 East Commercial Street.



Avenues to Wellness presentation
October 16 at WCA
Melinda Clarke, a local Marriage and Family therapist with over 30 years experience presents: 'Taking Care of Ourselves and Others with Civility and Compassion,' an exploration of how to foster understanding and empathy for ourselves and others. Free to the public, though donations are appreciated. Thursday, October 16 from 6 to 7 pm at Willits Center for the Arts.

F.O.W.L. Book Sale at the Library October 16 thru 19
Friends of the Willits Library will host a book sale at the Willits Branch Library with hard and soft cover books from \$1 to \$3 and children's books from 25 cents to \$1 on Friday October 17 and Saturday October 18 from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm bring a bag and fill it for only \$3! Thursday, October 16 from 5 to 7 pm will be for FOWL Members only—sign up at the sale to join and support your local library!

Makers Market
October 4 at Medium Art Center
Come support living artists at the Makers Market where you can purchase handmade goods from talented local artisans with original artwork, crafts, ceramics, jewelry, floral arrangements, gift sets, specialty food items and more on Saturday, October 4 from 10 am to 4 pm at Medium Art Center's new location, 110 South School Street, Ukiah.

Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: Saturday, October 11 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Sunday, October 12
Color Run Fundraiser at the High School: All welcome to participate or just enjoy the fun and music! Same-day registration is \$20 Check-in begins at 12:30 pm, run begins at 2 pm on Sunday, October 12 at the Willits High School track.



TOWN-WIDE ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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.

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

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES
'One Battle After Another'
The Story: Non-stop suspense and action satire featuring violent Good Guys (self-important political activists with guns) vs in-the-government Bad Guys (self-important racist soldiers and cops). When I write "guys" I very much mean male and female—with an on-going, and kind-of-funny, and very specific emphasis on the genitals (like I said: a satire). Druggie booze-sodden Bob (Leonardo DiCaprio) has a much-loved teen daughter Willa (Chase Inffiniti—her real name) who is targeted by a vicious steroidal soldier Steven J. Lockjaw (Sean Penn). And by "targeted" I mean "for death!"



Dan Essman Columnist
My Thoughts: The writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson credits Thomas Pynchon's satirical (maybe Humboldt County) novel Vineland as an inspiration for his screenplay. He did not have to do that, but P.T. Anderson did give credit because he has respect and he has class! I watched the flick twice on opening day on Friday. What hit me on second viewing is that in "One Battle after Another" Anderson turned a short story into an epic finely-detailed novella. I realized on my second viewing that the emotional focus of this drama is Bob's sense of failure in his commitment to social change. But even more painful to him than his failed activism, is Bob's lost and hopeless love for Willa's nympho maniacal mother Perfidia (Teyana Taylor). Bob has turned to alcohol and drugs because he has a broken heart. But finally: he is remade and redeemed by his unconditional and fatherly love for Willa, his most-wilful and kind-hearted daughter.

Parents: This is absolutely a movie for adults. No children.
Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

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

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

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events
Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

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

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

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

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

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

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

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

Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to noon, come get computer help and your technical questions answered!
Spinning and Knitting: Saturdays at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome! Spinning, 1 to 2 pm; Knitting, 2 to 4:30 pm.

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

NOYO Theater
Willits, CA.
57 East Commercial Street - Willits
707-459-6660
www.noyothater.com
Mid week promotions: Wednesday - Matinee prices to all shows all day.

ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER
(PG) 2hr 42min
Fri: 5:30
Sat - Sun: 1:30, 6:15
Wed - Thur: 6:30
Showtimes: October 3 to October 9

THE LOST BUS
(R) 2hr 9min
Fri: 4:00, 7:00
Sat - Sun: 4:00, 7:00
Wed - Thur: 4:00, 7:00
Closed Monday/Tuesday
Thrifty Thursday: \$8.00 tickets. Thrifty Thursday films this week in red.

