Election Day next Tuesday

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Election Day is next Tuesday, November 4. All registered voters in Mendocino County should have received a mail-in ballot already - they were mailed by October 9. If you haven't mailed your ballot back yet, there's still time to do so – in California ballots postmarked by Election Day are valid even if they arrive some days later. But if you're mailing on Election Day, make sure to go the counter and ask the postal clerk to postmark the ballot envelope for you to ensure your ballot is postmarked that same day.

In Willits, you can also drop off your ballots off at the official drop-off box in front of City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street, with drive-up drop off available 24/7.

Returning by mail or dropping off – don't forget to sign the back of the ballot envelope as instructed.

If you can't find your mailin ballot or the envelope – where you must sign – you can go to a polling station on Election Day and ask for a provisional ballot. In Willits the polling station at

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CHP to launch
Halloween maximum enforcement period targeting impaired drivers

Submitted by CHP Sacramento

October 28 - The California Highway Patrol will launch 12-hour Maximum Enforcement Period from 6 pm on Friday, October 31, through 6 am on Saturday, November 1, to protect motorists and prevent impaired driving. During the operation, all available CHP officers will be on patrol statewide, focusing on identifying and arresting impaired drivers before they cause harm.

"Impaired driving destroys lives, and even one life lost is one too many," said - CHP Sean Commissioner Duryee. "This Halloween, we're asking everyone to do their part before the festivities begin, arrange a sober ride and help us keep California's roads safe for everyone who uses them."

Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs

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Above, from left: Mummy Pizzas are easy: Top halved English muffins with red sauce, and several crisscrossing string cheese peels before adding in two black-olive eyes. Below: Now out of a hot oven, the cheese melts and browns, and the "pizza" is ready to eat.



Mummy for your Tummy

Crowd-pleasing and easy, this recipe uses just a few simple ingredients and is perfect for Halloween

Cute, easy, on-brand, customizable, and fast? The perfect combination of effort and return comes together in this fun recipe for Halloween Mummy Pizzas. Simply split English muffins and set them on a baking sheet and rack. Spoon on any red sauce and top with peels of string cheese, crisscrossing them back and forth to mimic bandages. Black olives tucked in make fun eyeballs, but green olives, pepperoni, shallot rounds or anything else resembling eyes could also work - or even layering several together for a more intrastate design. Pop them in a 400 degree oven just until the cheese melts and browns, 10 to 15 minutes. Cool and enjoy the savory, spooky treat!

— Maureen Jennison





City council's search for a new city manager

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The City of Willits is planning to hire an outside consultant to help the city search for a new city manager, to replace Brian Bender who resigned in March.

At the October 22 city council meeting, Deborah Muchmore, owner of Muchmore Than Consulting in Rohnert Park, gave a slide presentation of her Executive Search Process, starting with "key leadership attributes," job functions, and "community and stakeholder engagement strategy."

Muchmore's list of search options includes creating brochures, direct marketing, social media messaging and focused email, followed by an "inclusion selection process" for screening candidates. The whole procedure can take six to seven months, and sometimes longer.

At the conclusion of Muchmore's presentation, Councilman Bruce Burton suggested considering a different form of city management, where there is no professional city

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Newsom appoints 2nd new judge

for Mendocino County

Posted by the Office of Gov. Newsom

Sacramento – Governor Gavin Newsom announced his appointment of 12 Superior Court judges on October 22, including a second new judge for Mendocino County Superior Court, to replace retired Judge Cindee F. Mayfield.

Charlotte Scott, Mendocino County, been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Mendocino County Superior Court. Scott has served in numerous roles at the Mendocino County Counsel's Office including as County Counsel since 2024, Assistant County Counsel from 2020 to 2024, and Deputy County Counsel from 2016 to 2020.

Scott worked as a solo practitioner at the Law Offices of Charlotte E. Scott from 2008 to 2016. Scott was a Contract Attorney at Brayton Purcell from 2006 to 2008 where she was also an Associate from 2003 to 2004. She served

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Willits Fronter Days Christmas Program

To the Editor:

The holiday season is upon us, and we are thrilled to announce that Willits Frontier Days will be continuing the Willits Christmas Program this year, previously managed by Willits Rotary. We will maintain the existing structure of the program, with referrals continuing through the Willits School District.

station attendants and course monitors, and sweeps, the day would not have gone nearly The Willits Wild Bunch will also oversee the as smoothly, efficiently, and successfully Toy Run, operating as usual. For inquiries as it did without all of the hands-on help regarding the Toy Run, please reach out to received from family, friends, North Coast Rich Venturi at willitswildbunch@gmail.com. Striders, and Willits Area Cyclists. Thank For over 25 years, our community has you, too, to WAC for making time to clear and reinforce trails that needed it, and to united to support less fortunate children in those who helped with post-race cleanup Willits by providing essential items such as rain gear, winter coats, shoes, sleepwear, and picking up pins and flags off the trails. blankets, and other holiday gifts.

A few years ago the Willits Frontier Days Jrs. added the stocking program which ensured all children receive a Christmas stocking (items for stockings are fundraised and funded by the Willits Frontier Days Jrs.).

Individuals wishing to help a specific child can choose a card from display trees located throughout the town, which detail the child's clothing and shoe sizes along with their wish list. If you are unable to fulfill the card, we encourage you to just donate a toy or clothing item in one of the drop-off bins. This helps us ensure that each child receives both necessary and desired gifts.

While selecting a single child is a popular option among supporters, some have expressed interest in adopting an entire family. This year we will be located In the old Remco building. Thank you, Bruce and James, for letting us use the space.

If you or your group would like to adopt a family, please contact me, Marcy Barry, one of the coordinators for the Willits Frontier Days Christmas Program, and I can assist you in identifying a suitable family. You can reach me at barrysbunch@yahoo.com or by phone at 707-272-5395. You may also contact Hailey Riley at 707-272-1088. If we are unable to answer, please leave a message, and we will return your call

To ensure we meet the needs of families before our usual referral process begins in the spirit of the event, to be available yearlate November, we encourage you to reach out as soon as possible to discuss adopting

We would like to thank the Willits community for making sure this program continuous. Happy Holidays.

Days Christmas Crew

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com

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out to Willits Area Cyclists (memberships, Marcy Barry for the Willits Frontier volunteering, donations, and contact info at: https://wactrails.wixsite.com/ride). If you are

Trail Trek thank THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

To the Editor:

traffic cones, signs, hydration tables set-up

with family and friends, and registration and

The September 27 Celebration of Life -

Trail Trek 5k and half-marathon day was a

great success, with 70 participants, about

20 of whom were the Ukiah Cross Country

team athletes. From same-day registration

and refreshment table set-up, hydration

Thanks to Safeway for the gift card, helping

with post-race refreshments, Starbucks

for the coffee and hot chocolate (definitely

took the chill off the pre-race morning), and

Brooktrails Township Community Services

District for their ever-accommodating and

supportive management and staff, and

for the use of facilities and equipment.

