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Donations Accepted Edition No. 618 **Thursday, November 13, 2025**

Local ballots left to count in November 4 election

Submitted by **Katrina Bartolomie, Elections Office**

November 7 – Mendocino County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Katrina Bartolomie announced that as with every other election, there are ballots left to be processed and counted as part of the official canvass. Mendocino County has 8,838 ballots to process; this includes Provisional and Conditional / Provisional ballots to review and process.

Number of ballots reported processed and counted as of the final Election Night Report are 21,484 bellota,

According to Assembly Bill 3184; we will not certify our final election results until December 4, 2025. We will be updating our website (Unprocessed Ballot Report) on a weekly basis until we certify the election, please visit our website at: www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections

You can also check the status of your ballot at the above page by clicking the BallotTrax link at that page or <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/dashboard>

If you have received a letter to cure a mismatched or missing signature on your ballot envelope, please return your documents to cure your signature. If you have any additional questions, please call our office at (707) 234-6819.

2025 count shows improved trend in county homeless data

Submitted by the **Mendocino County Department of Social Services**

Ukiah – The Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care has released its results from the 2025 Point-in-Time Count, an annual count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in Mendocino County.

More than 30 volunteers took part in this year's PIT Count, which was held on the morning of January 29, 2025. The data collected on that night is organized and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is typically approved and released back to the community in the fall.

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Above: Willits Community Services and Food Bank Board Members smile with Sherwood Valley Casino representatives, including, from left: WCS board member Gail Warner, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Chairman J. Carlos Rivera, SVC Operations Manager Evan Shoulders, WCS Executive Director Wendy Copperfield, WCS Warehouse Manager Nils Rule-Gustafson, WCS board member Lou Meier and WCS board member Peter Brown. At right: Rivera fills in the amount on the \$10,000 check.

Dinner is on!

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Sherwood Valley Casino will provide free meals to community on upcoming holiday

As is Willits tradition, the community is invited to come to the Willits Senior Center on Thursday, November 27 from 11 am to 3 pm to enjoy a free meal to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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The dinner is put on by Willits Community Services and Food Bank, but it is only possible to hold such a massive event though the generous donations of the community, and sponsorships from local businesses.

The dinner's main sponsor is Sherwood Valley Casino, and representatives Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Chairman J. Carlos Rivera and Operations Manager Evan Shoulders proudly brought a check from the casino for \$10,000 to WCS' new Executive Director Wendy Copperfield last week. This money will finance the purchase of all the still-needed items for the meal and ensure that no one is hungry for a Thanksgiving meal.

"Due to the growing number of meals served through this Thanksgiving dinner event," explained Copperfield, "we thank our sponsor, Sherwood Valley Casino, for making it possible for us to continue to offer this important Willits Food Bank community tradition."

Copperfield also expressed her thanks to the Little Lake Grange and the Willits Senior Center for their help in

Read the rest of **Thanksgiving**
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At right: Little Lake Fire Department Prevention and Educational Officer Harry So holds hams donated by the department for the Thanksgiving dinner. Below: \$10,000 was donated by Sherwood Valley Casino for the upcoming event.



Supes vote to un-consolidate the Office of Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector

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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 last week to undo the 2021 board's consolidation of the Office of Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector back to two separate offices.

The "yes" vote on the first reading of the new ordinance re-establishes the separate offices of the Auditor-Controller and the Treasurer-Tax Collector – each with an elected department head. A second reading and final approval is set for the November 18 board meeting.

"I've heard from the community that they would like to see this happen," said Supervisor Madeline Cline, who was not on the board in 2021.... "I'm definitely in favor of having a system that has an independent auditor. I think that's a function that

Read the rest of **Vote**
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Mendocino County Board of Education welcomes new Area Three trustee

Posted by **MCOE**

November 3 – The Mendocino County Board of Education welcomes David Strock, who was appointed in September to represent Trustee Area Three (Covelo, Laytonville, Willits) through 2026, following the resignation of Trustee Michelle Hutchins.