REMINDER!
WE'RE OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK!
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MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

Below, left: Joe Rego, left, Angel Hernandez and Reece Christensen, right, who is also the Willits High JV Football Head Coach, at the Essential Fleet Services booth. Below, right: Lytle's Beauty College also represented at the fair with their booth. At right: Officers Chris Dendy and Jamie Cary speak with attendees at the Willits Police Department booth. At far right, top: Judy Fisch, Peter Kotowski, Laura Wiecek at the Willits Center for the Arts booth. At far right, below: Natalie Spackman sits at the North Bay Construction Corps booth.



Cool Jobs and Cold Treats Career Fair

Event connects Willits students with local employment opportunities

The Den of Direction at Willits High School hosted the Cool Jobs and Cold Treats Career Fair, bringing together 37 participants from a wide range of industries and organizations. Students had the chance to meet with real estate agents, health professionals, military recruiters, trade unions, and local businesses, along with community organizations seeking volunteers.

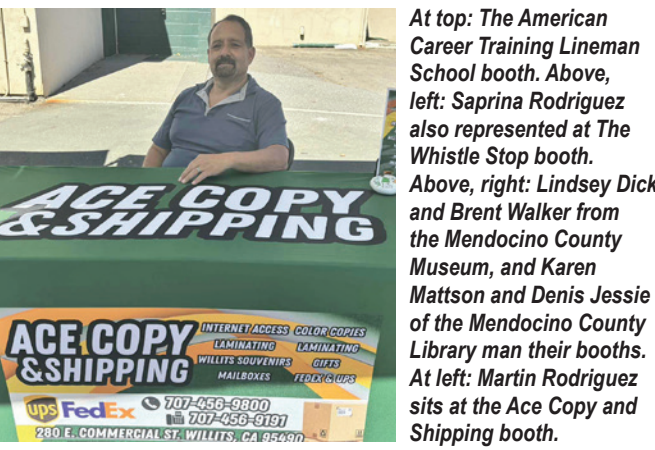
The event created a welcoming space for students to ask questions, learn about different career paths, and explore opportunities available after graduation. Many also signed up for community service opportunities, giving them a chance to gain real-world experience while contributing to their community.

With popsicles in hand, students engaged in meaningful conversations with professionals eager to share their industry expertise and personal career journeys. The fair not only helped students envision their future, but also highlighted the strong community partnerships supporting Willits Unified School District's mission to prepare students for life after high school.

The Den of Direction plans to continue providing events like this that connect students with resources, mentors, and pathways toward success. If you are interested in learning more, email christinalawrence@willitsunified.com.

— Submitted by Den of Direction

Photos by Saprina Rodriguez



At top: The American Career Training Lineman School booth. Above, left: Saprina Rodriguez also represented at The Whistle Stop booth. Above, right: Lindsey Dick and Brent Walker from the Mendocino County Museum, and Karen Mattson and Denis Jessie of the Mendocino County Library man their booths. At left: Martin Rodriguez sits at the Ace Copy and Shipping booth.

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; 707-972-7274.
Registered owner: Lyndia Pyeatt, 30600 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA 95437;
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 8, 2025.
/s/ Lyndia Pyeatt
Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2025

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 Baeschel Road, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 25, 2025.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 27, 2025.
/s/ Jeff Yokum, President
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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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WW562

CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Willits will consider the second reading and possible adoption of the following ordinance at its regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 8th, 2025**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 111 E Commercial St, Willits, California:

An Ordinance of the City of Willits to modify Chapter 2.40- AIRPORT, of the Willits Municipal Code by the addition of section 2.40.040 regarding "Regulations for use and Conduct- Generally," and by modifying section 2.40.130 regarding "Violations – Penalties."

The City of Willits was ordered by the Director of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to modify the City's existing ordinance at chapter 2.40 of the WMC to codify and enforce airport rules and regulations and address unauthorized access to the property for non-aeronautical activities. To maintain compliance and continue grant fund eligibility, the City has put forth these changes in order to fulfill its obligations to the federal controlling agency in response to the Director's determination.

The proposed ordinance changes and additions will more clearly define the rules and conduct for the use of Willits Municipal Airport O28 and make unauthorized and trespassing on Airport property punishable by law and potentially warrant citation as a misdemeanor.