Community and local business support

is crucial for the success of events like

these. Of course, there wouldn't be an

event without the participants. The top two

finishers for the 5k were UHS Cross Country

athletes; the Half-Marathon first place went

place went to a 13-year-old. Astounding!

what is an emotionally turbulent time, filled

with love and joy. Thank you to all who made

donations on behalf of loved ones, helping

support local youth and running, as well as

the Mendocino County Cancer Resource

Center, supporting families and individuals

This is the last year that I will be directing this

race, but I hope, with the support of WAC,

BTCSD, and the Brooktrails Recreation

and Greenbelt Committee, to create official

5k and Half-Marathon maps and signage

throughout the district to commemorate

If I have forgotten anyone, I am sorry. Know

If you are interested in finding out how you

can support our local trail network, reach

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living with cancer.

that I appreciate you!

start-finish line set-up.

Celebration of Life - Trail Trek 2025: A day and a half of

intense on-site preparation.

which included afternoon to

late-evening hikes, setting

flags and snack prep, led up

to the day of the event. Dayof support included pre-dawn

Late October / November 2025

By Supervisor John Haschak

Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations, aka FIRO, had a ribbon cutting event on October 22 at Lake Mendocino. FIRO enables water managers to use the latest technology and weather forecasts in the Lake Mendocino watershed to guide their decisions. This is the first time in the U.S. that this approach has been used. This will allow for 20% more storage, which is the equivalent amount of water for approximately 22,000 homes for a year. Another step towards greater water

The Board of Supervisors discussed the Potter Valley Project and heard from the public at the October 21 BoS meeting. With PG&E's application to decommission (remove) the Scott and Van Arsdale dams, no one can compel PG&E to divert water to the Russian River.

There is a coalition of stakeholders in both the Eel River and Russian River watersheds working to ensure sufficient water for both basins. The coalition is working to ensure continued diversions and greater water storage capacity in the

It is one of those cases where everybody is conceding something while working together for the best outcome. Without this collaboration, PG&E will pull out, and both sides will be in a worse position. The FIRO project is one piece of the puzzle in making a sustainable and reliable water future.

With the federal government shutdown, CEO Darcie Antle reported that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program / SNAP funding will be cut off for 16,000 Mendocino County residents. This is happening in the richest country in the world!

Senator McGuire was able to get \$50 million from Proposition 4 funds for the Great Redwood Trail. \$41 million will be for the completion of the project, \$650,000 to complete the master plan, \$3 million for environmental restoration in the Eel River Canyon, and \$5 million for the preservation of tribal cultural resources along the GRT. This will be a huge boost to the GRT project.

Election time is here. I hope that everyone gets out and votes, either by mail or in person on November 4.

There will be a Talk with the Supervisor on November 13 at 10 am at Brickhouse Coffee. You can always contact me at haschakj@mendocinocounty.gov or call 707-972-4214.

Mendocino County welcomes Glen Stephens as new Air Pollution Control Officer

to a UHS Cross Country athlete, and second Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

The best part of the event is seeing everyone pleased to announce the appointment of show up stoked and ready to participate in Glen Stephens as the new Air Pollution the common goal of being a community, Control Officer for the Mendocino County connecting with family, friends, and nature. Air Quality Management District, effective Thank you all for participating and making October 27, 2025.

> APCO Stephens brings more than 30 years of experience in air quality management and environmental protection. He has served as Air Pollution Control Officer for the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District since 2012, overseeing district operations, regulatory programs, and grant initiatives to meet state and federal air quality standards.

"It's an honor to join Mendocino County,

October 27 - Mendocino County is and I look forward to serving its residents and communities," Stephens said.

> Before that, Stephens worked as an Air Quality Engineer for the Eastern Kern, San Joaquin Valley, and Kern County Air Pollution Control Districts, where he specialized in permitting, compliance, and rule development. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from San Jose State University and is a California Licensed Professional Engineer.

> "We're excited to welcome Glen to Mendocino County," said CEO Darcie Antle. "His technical expertise and leadership will be a tremendous asset in advancing our air quality goals.

Have something to say?

Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor about local issues. Please email us: willitsweekly@ gmail.com REMEMBER: Deadline is end of day Monday for each week's Thursday edition.

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

Willits Rain Box

The system that eased into the Little Lake Valley last Friday evening yielded two days of good rainfall. Weekend totals across the valley ranged from 1 to 2 inches, with an overall average of 1.45". This brought the October month-to-date average to 2.63", more than either of the last two Octobers. With no measurable precipitation forecast through Saturday,

ve've likely received our October	2025 total.
	– Tim Hanna, Willits Rain Box
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Fall Festival

Adorable performances, fun games, and a spooky Enchanted Path at Sherwood Elementary School annual fundraiser

about Halloween. Ghouls, goblins, purple dragons, princesses, witches, vampires, aliens, and of course, some K-Pop Demon Hunters frolicked

Mathew Caine around the grounds of this tiny remote campus. The little

creatures' parents brought along a variety of lasagnas and a couple of pastas for dinner, along with some creative spooky treats for dessert. Hot apple cider was a welcome drink on this cold evening for the al fresco dining get-together.

It was difficult to discern which of the adults were teachers and which were parents, as everyone pitched in to create an atmosphere of fun and fellowship. The event was put on by FOSSI (Friends of the Sherwood School, Inc.) which is the fundraising and support organization of mostly parents who are part of the Sherwood Elementary School family, many of whom have either been students or who currently have students at the facility. All seem to enjoy being part of the success of the school. All had great words to say about the education that the kindergarten through fifth grade institution affords their children. Looking at the classrooms, it was easy to see the creativity in the projects

Although she has been a teacher for several years, this is the first year that Annapurna Steffen, who came dressed as a yellow crayon, has taken on the role of principal, and she very much enjoys her

"I officially stepped into the role of principal at the start of the school year," said Steffen. "This is going to be a fun party tonight. It's a cool night but the classrooms are heated. We have our lasagna dinner fundraiser, and then we have performances that are going to be in Miss Hall's room. Then, we're going to do carnival games, a spooky path, and just general fun. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year."

One tall, ominous, but amiable vampire, Ray Elmore, the president of FOSSI, came with his whole family sporting a vampire theme. "I'm the president of FOSSI, for the last four years," explained Elmore. "We're the fundraisers for the school and we do a lot of the grassroots fundraising to pay for trips, art supplies, all the things that booth in town for the Harvest Festival. We had a dunk tank with Tom Allman and Harry 707-984-6769.

It was billed as the Sherwood Elementary So. We do raffles. We do walk-a-thons. We School Fall Festival, but it was really all do penny wars. We have a Spring Festival. We do a plant sale. We go go go for the

> They raised money through the donated lasagna dinners, desserts, and drinks. There was also a raffle with some generously donated prizes.

> After dinner, the school, which began in a little red schoolhouse and has since grown to include three more classroom buildings, treated the diners and families to way-toocute song performances by kindergarten and first grade, second and third grades, and fourth and fifth grades. The parental paparazzi took videos as the kids made their way through some very entertaining songs, accompanied by Nancy New on the guitar, who has had kids and grandkids attending the school.

> The youngest children, in a brilliantly colored and creative set of costumes, sang: "Goblins are spooky, but they are not mean. Goblins dance on Halloween." The next two grades sang: "One pitch black, very dark night, Brian let his mother turn out the light. I looked out my window and what did I see? A vampire and alien up in my tree. But the vampire and alien didn't frighten me." And the fourth and fifth-grade classes sang, "The Cat Came Back" and "This Is Halloween" from the "Nightmare Before Christmas.