Strock brings a blend of public service, education, and community arts experience to the board. A planner with Mendocino County's Planning and Building Services Department, he previously worked in Social Services and as a substitute teacher in several California counties.

"I truly believe teaching is the most important job there is," Strock said. "Having worked alongside teachers and administrators, I understand the dedication and creativity it takes to meet students' needs, often with limited resources."

A graduate of Willits public schools, Strock's commitment to education is both personal and

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You're Invited!

Willits Community Services & Food Bank's
36th Annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 27, 2025
11:00am – 3:00pm*
*Or until we run out, whichever comes first.
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.

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

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!!



Photo by Natalie Sadler

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Wreaths to honor Willits veterans

To the Editor:

Each December, communities across the nation come together to honor and remember our veterans through Wreaths Across America, a heartfelt tradition of placing wreaths on the graves of those who served our country. This simple act reminds us that freedom isn't free and that our veterans' sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Our local ceremony will take place Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 9 am at the Willits Cemetery, where volunteers will gather to lay wreaths at all three Willits cemeteries and say each veteran's name aloud in remembrance. To ensure that every hero resting there is honored, we are seeking wreath sponsorships from individuals, families, and businesses in our community.

Each wreath sponsorship is \$17 and can be made directly through the Wreaths Across America website at wreathscrossamerica.org. Please be sure to locate our specific site by searching Willits, CA or zip code 95490. Our location ID is CAWCOR and our sponsorship group ID is CA0199.

Farmers Market can honor EBT/SNAP cards thanks to donation

Willits Farmers Market has funds from a generous donor to honor EBT cards for those whose account has not been refilled during the government shutdown. And California is providing a limited amount of money to fund Market Match.

EBT/SNAP card holders should see Farmers Market Manager Michael Foley to continue to receive benefits during the shutdown.

– Willits Farmers Market

If you prefer to mail in a sponsorship form, please email willits4hclub@gmail.com, and we will gladly provide one. Every wreath sponsored helps ensure that our veterans receive the recognition they deserve during the holiday season.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, I encourage everyone to take part, whether by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering at the ceremony, or simply spreading the word. Together, we can continue to show our gratitude and keep the memory of our veterans alive.

Thank you for helping to honor those who have served.

Natalie Spackman, Willits Help Baby Zarianna in her fight against eye cancer

I wanted to share a heartfelt plea for support during a challenging time for the Gallups family. Baby Zarianna has been diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare and serious eye tumor. This news has shaken the family, and they have been rushed to Stanford Medical Center for urgent care.

Zarianna's parents, Thomas and Ashley, are doing everything they can to be by her side, but the costs of travel, lodging, and daily essentials are adding up quickly. While Thomas has insurance, the expenses for staying near the hospital are overwhelming.

Any contribution, no matter the size, will help ease the financial burden and allow the family to focus on Zarianna's treatment. You can donate at this Go Fund Me link: <https://gofund.me/96fb4a108>

If you can't donate, sharing this message or keeping them in your thoughts would mean a lot. Thank you.

Tammy Phillips, Willits

Senior Center menu 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, November 13: Pepperoni Sausage Stromboli;

Friday, November 14: Sweet & Sour Chicken, White Rice

Monday, November 17: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies, Roll

Tuesday, November 18: White Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans

Wednesday, November 19: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread

Thursday, November 20: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

Friday, November 21: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll

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 Juliana 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: 459-6826.



PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2025, AS VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, over 41 million Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, over 1.3 million Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when called to duty, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their contributions and sacrifices have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by Americans; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day was established in 1954 by Congress to honor all who had fought in various American wars and for citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so courageously to promote an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS, there are over five thousand veterans in Mendocino County who have served in the Armed Forces; and