Environmental Review: The proposed ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, because it involves administrative activities of the City that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Copies of the proposed ordinance and all related materials are available for public review at City Hall during regular business hours.
For additional information, contact Airport Operations for O28 - Kenan OShea: koshea@cityofwillits.org.
/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

Publication Date: October 2, 2025

CLASSIFIEDS

Brown Bag Lunch Program

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

Do you need food?

Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, 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

For Rent

For Rent: 2 bed 1.5 bath TH with fenced yard, newly remodeled, \$1500 + Dep. Commercial Units Available Starting at \$1100 + Dep. Lincoln Realty 707-459-4599.

For Rent

Spacious 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Close to town and Howard Hospital. Newer with well-appointed kitchens. Laminate floors throughout and window coverings. \$1800.00/mo. 707-489-1080.

For Sale

Firewood, Fir, 1/2 cord delivered \$150.00. Call 707-354-4394.

Free Food for All Pop-Up

Mendocino Food Network presents food pop-ups with free food for all on first Thursdays of the month; this month, on Thursday, October 2, 10 to 11:30 am. 1250 Blosser Lane, Willits. Info: Rachelle@mendocinofood.org or 707-615-6654

Yard Sale

Yard Sale at 208 Bonnie Lane, Willits. Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, 9 am to 2 pm.

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 willits-grange@gmail.com or drop off at 291 School Street

'Raise Your Spiritual IQ'

"Raise Your Spiritual IQ - Dreams and Soul Travel Explorations." Day-dreams, Night Dreams, Contemplation, Soul Travel - all are steps in the pursuit of heaven. Join a spiritual discussion, Tuesday, October 7, 11 am. to 12 noon; A FREE community service sponsored by Eckankar in California and Nevada. Information? Call Joy (707) 367-3777. (This program is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the Mendocino County Library.)

RV/Trailer Space for Rent

Space for RV's and Trailers - starts at \$500 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 972-4696. See at <http://www.oakvine.net/lp>