Once the performances were over, it was time for the kids to go to the carnival, where they purchased tickets to play games and win prizes. There was a Wheel of Fortune, a Black Hole ball-rolling game, a large pachinko game, a game where they turned and a lollipop game where they could win if they pulled one out with a red tip on the

Outside, behind the buildings, the spooky Enchanted Path was full of scary lighted ghosts, tombstones, ominous sounds, and a flying monkey.

Halloween is a time when adults can act like kids and kids can be anyone they want to be. Underneath it all was the knowledge that this remote school past Third Gate has managed to create a place where kids can come, be a part of an extended family, and receive a quality K-5 education.

More information about Sherwood Elementary School, located at 32600 the teachers need. We enjoy it. We had a Sherwood Road, can be found at www. willitsunified.com/o/sherwood or by calling

Annual Bake Sale

and Bazaar

at the Willits United Methodist Church

286 School Street, Willits

(across from the Little Lake Grange)

Saturday, November 15

from 10 am to 2 pm

(All monies received are used to make

Christmas Joy in our community)









At top, from left: This group of vampires proves that a family that slays together stays togethe Annapurna Steffen, the second and third-grade teacher, became the principal this year at Sherwood Elementary School. After the aliens have invaded, they latch on to unsuspecting youngsters. Above, from left: A young zombie visits the Sherwood Elementary School Fall Festival. Some K-Pop Demon Hunters pose for a photo with a witch. Fun games keep the kids busy at the Sherwood Elementary School Fall Festival. Below, left: Shauna Martin of The Munchery works at the dessert booth, selling spooky confections. Below, right: This family dressed as characters from the movie, "Labyrinth."









and fifth-grade classes combine to sing "The Cat Came Back" and "This is Halloween" from the "Nightmare Before Christmas.' At left: The kids try to pull out a sucker with a red tip on the end of the stick to win Photos by

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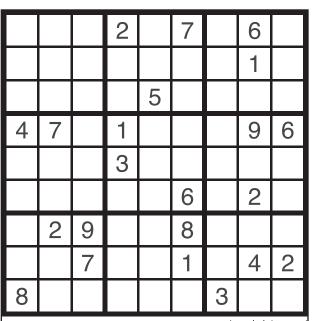
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- 38. Timid 40. Disney town
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- a man 48. Not pleased 49. 'Atlas Shrugged'
- author 52. CIA officer and writer 53. Hoodlum
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POLICE LOG

October 6 to October 12

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police the 1400 block of South Main Street and Department reported 91 incidents in this issued a warning. 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

2:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Walnut

5:21 pm: ALVAREZ, Malisha Dawn (53) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and West Highway 20. She was arrested on felony charges of violation of probation and on misdemeanor charges of providing false identification to an officer.

6:20 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued

10:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:27 pm: ADDISON, Randall Lowell (39) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

October 7

9:59 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main

10:39 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.

10:44 am: MORELAND, Blake Gregory (40) of San Francisco was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of petty theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Boscabelle Avenue.

4:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of East Hill Road and issued a citation.

October 8

2:21 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:53 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of South

1:00 pm: Officers responded to a report October 12 of suspicious activity in the 800 block of

South Main Street.

10:40 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

The rest of Letters

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interested in finding out how you can support the local and youth running community through volunteering, donations, memberships, check out North Coast

Striders (https://northcoaststriders.com/). Crystal Schiffbauer-Bowles, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

The Willits Friends of the Library, aka FOWL, would like to thank the many community members who helped make our recent book sale possible and successful: Leigh Austin, Diane Carter, Kelley Case Brackett and WHS Ag Bio class, Anthony Clifton, Katheen Ferri-Taylor, Ann Hammond, Two Trees Jeske, Anne Marie Maas, Lisa Mey, Denny, Charlie and Eva Pinon, Emily Rose Smith, and Bernadette Willoughby. Thank you to all the shoppers

and all our members as well! Proceeds from book sales, donations, and memberships are used by FOWL to supplement the library's programming, materials, special events and supplies funding. For more information, please

contact us through the library. Over the years, libraries have expanded what they do, and continue to be a valuable community resource. We urge everyone to visit the Willits Library or to look at the website to learn about its many varied

Friends of the Willits Library Board of Directors

Safeway phone app To the Editor:

offerings!

As a long time city resident (45 years) and

Senior frustrated with

11:35 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

October 9

7:20 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

6:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued

1500 block of South Main Street and issued 9:34 pm: DEWITT Jr., Kenneth Joseph (44) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700

block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole.

9:27 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

October 10

1:34 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued

10:07 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of School Street and issued a warning.

12:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of School

3:42 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

October 11

3:29 pm: TUCKER, Andy Blake (54) of Covelo was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, and on misdemeanor charges of contempt of court (disobeying a court order), possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting an officer, and violation of probation.

5:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of School Street.

10:30 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

Safeway in town?

8:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

senior citizen of Willits, I am curious if I am alone in my frustration in shopping at

Safeway's phone app, that you now need to get a somewhat decent price on your food items, must be done in advance of your shopping per the customer service representative. (So that is a deterrent to buving something that wasn't on your list.) And when there is an "in store special" and you need to scan that into their app to get that special price, it can't be done. The problem: Their ap doesn't work inside their store. The customer service people admit that it doesn't work inside the store. Even

they can't fix that for you. I try to get along in this digital world, but the price of my groceries being determined by if I can get Safeway's app to work or scan? As a senior citizen I feel taken advantage of, and cheated by this Willits corporate Safeway store.

This Safeway store is already difficult for seniors to maneuver with the crowded aisles, not of people, but piles and added racks full of merchandise that you need to maneuver around to shop. Carts are no longer located near the doors and are difficult to find, and the hand baskets that are at the doors get heavy quickly. And even though the pharmacy does its best to move quickly through their customers, there is just no space for their line.

There are empty storefronts available next door. Safeway could expand their store space quickly and easily. Willits/Brooktrails and all points north of here must not be a big enough revenue stream to justify a better quality of service from the Corp.

Am I alone in feeling pushed aside and my

limited income looted by this store? Ruby Gamble, Willits







Above, from left: Jose "Chewy" and Maria worked hard for years to make their dream of a Mexican

market a reality. After a couple of years of passersby seeing this sign, the market is finally ready for

business. Quesos of several varieties can be found at Jalos Market. At left: Jalos Market is well lit

and full of Mexican foods, snacks, hot sauces, meats and more, Below, left; Maria Fierro tends to

customers on opening day at Jalos Market. Below, right: Maria's youngest daughter, Viviana, will

probably work at the market someday. Further below, left: There are several kinds of Mexican meats

like this pulpa negra. Further below, right: Mexican breads are for sale at Jalos Market. At bottom,

left: A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are in stock. At bottom, right: Vanessa and her friend,

Annie, take advantage of the free tamales served by Delilah at the opening.



Jalos Market

New store stocked with Mexican goods and ingredients opens on Main Street

preparing, Jalos Market is finally open for business. Produce, meats, Mexican breads, spices, sauces, and more fill the shelves and cold cases. This family-run market is the newest venture from the Fierro family, which also owns two Mexican

restaurants in Willits. Mathew Caine When Maria Fierro came to this country

from Mexico, she began to work at her uncles' restaurant, Taqueria Jalos in Ukiah. "That's where I met my husband," recounted Fierro. "I started working there when I was 15. We've been married 21 years. I fell in love with what I do. I started as a waitress. I liked being social, talking to people. I could be here 24 hours."