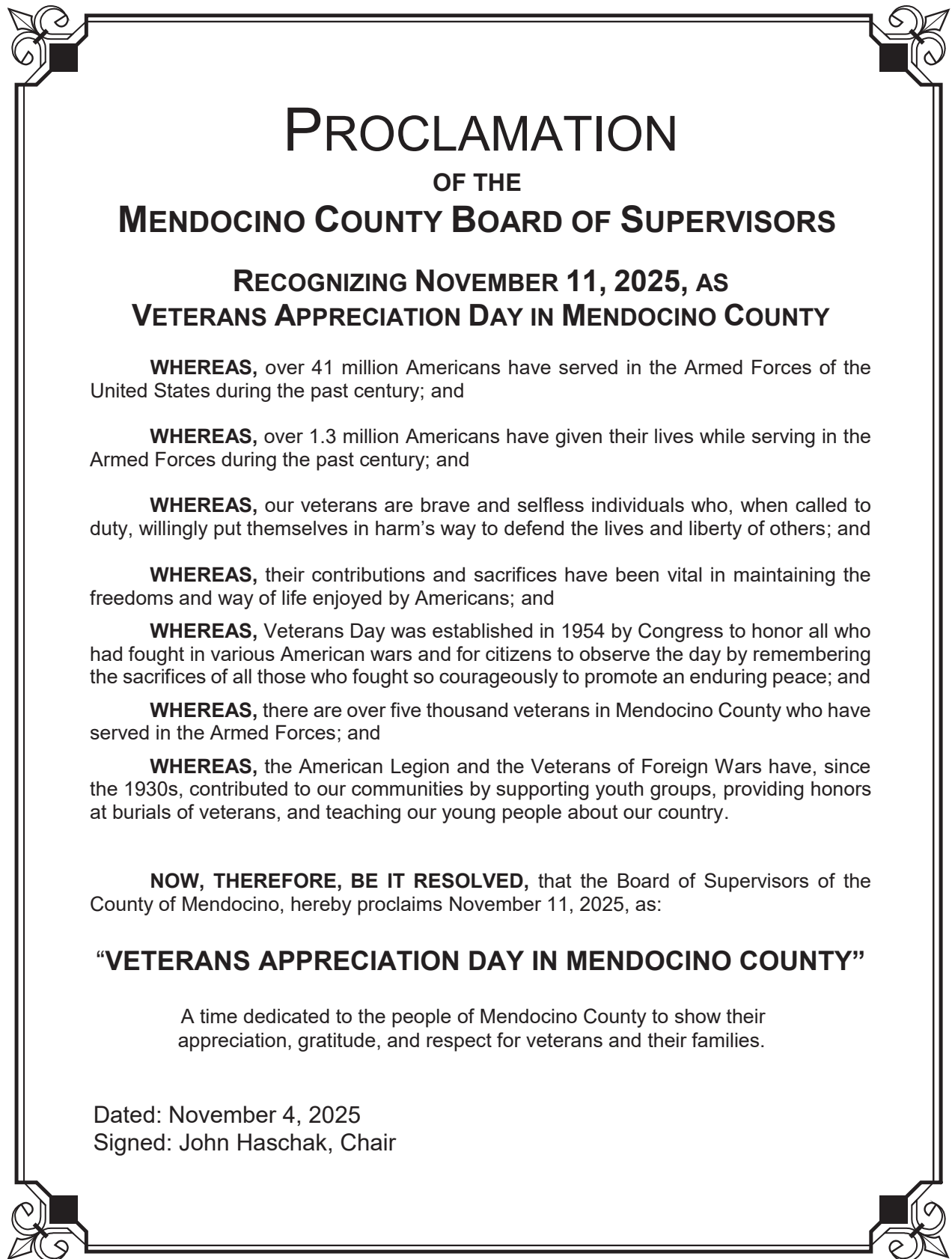
WHEREAS, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have, since the 1930s, contributed to our communities by supporting youth groups, providing honors at burials of veterans, and teaching our young people about our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims November 11, 2025, as:

“VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY”

A time dedicated to the people of Mendocino County to show their appreciation, gratitude, and respect for veterans and their families.