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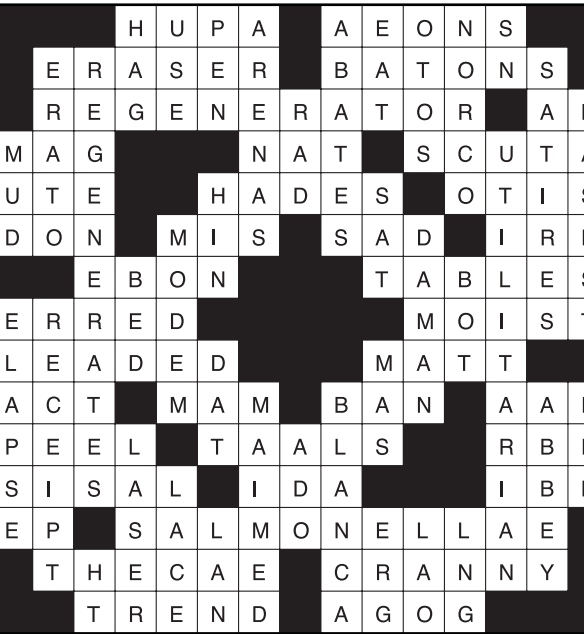
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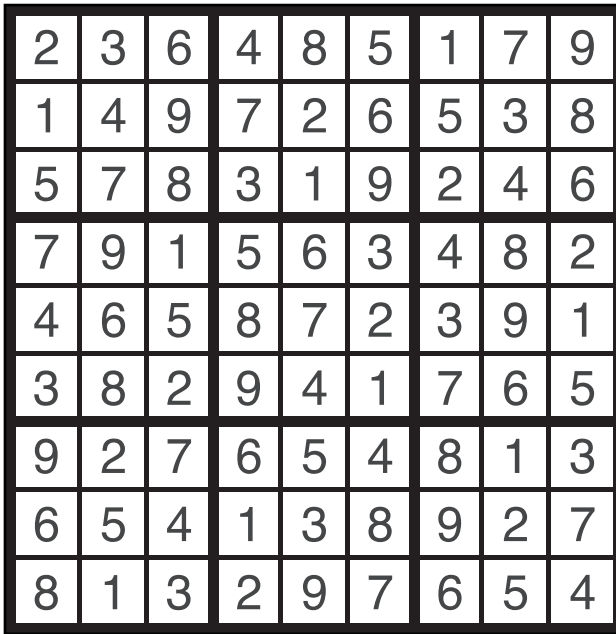
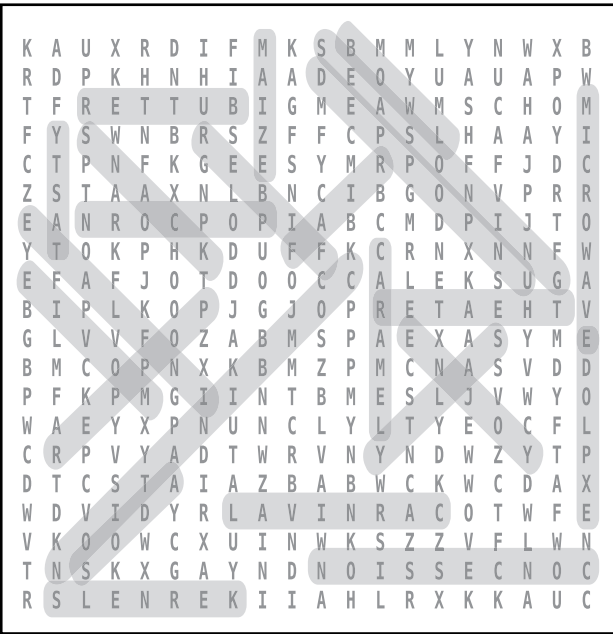
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Above, from left: Corey Rocky, athlete of the week for week #3. Senior Rickey Ramirez was named athlete of the week for his outstanding performance on the field with many solo tackles, timely runs, catches, and the touchdown of the night. Cheerleaders performing a well put together stunt during halftime. WHS record for most touchdowns in a game match-up Quarterback Kailer Collicott from 2013 and Quarterback Corey Rocky from 2025 WHS Varsity Football. At left: Varsity cheerleaders during their Healdsburg vs. WHS halftime.

Photos by Ava Dockins

COMMUNITY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wolverines football triumphs over Healdsburg, cheerleaders put on entertaining halftime show

Wolverines QB matches school record for most touchdowns in a game

Willits hosted Healdsburg in their third week of the season, blowing past the Greyhounds with a domineering 69-34 victory. The community loved this game! While there were multiple outstanding players, the performance by senior QB Corey Rocky left it all on the field, leading the game, rushing 91 yards with 6 rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown. Rocky matched the WHS record back over 25 years of most touchdowns in a game, with alumni QB Kailer Collicott who made seven rushing touchdowns in one game.

"It was great to put on a show for our hometown on senior night and see a big crowd for Friday night football," said alumni QB Kailer Collicott. "The best part was getting to watch the fourth quarter from the sidelines and watch my brothers from the O-line get to run touchdowns, too. I couldn't have done any of it if wasn't for my teammates and coaches. It's great to see kids still putting in the hard work, trying to make a name for themselves on, and hopefully off, the field as well."

The Healdsburg game was reminiscent of what went down back in 2013 for Collicott on homecoming night against Lower Lake High. They absolutely dominated with a high score of 70-0. Collicott, who was the QB in all previous years, had a switch up his senior year due to injuries and was put in the slot to play running back. He made zero qualms of slowing down his mindset to go for it, with no mercy as a leader. Collicott and Rocky have similar mindsets when it comes to sports and life, which makes this story all the more interesting.

Coach Matt Moratti had just begun his coaching career, coaching with Head Coach Nat Collicott at the time. "The two performances were very similar," said Moratti. "They are both quarterbacks that stepped up for an injured running back. They both took on the responsibility for their team, and did something remarkable. It's rare to ever see someone get seven touchdowns in a game, and I was lucky enough to see it twice, even though it was a decade apart!"