Since that time, Fierro and her husband, Jose "Chewy," opened Taqueria Jalos in Willits, at the corner of Main Street and Highway 20. They then took over Maria's Mexican Restaurant and renamed it Tagueria Maria, in the strip mall across from the Evergreen Village shopping center. Finally, their dream of owning a mercado has come to fruition, opening at 1569 South

Walking into this shop is reminiscent of the many mercados in East Los Angeles and Mexico itself. Many colorful piñatas hang from the ceiling, waiting for the perfect festive occasion to be filled with candies and other treats. Fierro said that when she was a little girl, they were too poor for candy, so the piñatas were filled

with peanuts and oranges. There are many items that cannot be found in other markets in the area, certain cuts of meat that are indigenous to Mexico, hot sauces, pottery, Mexican breads and coffees, medicines, and much more. They also have sugar cane which can be ground

up for a sweet drink or chewed for a treat. Creating Jalos Market has been a dream, several years in the making. Many

After three years of remodeling and couple of years while Fierro and her family worked to rebuild and to outfit the store.

> "Three years ago, we started with this place," said Fierro. "It was a struggle trying to manage both of the other places. Sometimes I wanted to give up, thinking it was too much, but we always wanted to have this little Mexican store. My daughters help a lot with Taqueria Jalos, Jackie and Vanessa. Elizabeth helps out, too. They began helping us when the COVID started. They weren't going to school, so we started taking them, little by little, to help around, and they seem to be liking it."

Her daughters, Jackie and Vanessa, work at Taqueria Jalos and their sister, Elizabeth, will probably work at the new market. There is another sister, Viviana, who is still too young to work.

When the couple took over Tagueria Maria about seven years ago, their vision was to make it a market. "But we were seeing that it was easier to be a restaurant than a market," said Fierro. "We decided to keep it running as a taqueria and go from there. As the years passed, people were asking for more products, a bigger store, Main Street, next to Mendo Made Salon this and that. Parking-lot wise, this was a

Jalos Market has a butcher who can custom cut beef and pork for the customers. In the future, they would like to have a bakery in the back, if their Mexican breads take off. There are also many goods that they are trying to procure for the market, so their offerings will change over time.

With three businesses in town, the Fierros have ingrained themselves into the business ethos of Willits and will probably continue to grow. Many of the local Hispanic community have been waiting expectantly for this market to open and will most likely create a successful new venture, but it is not just for the Latinos, the fresh vegetables and fruits and the unique products that cannot be found anywhere else in town should draw in many of the Willits residents have seen the sign up for a non-Latino population as well.

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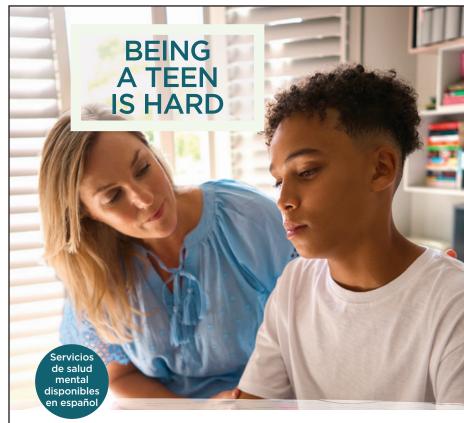




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Thursday, October 30

Willits Farmers Market Moves to the Grange: Join your neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm now at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the freshest produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs hot and cold food, and tasty treats from local businesses, 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.

Meet Exec Director of Mendo Land Trust at Brickhouse: Conrad Kramer will discuss land protection and public access with community members on October 30 at 10am at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

Friday, October 31 Happy Halloweeen!

Halloween Drop-In Celebration at the Library: Stop by between 10 am and 5:30 pm for games, coloring activities, and treat bags for children in costume at the Willits Branch Library.

Trunk or Treat at 101 Trailer & RV Supply: Free community event Friday, October 31 from 2 to 5 pm, 1471 South Main Street. To bring candy to pass out text 707-489-3664 to sign up.



Enchanted Pumpkin Path at Waldorf School: A refined sugar-free, and scare-free Halloween adventure for all ages. For tickets and to choose a time slot or if you need special assistance to attend: office@mendocinowaldorf. org. Friday, October 31, rain or shine at the Waldorf School, 6280 Third Street,

Trunk or Treat at Sherwood Valley Casino: Featuring classic cars, this free event is on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 to 8 pm, 100 Kawi Place, Willits.

Willits Fire Department Haunted House: A free event hosted by your local firefighters, featuring both a Kid-Friendly Haunt

and a Scary Haunt on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 to 9 pm at the Willits Fire Lion's Club Halloween Haunt in

Laytonville: Fun for all ages Friday October 31 from 7 to 10 pm. Cost is \$5 with all proceeds to benefit scholarships for local students. Lions Club, 44920

Willis Avenue, Laytonville Halloween Arcade Bash at Common Collectibles: An event for all ages including a costume contest, candy, and all-you-can-play games for \$13, Friday, October 31 from 5 to 10 pm at Common Collectibles and Gaming Lounge, 393 South Main Street, Willits.

Dezi 5 and The Stephen Bates Band at Shanachie: Friday, October 31 starting at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, November 1

Willits Photography Club Exhibit opens at WCA: Local photographers who have contributed to the cultural landscape of Willits present their work beginning Saturday, November 1 and continuing through November 23 at Willits Center for the Arts.

Adaptive Agriculture Fundraiser at the Grange: featuring music by Hot Buttered Rum with Indiana Slim & the Kingsnakes, food, cocktails and a silent auction. At 5:30 pm a brass band will march from

pm on Saturday, November 1. Tickets \$35 at the door or \$30 purchased in advance at JD Redhouse, Flying Dog Pizza or online at eventbrite.com. Hillshaker at Shanachie: Saturday, November 1 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Grange where doors open at 6

Tuesday, November 4

NORTHSPUR

BREWING

Eckankar Meeting at the Library: a spiritual discussion on this month's topic: 'Discover the Source of all Truth' on Tuesday, November 4 from 11am to noon at the Willits Branch Library. More info: Joy 707-367-3777. (This program is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the Mendocino County Library.)

Wednesday, November 5

Sovereign Sereni-Tea Time at Inner Earth Tea: Explore energetic sovereignty in a supportive space on Wednesday, November 5 from 6 to 7:30 pm at Inner Earth Tea House, 48 East San Francisco Avenue. Donation-based. **TRIVIA**

Night at Northspur Brewing Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm at Northspur Brewing Co., 101 North Main Street.

November 6

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Thursday,

Farmers

Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, for the freshest produce available, local meat, tasty treats, crafts, Wellness Wagon, and much more. See October 30 listing for more details.

Behind the Scenes Tours at the Museum: First and Third Thursday of the month from 2 to 3 pm. To reserve your tour call the Mendocino County Museum: 707-

Free Food at Mendo Food Network: First Thursday of each month (excluding federal holidays) receive free food from 10 to 11:30 at 1250 Blosser Lane, Willits.

Northspur Brewing to Little Lake Tall Guy Short Songs at Inner Earth Tea: Thursday, November 6 at 8 pm at Inner Earth Tea House. Cost is \$20 and includes unlimited tea. Seating is limited so reserve tickets at lovebombrecords.org.

Friday, November 7

S.T.E.M. Activity at the Library: Experiments and Crafts for kids 9 to 14. This week: Light &

Color Science. Friday, November 7 from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Branch Library. 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.