Dated: November 4, 2025
Signed: John Haschak, Chair



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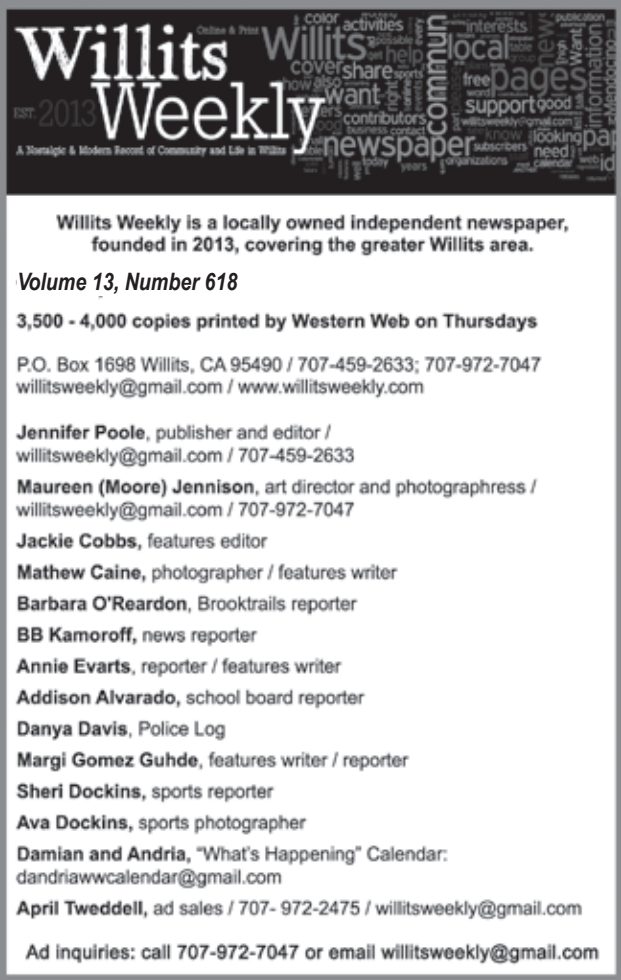
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Mattress by Appointment

Jeff Yokum starts new endeavor with decent deals and a clever business model

The idea for Jeff Yokum's second-act business, Mattress by Appointment, came to him as he was searching for a new way to create income for himself and his family.

"As you know, I was looking to sell the body shop last year, because I was getting tired of the body-shop business," mused Yokum. "I sold it to Kevin, from Humboldt County. I looked into this mattress business about a year ago. I saw it on TikTok. There's a guy on there that has about a million followers. He owns one of these mattress stores. His name is Brad Zude. I saw it on there. I saved it.

"Every now and then, after I saved it, he would pop up. 'Hi. This is Brad Zude, down at Mattress by Appointment. You want to be a dealer? This is the best business. You can make appointments, still have your life, keep your overhead low.' It actually sounded pretty good to me," said Yokum. "In August, I was semi-retired, up until August. I was remodeling apartments that I owned. I was thinking, 'winter is coming. I can't golf as much. I should check out that mattress thing.' I called them up and they said, 'oh, perfect timing.' It was only weeks until the Mattress by Appointment convention in Denver."

It was a business model that offered low overhead and the ability to help people with 50 to 80 percent off of the retail prices of top-quality mattresses. To Yokum this was a win-win. He could spend time at the shop doing what he enjoyed, meeting and helping people.

The shop, situated in the Evergreen Village shopping center, has nothing slick, no frills, and in fact, has the look of a warehouse. Some professional and some hand-lettered signs are interspersed amongst the mattresses, which are seemingly arranged in a haphazard manner throughout. Boxes of compressed mattresses (for easy transport) are leaning against the walls as are the boxes containing simple frames. Pillows and mattress covers are displayed in a central location.

On one wall are some simple photos of happy customers holding signs that express their gratitude and love at having purchased their mattresses at such a reasonable price, as well as having spent time with the personable Yokum.