For a small town, Willits has some talented athletes that accomplish many amazing feats in sports. Congratulations, Kailer and Corey, for your legacy in WHS football, and motivating other athletes to work hard to reach their goals.

Rocky was named athlete of the week. "Tying the record was a pretty big accomplishment, but I feel like I could have broken it surrounded by such good coaches

and motivating teammates. Love to watch them all shine in high-scoring games," said Rocky.

Varsity takes on a tough matchup in Middletown

In week four, Willits faced off with the Mustangs in Middletown. The Wolverines showed grit and determination, battling through many injuries. They played with toughness, depth and resilience, despite missing several key players. Willits opened the game with a dominant 18-play drive that ate up the entire first quarter, moving deep into Mustangs territory before a penalty stalled the momentum and a fourth-down pass fell incomplete.

"Our offense was clicking most of the night, but we did not capitalize when we got into the red zone," said Head Coach Brandon Norbury. Wolverines continued to battle on both sides of the ball, with defense holding strong against a quick Mustang offense. "We had some great defensive stops and went into half time 6-0," Norbury said.

In the second half, a blocked punt turned into a safety, and Rocky followed with back-to-back completions to Isaac Silva and Rickey Ramirez for a 19-yard touchdown. Damian Reiter's extra point made it a 14-9 game, giving the Wolverines momentum. Middletown struck back with a long touchdown run and Willits once again moved the ball into scoring position before an interception in the end zone ended the comeback bid.

"Despite the tough loss, Willits outgained Middletown 270-210 in total yards and controlled possession much of the night," said Norbury. "We have to be disciplined, the small details matter. We can't afford to make any stupid penalties against a team like Middletown. We will build on this. Our time of possession, our offensive drives, and the way we competed, show that this team is on the rise. If we keep working, we'll finish games like this on top."

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Varsity Head Coach Tabatha Hulsey praised her girls as well: "At Middletown, JV and varsity teamed up to do a halftime show that made me very proud. They worked hard. Their routine was clean and everyone enjoyed it. I want to thank Courtney for allowing us to perform with them, and thank the girls for working so hard!"

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culture at the City of Willits (excluding the Police Department). However, it is unclear which highly qualified, dedicated workers are referenced in Finding F1 nor does the report indicate the time in which the referenced employees left their employment. As such, Willits City Council cannot comment on the reasons that such employees left their employment."

In Finding F2, the grand jury stated: "The Grand Jury found the Willits City Council failed to provide oversight of top management for compliance with personnel policies."

In their response, WCC states: "The Willits City Council respectfully disagrees with Grand Jury Finding 2. The F2 finding is a conclusion reached by the Grand Jury and based upon (1) its interpretation of Section 3.1 of the city's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, and (2) its determination that the City Council has not conducted annual performance reviews of the City Manager as required by its Manual of Procedures and Protocols.

"Section 3.1 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual is merely a statement of the City Council's limited role and involvement with the city's employees. Specifically, it is a statement that the City Council will not exercise any control directly over the city's personnel. Section 3.1 does not discuss a duty to provide oversight of top management. The council acknowledges it has a duty to provide oversight of the City Manager; Section 3.1, however, does not address that duty. Rather, that section is merely a statement that is consistent with Willits Municipal Code chapter 2.08.07, subdivision R which describes the broad and exclusive role of the City Manager to provide supervision and management of all subordinate city employees.

"Additionally, as explained in the Council's Response to Finding F5 below, the Grand Jury's conclusion that the Willits City Council failed to conduct annual performance reviews of the City Manager by April 30 of each year is inaccurate."

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

In its response to Finding F3, WCC states: "The Willits City Council agrees

with Grand Jury Finding F3."

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

In its response to Finding F4, the WCC states: "The Willits City Council agrees with Grand Jury Finding F4."

In Finding F5, the grand jury stated: "The Grand Jury found that the Willits City Council had not conducted annual performance reviews of the Willits City Manager by April 30 of each year."