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Roller skate for \$1 from 6 to 8pm on Friday, November 7 at Harwood Hall, Sunday, November 9 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.

Americana November 7 from 6 to 8 pm at Northspur Brewing Co., 101 North Main Street.

Wolf Tree at Northspur Brewing Co: Acoustic

Rising Signs Reggae band at Shanachie: Friday, November 7 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, November 8

Willits Photography Club at WCA: open to all skill levels and meets Saturday, November 8 from 10 am to noon in the classroom at Willits Center for the Arts. (Enter through back

'Day of the Divine' at WCA: Celebrating the Feminine with massage, acupuncture Henna Art, Crystal Bowl Sound Healing, botanical beverages and live music. Cost is \$22 Saturday, November 8 from noon to 6 pm at Willits Center



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Pumpkin Succulent Class at Sparetime Garden Center: Create a succulent arrangement in a pumpkin on Saturday, November 8 at either 1 pm or 2:30 pm. Cost is \$30 - Reserve your spot by signing up and paying in full or at venmo.com/u/ thegardenerspantry. Sparetime Garden Center, 208 East San Francisco Avenue.

CAL FIRE Open House: for high school or college students curious about a career with CAL Fire. Learn about different career paths and meet with Cal Fire personnel on Saturday November 8 from 10am to 4pm at the Jesse Pittman Training Center, 17501 N Hwy 101, Willits.

Dirty Cello at WCT: A high-energy blend of blues, rock and Americana, Saturday, November 8 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Tickets \$20 at DirtyCello.com

Cowtown at Shanachie: 'Ska-Boogie' featuring unusual instrumentation and a cast of puppets Saturday, November 8 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center: Sunday, October 12 from 8 to 11 am. Menu choices: 1) Allyou-can-eat pancakes with scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon or 2) Biscuits & gravy with scrambled eggs. Includes coffee, orange juice or milk. \$13 adults;

\$12 Senior Center members; \$8 children 8 and under benefits Nutritional, Transportation, and Outreach services for Willits seniors. 1501 Baechtel Creek Road.

Brunch, Sip and Paint at WCA: Have champagne brunch and paint watercolors on Sunday, November 9 from 1 to 4 pm. Fee is \$75 and covers materials, brunch and a seasonal alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverage. Willits Center for the Arts.

Mad Hatter Tea Party at the Grange: Wear a fun hat to this free event and enjoy winter warming tea blends on Sunday, November 9 from 2 to 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange.

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TOWN-WIDE

ONGOING EVENTS

Willits Tennis Club: Meets every

Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11

am at the Willits High School Tennis

Courts. All levels welcome. More info:

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-

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.

Willits Indivisible Democracy Vigil:

Every Friday from 5 to 6 pm at Babcock

Park on South Main Street. More info:

Lunch to Live Music at Brickhouse

Coffee: every Wednesday from noon to

2 pm featuring various artists. Corner of

Main and Commercial Streets, Willits.

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

"Willits Indivisible" on Facebook.

Come at 1 pm to be assured a lunch!

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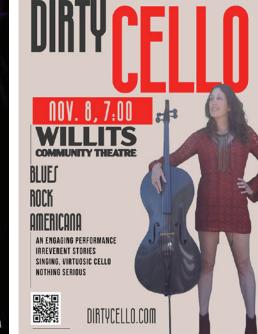
American Legion Breakfast at the Veterans' Building, November 11 Join us for breakfast from 8 to 11 am, followed

by a Flag Raising ceremony at noon in honor of veterans. Breakfast is free to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel (EMS, fire fighters, local law enforcement) and their families, and students who participate in the Scouting America, 4-H and FFA programs. Tuesday, November 11 at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street,

Herbal Wellness Wagon at Farmers Market through November

The Mendo Community Wellness Collective (CWC) will be offering free wellness education, health consultations and herbal remedies every Thursday in November (except Thanksgiving) at the Willits Farmers Market at the Little Lake Grange. Each week we will offer a free "Herb Talk" featuring respiratory herbs for the winter months and fall root medicine. For more info: 707-234-0113.





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-

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: Area.

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 Frinity Church, Mary & Martha Room, 640 South Orchard Avenue, Ukiah More info: Madge Strong, 707-459-

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

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

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

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

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'Springsteen: Deliver Me

from Nowhere'

same for the rest of the cast, so good on 'em! In general, trying to

capture on film the invisible process we know as "inspiration" generally

fails because, obviously, what inspires is all in the artist's mind. That

noted: what got me nodding "yes ... of course!" was Springsteen's

repeated recollection of two (great!!!) flicks: "Badlands" and "The Night

of the Hunter." Why these two? It's a conundrum that's never quite

explained. But when a person is gifted, the inspired works of others will

unsurprisingly give a potent jolt of energy to a wide-open and searching

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom

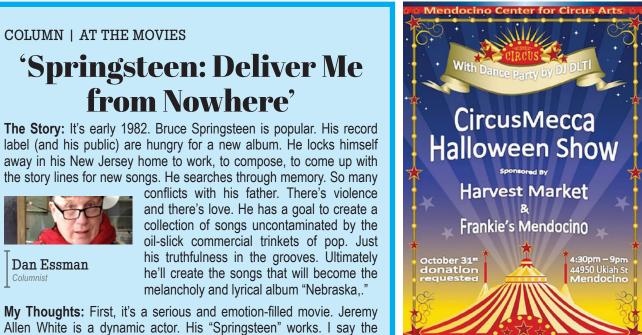
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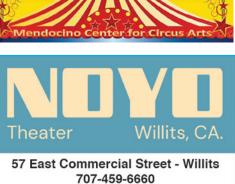
Sunday November 9, 1-4pm Paint, Sip, Laugh, Eat

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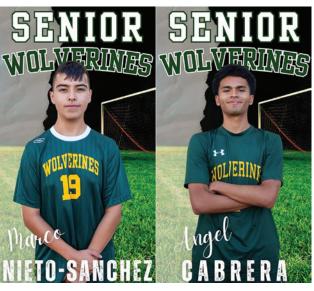
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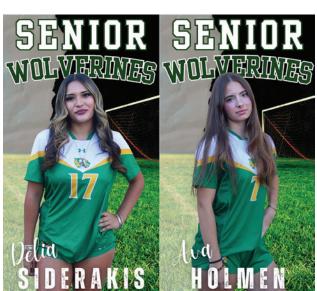


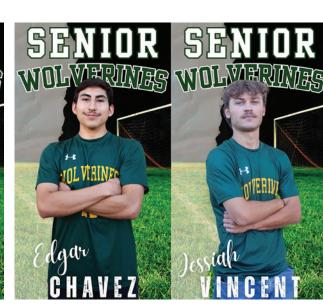


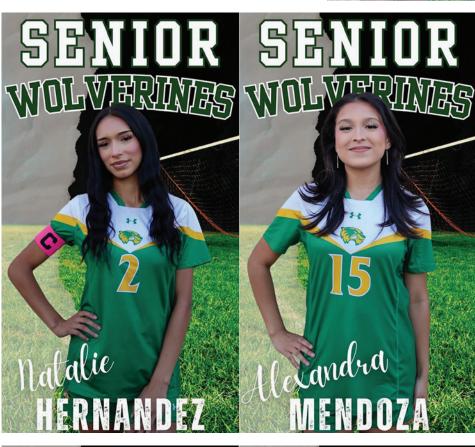
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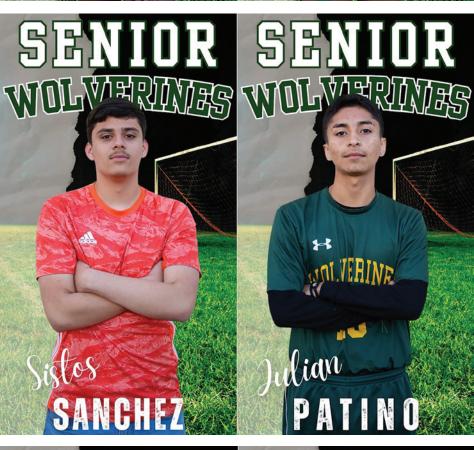
Parents: This is a flick for grownups. Kiddies will find it boring.













COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS

Willits Wolverines girls and boys soccer hosted a home game last Thursday against Fort Bragg for Senior Night. The two teams faced off with their opponents on their home turf, playing tough and performing well for their hometown. Varsity girls were able to grab the victory. The boys came up a little short, but not

on tenacity or drive in

Sheri Dockins

their soccer skills. After the games were over, the teams, coaches, family and community fans all lined up to honor their seniors. They walked with their families underneath the beautiful green and gold balloon arch where the announcer spoke of their accomplishments and highlights of their high school soccer experience.

WHS is sending some of their finest soccer athletes into the world. They have enjoyed their time here, and playing soccer.

Alexandra Mendoza plans to go to college to study pediatric nursing, as it has always been a dream of hers. "I have played soccer all four years in high school," said Mendoza. "I'll miss going on the field and playing soccer, and my amazing teammates. All the memories I have made with this team have been amazing, and meeting all the new girls within the years has been a huge blessing. I'm also grateful for my coaches' support, and how they never gave up on us.

Lyly Herman plans on going to college for business and marketing / real estate. "This season has been so much fun!" said Herman. "I have really enjoyed playing with each and every one of these girls. We have had so many laughs and fun memories that I will cherish. Coach Juan has also been a great leader and key to making this season so successful. I am so sad this season is coming to an end, but I am extremely grateful for the experience. I am so excited to see what the future holds for all of us."

Ava Holmen plans to stay close to home and go to Mendocino College. She wants to continue playing soccer, basketball and softball, but is unsure as to whether she will play them in college yet. "Ever since Coach Juan changed the program, I have learned to love soccer," said Holmen. "I have improved so much within these two years of playing, and I wish the season could always continue. I will never forget junior season, it was the highlight of my

Kate Winter hopes to continue to be involved in soccer while she attends college, either playing for her school or an intramural team. "Playing soccer for WHS has been so fun, with great coaches and teammates," Winter said. "The positive atmosphere Coach Juan and the players bring has made it such a great experience! My favorite thing this season has been seeing the freshmen improve as the season has progressed!"

Delia Siderakis plans to attend cosmetology school in Sacramento at a college that has a soccer program. "I community is very proud of you. Thank really enjoyed playing soccer for Willits you for your dedication to your school and High School," said Siderakis. "I'll always sports. We wish you the very best on all of remember the new friendships and bonds your plans and decisions for your future. I made from this sport, working hard, and We have no doubt that you will do great, improving as the season went on, with the and can't wait to see what you accomplish help of my awesome coach who always on your own. Wolverines pride forever.

believed in my potential and kept pushing me to keep improving. So thankful for my coach, teammates and family, friends and God for every blessing along the way."

Natalie Hernandez is still deciding on her plans for after high school, but her future is sure to be great! "I want to say thank you to the coaches for stepping up when the other coaches left," said Hernandez. "Juan, Jackie, Guti and Dan have all had an amazing impact on our girls soccer team, and we all love you, coaches. Since the beginning of when I started to play soccer at the age of 9, I have learned a lot, and my parents have pushed me to be stronger and never give up. I am thankful for them

Jessiah Vincent plans to work in construction and attend college at the University of Nevada, Reno. "High school soccer gave me a place to work hard, have fun, bond with teammates, and make memories that I'll never forget," Vincent said fondly

Marco Nieto-Sanchez plans to go to college to study being an EMT or medical assistant. "I want to thank everyone who helped me along the way. How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard," said Nieto-Sanchez, quoting Winnie the Pooh.

Angel / Luis Cabrera plans to go to college and get into the medical field after high school. "It was fun playing soccer these past years for the high school," said Cabrera. "It has come to an end. There is nothing I can do about it coming to an end but to cherish the moments I once had, and to thank everyone for being there.

Edgar Chavez plans to be an electrician and make music after high school. "My greatest memory of high school soccer is winning the tournament in Santa Rosa with my team," Chavez said. "I would like to thank my coaches for always believing in us as a team, and always being here for us. You guys are appreciated. Also to my parents for always coming to my games and supporting me."

Luis Mandujano really enjoyed his high school soccer career and is also still deciding his future plans. "My fondest memory is having good laughs with the guys. I would really like to thank my coaches," said Mandujano.

Julian Patino played all four years in high school and 10 years altogether. Soccer has been a big part of his life. He is also still deciding his future and will take with him his fondest memory of his junior year of high school soccer.

Sistos Sanchez joined partway through the season and is also deciding his future. He is a super-talented goalkeeper that saved his team many times. He will take many fond memories of his team with him.

Congratulations to you all. Your







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WW572 **CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on November

12th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

PROJECT:

Amendment to Willits Municipal Code Title 17 -Zoning, adding Chapter 17.87, "Mobile Vendors." to establish regulations for mobile and sidewalk

REQUEST:

Consideration of a draft ordinance amending Title 17 of the Willits Municipal Code to add Chapter 17.87, "Mobile Vendors," to update and modernize regulations for mobile vending activities. The proposed ordinance establishes permitting procedures, identifies allowable vending locations, sets operational standards, and aligns local regulations with State law, including Senate Bill 946 (SB 946) governing sidewalk vending.

LOCATION:

Citywide - Ordinance applies to all areas within the City limits of Willits.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), the "common sense" exemption, as it can be seen with certainty that the adoption of the ordinance will not have a significant effect on the environment

MEETING LOCATION:

Council Chambers at City Hall located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490

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

- Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Swetha Hiranya Venuturupalli at svenuturupalli@ cityofwillits.org, or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 11th, 2025, All public comments received will be provided to the Council in advance of the meeting.
- Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

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

/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk Publication Date: October 30, 2025

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Mendocino County Clerk-

Recorder on 10/8/2025

/s/ Maria Ponce

FBN statement filed with the

Publication Dates: October

16, 23, 30, November 6, 2025

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person or

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This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

The following person or

2025-F0456

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on 10/27/2025. /s/ Jeff Yokum, President

Publication Dates: October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2025

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

The following person or

persons are doing business

South Main Street, Willits CA

16300 Bluejay Lane, Willits

Corner LLC, 16300 Bluejay

This business is conducted

by a limited liability company

FBN statement filed with the

Mendocino County Clerk-

Recorder on 10/9/2025.

Managing Member, Kids

Publication Dates: October

16, 23, 30, November 6, 2025

/s/ Carlos Swinney.

Corner LLC

CA 95490: 707-459-6329

Registered owner: Kids

Lane. Willits CA 95490.