"I have happier customers than I did at the car shop," he said. "People come in and wind up getting a mattress. Maybe they're new girlfriend doesn't want to sleep on the old one the old girlfriend slept on. Maybe they're moving into a new place. I can help them get the mattress they are looking for. So far, everyone's been really happy. I've been getting five-star reviews. People who come to buy a mattress are typically happier than someone who just wrecked their car," said Yokum with an obvious smile.

It seemed as if he had discovered a way to enrich his life

Read the rest of **Mattresses** Over on page 9

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Above, from left: Mattress by Appointment also sells high-rise minimal bedframes under which there is plenty of room for storage. A plush best-selling mattress is displayed in the store window. Some of the store's less expensive items include these thinner mattresses that still have comfort and durability. At left: Yokum finds owning the mattress store much less stressful than his auto-body shop he sold last year. Below: The starkness of the store belies the quality and lends itself to affordability.



Above, left: Mattress by Appointment also sells accessory items like these pillows and mattress covers. Above, right: Jeff Yokum enjoys meeting people and helping them find and finance their perfect mattress to take home.

Willits Frontier Days Christmas Program Wish List for Santa's Work Shop

Infant Toys:	Girl Toys:
9 months	Barbie Dolls
12 months	Dolls
24 months	Mini brands
	Girl Lego's
Boy Toys:	
Legos	
Super Hero's	
Minecraft	
Pokemon	
Bluey	



SANTA & GRINCH PHOTOS

BY MAUREEN JENNISON!



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SEE the GRINCH Sat 11/29: 10 am to 1 pm at TOY DEPOT

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Thursday, November 13

Willits Farmers Market at the Grange: 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, Herbal Wellness Wagon, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Thanks to a generous donor, the market is currently able to honor EBT and WIC cards that weren't filled for November, and matches benefits to double your dollars.

Artists Meet-Up at the Library: A place to work on your personal art project, meet other artists and find inspiration every Thursday and Friday from 1 to 3 pm at the Willits Branch Library. For ages 18 and up.

Friday, November 14

Artists Meet-Up at the Library: Friday from 1 to 3 pm at the Willits Library. More info see Nov 13 listing.

S.T.E.M. Activity at the Library: Experiments and Crafts centered on the nature of light and color for kids 9 to 14. This week: Willits Prism Challenge. Friday, November 14 from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Branch Library.

Fall Vendors Fair at Adri's Salon: Food and Craft Vendors on Friday, November 14 from 3 to 7 pm at Adri's Salon, 1615 Ste A South Main Street,

Willits.

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Roller skate for \$1 from 6 to 8pm on Friday, November 14 at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits Avenue, Laytonville.

Andrew Victor at Shanachie: Friday, November 14 from 8 to 10 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, November 15

Soup & Swap at Long Valley Garden Club: Bring gently used clothing to swap or just browse for something you need or want, and enjoy free soup to boot! Bring containers for take-away; Volunteers and donations welcome! Saturday, November 15 from 1 to 4 pm at the Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville.

Anniversary Celebration at WCA: Celebrate 25 years of Art and History with food, wine and beer and music by the Cosmic Family Band on Saturday, November 15 from 5 to 8 pm at Willits Center for the Arts.



Rosewater at Shanachie: A tribute to the Grateful Dead on Saturday, November 15 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Monday, November 17

Willits Gem & Mineral Society at the Grange: For rockhounds, lapidary artists and mineral enthusiasts. Bring show 'n' tell and a snack to share on Monday, November 17 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange.

Wednesday, November 19

Paper Crafts at the Museum: Make Forest-themed placemats from 2 to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, November 19 at the Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, Willits.



Thursday, November 20

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, for the freshest produce available, local meat, tasty treats, crafts, and much more. See Nov 13 listing for more details.

Artists Meet-Up at the Library: Thursday from 1 to 3 pm at the Willits Library. For more info see Nov 13 listing.

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: 707-234-6365.