In its response to Finding F5, WCC states: "The Willits City Council respectfully disagrees wholly with the Grand Jury Finding F5. Specifically, the Council conducted annual performance evaluations of the manager on the following dates: 2/9/2022, 2/8/2023, 3/13/2024, 4/10/2024. Additional performance evaluations of the City Manager were made on the following dates: 1/22/25, 2/26/25, 3/12/25, 3/21/25, 3/28/25. These evaluations and dates can be confirmed in the public records for those dates."

Recommendations and responses

The Grand Jury report also issued four recommendations that the city responded to.

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

WCC response to Recommendation R1: "The recommendation has not been implemented but will in the future. The City Manager in question and the Willits City Council agreed to a Separation Agreement in March 2025. All future City Managers will be expected to comply with existing written Personnel Policies and Procedures for the City of Willits at the time of hiring and as situations warrant. The City Manager's ability to follow the existing Personnel Policies and Procedures will be part of their annual evaluation."

Recommendation R2: "The Grand Jury recommends the Willits City Council create a mechanism for compliance and oversight to ensure all personnel policies

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money, we're good, we're good.' That wasn't the case."

The only thing keeping the city from going bankrupt has been the transfer of cash to the general fund from the Measure K fund, a special sales tax initiative approved by voters in 2020. Measure K brings in \$1.3 million in annual sales tax. But with over \$2 million a year being transferred from the Measure K reserves to the general fund, Measure K cannot continue to bail out the city indefinitely.

An outside financial consultant, Andy Heath based in Auburn, California, was hired by the city to present the 2025-2026 budget to the city council and explain the city's financial problems, which he articulated quite thoroughly. Financial Director Orozco also attended the meeting.

The city's biggest expense by far is payroll salaries and benefits. Consultant Heath said that, compared to other cities, the city has too many employees for its size. The city has 63 employees, and the number of employees has been steadily growing. The city has nine more employees than it did in 2020.

Heath urged to the city to reduce the number of employees, partly by not filling current vacant positions. If none were filled, it would reduce expenses by \$748,000, which would go a long way towards getting the city back in the black. Mayor Tom Allman stated that the assistant city manager position, just vacated by Cathy Moorhead, will definitely be eliminated. No other positions, vacant or currently filled, were mentioned.

Heath said the council should approve the budget immediately so the city would meet a state-mandated September 30 deadline. Heath's recommendations to end the deficit, other than payroll reduction, were not specific but definitely blunt: "Significant structural changes need to be made. Your city council needs to identify every option available to reduce expenditures, ways to use staff more efficiently, to do more with less."

Heath strongly urged the finance department to wrap up and close out the 2024-2025 fiscal year, which is still not completed. Without it, the city does not know the actual ending balances from last year, which are the balances on which the new budget is based. "It has to get done, it has to get done soon, it needs to be Priority Number 1, Number 1, Number 1."

The council voted to approve the new budget, 4 to 1, with Councilman Bruce Burton voting no. "I don't like the \$2.5 million deficit budget. We've asked repeatedly for changes to be made. We've asked staff to come back with budget reductions, and it's been ignored. We handed the budget back to staff to find savings, and they gave it back with even more than what we gave them."

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to keep doing that."

"I wanted to bring that 'community' back into Willits Community Services and Food Bank," she said. "Part of what I'm focusing on is volunteerism, because volunteers are the basis of what helps keep WCS sustainable," especially volunteers who are available to work a specific time or date and time regularly. Those interested in finding out more about volunteering at WCS can call 1-707-459-3333, or email wendy@willitsfoodbank.com

Long term, Copperfield would like to bring back more of the "community services" WCS had provided in the past, but "right now," she said, "we're focusing on what we have in front of us. Because of the cuts, we are riding pretty close to the edge most the time, and we rely on community donations and grant funds. We don't have any form of income that we generate, no funding stream."

Asked what might be "one thing" she'd say to people who ask how they can best help, she said: "Volunteers are essential," with another "thank you!" – "but they don't keep the lights on. If everybody who could donated even \$5/month, online...."