State of incorporation:

California.

as Willits Kids Corner. 90

95490. Mailing address

2025-F0436

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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Fictitious Business

2025-F0419 The following person or persons are doing business as Wags Dog B&B, 1680 Ter Mile Creek Road, Laytonville CA 95454. Mailing address: 44911 Hwy 101, PMB 157, Laytonville, CA 95454

Registered owner: Taylor

Joyce Wagner, 1680 Ten Mile Creek Road, Laytonville CA

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 9/25/2025 FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-

Recorder on 9/29/2025 /s/ Taylor Wagner Publication Dates: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

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manager. "Having watched and worked with probably half a dozen city managers over my career here, I'm beginning to question if that's a viable format for local city do in house. Instead of hiring a city manager from outside the area,

Burton suggested that the city could be run by a "strong" her list of steps is "just an example of what a search could mayor, someone who lives in Willits, elected by the city's be." residents. "It would be a four year job and then you'd run again. You'd get graded by the community for your work," Burton said. "It is a form of government that was once used in Willits and is still used today in some cities. I think it bears introducing if people haven't thought about it. We are at that point, and I'm interested in having that discussion."

Neither councilmembers Larry Stranske nor Matthew Alaniz offered any reply. Gerry Gonzalez was not at the meeting. The only response was from Mayor Tom Allman, who said: "As for now, we are looking for a city manager."

One long-time local resident, Nicole Caldwell, questioned the decision to hire an outside consultant: "If I see this correctly, we are again outsourcing something that I believe we could have done in house. We do have a human resource person. She does hire the people working for the city." Caldwell added that the city's 2025-2026

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budget deficit "doesn't look good, so I have a hard time understanding why we outsource something that we can

Consultant Muchmore told Willits Weekly that her job will be to assist city staff in the recruitment process, and that

Mayor Allman ended the discussion by pointing out that that the presentation was not an action item: "We would like to have a recruitment package put together and return it to the council for an agendized public discussion."

Willits Weekly was unable to determine if the Muchmore consultant fee is included in the 2025-2026 budget, or if it will increase the \$2 million projected deficit. We did not receive a response from Willits Finance Director Manuel Orozco in time for this report.

In the meantime, the city is hiring another interim city manager, Robert Richardson, to replace Rod Wilburn starting November 12. Richardson is a retired city manager, formerly for the cities of Grass Valley and Auburn, and will be working fulltime until the city hires a permanent city manager, but not to exceed 960 hours (about six months) due to state retirement laws.

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Willits Community Theatre

November 8, 7pm

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Local zombie action/thriller

featured at Noyo Theater on

Halloween night

the trailer for "Wrecker" on YouTube here: https://youtu.

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more information about Willits' local movie theater, 57 East

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ALL HALLOWEEN DECOR

The "Noyo Nightmares" Horror Film Festival wraps up

Mortality Local Willits author Adi Michelle Rutler

Willits author releases Christian dystopian novel

Local Willits author Adi Michelle Rutler has released "Mortality Devoid of Morality," a Christian dystopian novel about the cost of a faithless world. "The story confronts what becomes of a people when the faithful are targeted for genocide: A world once led by faith now teeters on the edge of ruin. 'Mortality Devoid of Morality' is a dystopian story set in a time when religion is outlawed, morality is distorted, and hope is a rare rebellion."

"Faith is not lost all at once;" says author Rutler. "it is forgotten piece by piece. God allows his children to walk away, but he waits for our return, and our way back begins with remembering. If we forget our past, ignore the present, and do not protect the future we forget the truth.

"'Mortality Devoid of Morality' is a warning and a call to remembrance. It calls readers to answer a faithless age with courage, discipline, and honesty."

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on Halloween Night, with an 8 pm showing of "Wrecker," a feature-length zombie action/thriller film by local director Bryan Brooks. Free small popcorn for customers who come in costume! "I'm a filmmaker that lives here in Willits," Brooks said. "I wrote and produced 'Wrecker' myself, and used every local actor I could find. Chances are, you probably know half the cast. I filmed in and around town, built sets inside my house, used the Brooktrails Lodge (before they closed), and shot a scene in a real, actual torture dungeon that's out in the forest past Orr Hot Springs." Interested in learning more? Director Brooks is set to do a Q&A about "Wreckers" at the Halloween showing. Watch

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WHS students helped set up Friends of the Willits Library Book Sale

Willits High School Students from Kelley Case Brackett's Ag Bio class worked diligently helping to set up books for the recent Friends of the Willits Library Book Sale.

energy and spirit moving boxes of books and setting them up was a great community service and much appreciated!

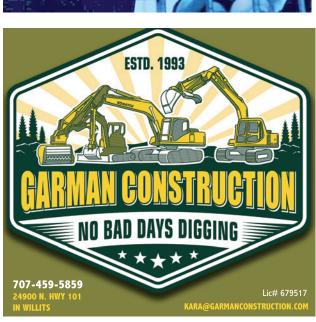
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At left: A photo snapped during the filming of "Wrecker." Below: Writer and Director Bryan Brooks – with sledgehammer – also stars in "Wrecker." At bottom: A scene from "Wrecker,", a local film directed by Bryan Brooks.









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as a Deputy County Counsel at the Lake County Counsel's Office in 2006. Scott worked as an Associate at Schneider Wallace Cottrell Konecky from 2004 to

Judge

Scott received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Cindee F. Mayfield. Scott is a Democrat.

Governor Newsom's other October 22 judicial appointments include: one in Fresno County; three in Los Angeles County, one in Orange County, two in Riverside County, one in San Francisco County, one in San Mateo County, one in Solano County, and one in Tulare County.

HALLOWEEN

New Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Charlotte Scott.

checks out, your ballot will be counted as usual. Drop boxes are also available at the Mendocino County Administration Building, 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah; at the City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Avenue; at the City of Fort Bragg, near front door, 416 North Franklin Street; at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds

Shanel Road,

Election

Street will be open 7 am to 8 pm.

After Election Day, provisional ballots will be

checked for proper registration, and if everything

For any questions, please call the Election /

Office, 14400 Highway 128, Boonville; at the

City of Point Arena, 431 School Street; and

at the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, 3000

results is generally posted not long after the polls close at 8 pm - these results are ballots that were counted before Election Day.

the Community Center, 111 East Commercial County Clerk's Office at 707 234-6819.

For more general information, visit the

You'll find a link there to Ballottrax, which

allows you to track the status of your mail-in

ballot: https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/ to

To follow election results, go to the Elections

Office page, and click "Election Results" and

the Current Election Results page will open.

In Mendocino County, the first set of election

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county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections

gardening workshop starts November 15 Submitted by Ecology Action

Ecology Action's Introductory GROW BIOINTENSIVE® 4-Saturdays Workshop is coming up, and we wanted to make sure to invite you! Join us for four full Saturday classes on November 15 and 22, December 6 and 13, 2025 and learn to grow abundant fruits, vegetables, and grains – and healthy

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Guerrilla gardener Ron Finley said, "Growing your own food is like printing your own money," and we couldn't agree more. As food prices continue to rise (even outpacing inflation) planting a garden is a smart move. And using the efficient, productive, low-cost GROW BIOINTENSIVE Sustainable Mini-Farming method will help make the most of your time, energy, money, and garden space. Compared with conventional gardening, GB can: use up to 67% less water: •50-100% less purchased fertilizer: 99% less energy, and grow 2 to 6 times more food per unit of land, while building more fertile soil – up to 6x faster than in nature!

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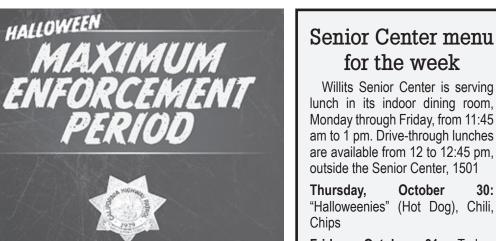
This workshop is a place to learn everything you need to know to plan your own biointensive garden for the coming season, and to meet like-minded people interested in sustainable living. Each class covers a range of topics, from seed starting, compost making, and growing bed preparation, to planting, harvesting, and seed storage. And that's just the beginning! Some workshop participants continue on to take an internship with us, and some even become certified GB teachers with demonstration gardens and classes of their own.

Millions of people around the world are already using GB to save money and grow their own food. Don't miss this opportunity to learn this simple yet powerful method, from the comfort of your home.

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For more information

about DUI penalties, visit

the California Department

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Make the right choice

To help ensure everyone

reaches their destination

safely, the CHP urges

Designate a sober

services, taxis or public

Never drive impaired or

If you see someone

"Whether it's Halloween

decision to drive sober can

save a life," Commissioner

Duryee added. "Together,

we can make our roads

safer and prevent tragedies

ride with someone who is.

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impaired, call 9-1-1

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motorists to:

immediately

or a combination of both can have deadly consequences. On average, more than 800 fatal crashes involving impaired drivers claim over 900 lives each year in California, reinforcing the CHP's commitment to

from the road. Impairment is not limited to alcohol. Prescription medications. over-thecounter drugs, and cannabis products can all affect a driver's ability to

removing impaired drivers

Penalties for impaired driving

operate a vehicle safely.

Drivers arrested for driving under the influence face serious penalties, or any night of the year, the including:

Driver's suspension

DUI Mandatory Jail time

Fines

hour Halloween Maximum Enforcement officers investigated nearly 500 crashes statewide. About 90 of those involved impaired drivers, resulting in two deaths and more than 60 injuries. CHP officers also made nearly 120 DUI

During last year's 12-Period, arrests during that period.

before they happen. The CHP reminds all drivers to make responsible choices behind the wheel - never drive under the influence, always wear your seat belt, and follow the

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and

for the week Willits Senior Center is serving

lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm. outside the Senior Center, 1501

Thursday, October "Halloweenies" (Hot Dog), Chili,

Friday, October 31: Turkey w/Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll

Monday, November 3: Turkey & Curry w/Naan Bread, Veggies, Samosa

Tuesday, November 4: Ground

Wednesday, November 5: Mediterranean Chicken Sandwich

Thursday, November 6: Chicken & Dumplings

w/Chips

Friday, November 7: Irish Stew w/

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

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

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

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

hope to see your smiling faces this fall!

Ecology Action is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, established in 1971 Our mission is to teach people worldwide to better feed themselves while building and preserving the soil and conserving resources. You can read an article about our work here: www.pri.org/stories/2016-08-24/small-farmers-

You're Invited!

Willits Community Services & Food Bank's 36th Annual Willits Community



Thanksgiving Dinner November 27, 2025 11:00am - 3:00pm*

Held at the Willits Senior Center 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits

All are welcome to sit down and join us for a meal in gratitude and celebration of our Willits Community.

Donations are gladly accepted and will benefit WCS & Food Bank. We give special thanks to the following organizations for making this event possible: Sherwood Valley Casino, Willits Senior Center,

and Little Lake Grange

There is no charge for this event. Anyone may dine for free.

This community effort requires many volunteers working hard behind the scenes, in the kitchen, and on the floor. We thank all our friends, neighbors, local businesses and organizations for your help. Together we are making a difference. Thank You!!



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· Get hands on support setting up your CalCareers account

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Above: Hot Buttered Rum returns to Little Lake Grange on Saturday, November 1.

Hot Buttered Rum returns to Little Lake Grange this Saturday

Submitted by School of Adaptive Agriculture

Progressive bluegrass band Hot Buttered Rum returns to Little Lake Grange this Saturday, November 1, in a benefit concert for the School of Adaptive Agriculture. That day is the first of the traditional Days of the Dead, time to remember our Ancestors. And this year's event will honor all those, living and dead, who have fed our community with local food – farmers and gardeners, the founders of the organic food movement, and advocates of biodynamic and biointensive farming and gardening, as well as chefs, cooks, and our many wonderful small food businesses.

The event is New Orleans-themed. Starting at 4:30 pm local brass musicians and others will begin gathering at Northspur Brewing Company for a 5:30 pm Second Line procession to open the doors of the Grange. They'll be playing "When the Saints Come Marching In" as they arrive by way of Shanachie Pub at 6 pm. A New Orleans-inspired dinner will be ready for the hungry, prepared by Dawn Wiley and friends. Open bar with beer by Northspur and wine from the Frey Vineyards and Bonterra Organic Estates, and a fabulous Silent Auction will greet the crowd. The music starts at 7 pm with Indiana Slim and the Kingsnakes. Hot Buttered Rum goes onstage after 8 pm and will keep the place lively the rest of the evening.

Proceeds go to the School of Adaptive Agriculture which since 2014 has provided immersive training in small farm agriculture to aspiring farmers, featuring many of our local farms. The school recently launched a Farm Incubator Program, giving aspiring farmers the opportunity to farm a bit of land at Ridgewood Ranch with help and mentoring from our staff.

We've hosted several Artists in Residence, thanks to a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Mendocino. We have been part of the coordination of Mendocino County's own annual small farm conference, the Farmers Convergence. And we've run lots of workshops on topics ranging from herbal medicine to farm labor management. All thanks to the generosity of our community.

Tickets \$30 advance (at J.D. Redhouse, Flying Dog Pizza, Mendocino Book Company) and online at Eventbrite; \$35 at the door. Kids 12-18: \$20.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Gorgeous Cerise

Little Cerise has the cutest bold stripes and bright green eyes. She is looking for a quiet home with someone who is ready to show her that people aren't that scary. Cerise would also be happy living as a working cat, trading room and board for all natural pest control!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel

free to visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com

cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.



Playful Rihanna

Rihanna came to the shelter from a hoarding situation, and was very thin. She lived with several other dogs. Rihanna can be shy when she first meets new people, but warms up once she feels comfortable. When Rihanna was in the meet-and-greet room, we found out that she LOVES to play with toys! Rihanna does walk on leash and likes to be right next to her person. With some time and lots of love, we think Rihanna will bloom into a wonderful companion.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from 9:30 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10 am

to 3 pm on Saturdays (closed for lunch each day from 1 to 1:30 pm). Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com. Call 707-463-4427 for more information.

Joyful Bosworth

Meet Bosworth, a sweet and vibrant boy who is still full of life and love. He has a heart of gold and absolutely adores being around people. Every time he sees someone he loves, he does a little happy dance that will melt your heart. Bosworth deserves to spend his golden years in a warm, loving home where he can truly feel cherished.

We're hoping to find a family who will give Bosworth the soft landing he so deserves. He has so much love to give, and all he needs is someone to share it with. If you have room in your heart and home, Bosworth is ready to fill it with joy, loyalty, and his special brand of happiness. Let's show him what it's like to live in a place full of love and warmth. He truly deserves it.

To learn more about Bosworth, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.



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