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Food distribution hours are Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 am to 4:30 pm. WCS is distributing food with the "Client Choice" shopping model these days, an innovation Copperfield

th a n k s the former director for. Clients come inside and select food rather than being given pre-made bags. "That is going really well," she said. Not only do clients appreciate the choice, it also means nobody is taking food they won't use. "It goes a long way toward stretching the food we have," she said. "That has been really key."

Copperfield invites the public to stop by the WCS booth at the Harvest Moon Carnivale this Saturday in downtown Willits, where they'll have raffle baskets and information about WCS, including volunteering.

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individual departmental purchases and that acquisitions are designated and broken up by fund rather than by vendor or item. Past reports were prepared using Excel spreadsheets, but now reports are being done in Caselle (government accounting software). To allay future confusion, Alaniz promised to find a way to modify the way that the report is formatted to provide better specifics and clarity.

The board chose to forego approving the report that evening. Director Ed Horrick suggested delaying approval of the report until the next meeting, October 14. All agreed that it would be best to wait until the report was prepared in a way to be better understood by everyone.

They then moved on to agenda item: "Consideration of Resolution 2025-08 Amending Resolution 2020-08, the Reserves Policy." This District Reserves Policy has served the district well. In regard to the amendment, the proposed change is an extension of the reserve policy and will be entitled: "The Fire Department Workers' Compensation Reserve."

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Establishment of this fund creates a buffer for covering the extra operating costs in the Fire Department in case of workers' compensation injury. After a little bit of discussion, President Tina Tyler-O'Shea called for a roll call vote and the amendment received total board approval.

There were three audience members that took part in the Public Comments portion of the meeting. First up was Brooktrails resident Linda Hill who voiced concern about a trailer that has been parked on Lilac Drive for several months. The trailer is unoccupied and has been vandalized, and she hoped that the district staff would check into it.

She also expressed concern regarding a large bag of trash outside the water treatment facility, resting against the guard rail, that has been there for several months. Hill further rounded out her comments by suggesting staff continue to publicize the board meetings by placing the

sign nearby that alerts the public to an upcoming meeting.

Caroline Mueller, Tuck Road resident, expressed strong concerns regarding an underground water leak near her residence that she is very concerned will become hazardous, slippery ice during the coming freezing winter months. The leaked water appears in several spots, leaking through the asphalt on her road, spilling onto Maize Drive as well as taking up a significant part of her front yard and in her driveway. She's aware that the leak originates further up the road from her residence.

She related how she has slipped in the watery mud once which resulted in minor bruising but she's mostly concerned about children and elderly family members slipping in the future. She's also concerned the water leakage pooled around her water main could freeze and break her pipe. She surmised that within the past six months since the leak developed thousands of gallons of water have been wasted, leaking down the road.

She was able to provide photos of the water in the road. Mueller was informed that Brooktrails staff has been out to check the leak three times and she was apprised of the fact that without extensive and costly excavation work staff will not be able to ascertain its source.

Mueller said, "It's my understanding that it's the responsibility of the township to maintain the water lines and fix things like this for the safety of the residents. We've discussed selling or renting our home in the coming months and we're now concerned that our property value is being affected and the leak is negatively impacting our ability to rent."

She implored the board to please be proactive in addressing her concern.

The last speaker, Jeanine Johnson, had spoken at the last board meeting about the love and admiration she feels for the beauty of Brooktrails and she especially expressed concerns about bear strewn trash scattered in several locations. She said, "This trash spoils everyone's enjoyment of the community."

Johnson had promoted a successful cleanup effort that took place a couple weeks ago that, interestingly, became a part of what was called "World Cleanup Day." She announced another Brooktrails Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 18 and hopes to have another great turnout. She also strongly recommended that all Brooktrails residents utilize bear-proof trash cans to help mitigate the amount of strewn trash throughout the area. Redwood Waste Solutions has the trash cans available for distribution to Brooktrails residents, and there are grant funds available that help make the cans affordable.

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