Creative Writers Workshop at the Library: Share your fictional works in a supportive environment, receive constructive feedback and discuss publishing. This free event is open to ages 13 and up. Paper and pencils provided and Chromebooks available for check-out with valid library card. Thursday, November 20 from 4:30 to 6 pm, at the Willits Branch Library

'Exploring Green Burials' Presentation at WCA: This presentation by funeral director Seth Furguson will cover a range of earth-friendly burial options and legal considerations. One of the Howard Foundation's Avenues to Wellness speaker series events. Thursday November 20, from 6 to 7 pm at Willits Center for the Arts. Free to attend, donations appreciated.

Friday, November 21

Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library: Come talk about books, authors, and genres on Friday,

November 21 from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Library.

Artists Meet-Up at the Library: Friday from 1 to 3 pm at the Willits Library. For more info see Nov 13 listing.

S.T.E.M. Activity at the Library: Experiments and Crafts centered on the nature of light and color for kids 9 to 14. This week: Kaleidoscope Making. Friday, November 21 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.

Crimson Revival at Shanachie: Friday, November 21 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, November 22

Town Hall Meeting at the Grange: This meeting will offer information to help people find food assistance and on how we can support the organizations providing it. Food Bank donation bins will be available if you wish to donate. Saturday, November 22 at 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Willits.



Wreath Making at Baechtel Grove Middle School: Step-by-step guidance in making your own holiday wreath. Cost is \$30, includes materials and all proceeds benefit the 8th grade class and PTO. Saturday, November 22 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Baechtel Grove Middle School Cafeteria, 1150 Magnolia Street,

Willits. Bring your own pruning shears!

Miller's Wheel at Shanachie: Saturday, November 22 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Sunday, November 23

Grange Pancake Breakfast: All you can eat of our 'scratch' pancakes (sourdough, wholegrain, Hank's famous buttermilk, or gluten-free) plus organic, local farm-fresh scrambled eggs, Beeler's Quality bacon, real butter, juice and organic coffee or tea for only \$12! (\$11 for Seniors, \$5 for kids under 10). Extra



Little Lake Grange. Please register by texting: 707-889-2449.

The Lucky Losers perform at WCA: Enjoy libations and bar-bites and dance to a powerful blend of a throwback mix of R&B, Soul, Rock and Gospel on Sunday, November 23 from 6 to 8 pm. Tickets are \$18 at willitscenterforthearts.org or \$20 at the door which opens at 5:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts.



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Volunteers needed for Community Thanksgiving Meal at the Senior Center

Volunteers are needed to help out before, during and after the Thanksgiving Day dinner that will be held from 11 am to 3 pm at the Willits Senior Center. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Willits Community Services and Food Bank at 707-459-3333. Please do not contact the Senior Center.

Fungi Festival at Caspar Community Center November 15 & 16

Festival begins at 11 am both days and includes guided morning forays, fiber arts, mushroom dyeing and propagation workshops, craft artisan area, and fun activities for the kids. A reading by local poets including Devereaux Baker will be held at 3:30 pm on Saturday. Cost is per day: \$35 for adults, \$10 ages 13 to 18, and free for 12 and under. Caspar Community Center, 15051 Caspar Road, Caspar. More info and tickets: mendocinocoastmushroomclub.org.

'Spamilton' at Ukiah Players Theatre November 21 & 22

Hamilton meets Spamilton in this improvised musical mashup. The audience casts the leads and gives suggestions, then the performers cook up a story that somehow combines the plots of these musicals. A laugh-fest with lots of recognizable music... just with less recognizable lyrics. Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22 at 7 pm at Ukiah Players Theatre, 1041 Low Gap Road, Ukiah. Tickets \$15.

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

Fresh, Fast & Frugal Cooking Class at the Grange: This free class taught by nutritionist Ann Waters will focus on how to shop wisely and frugally, and how to make quick and healthy meals. Sunday, November 23 from 1 to 4 pm at the



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: 707 484-3385.

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 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.

Pickleball: Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 5 pm and Saturdays at 9 am at the Willits High School tennis courts. Free to play and all levels welcome.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Monday at 6 pm at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Friday at 7 pm, at St. Francis of the Redwoods on the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

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

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

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

Inland Valley Women's Chorus:

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

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

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.

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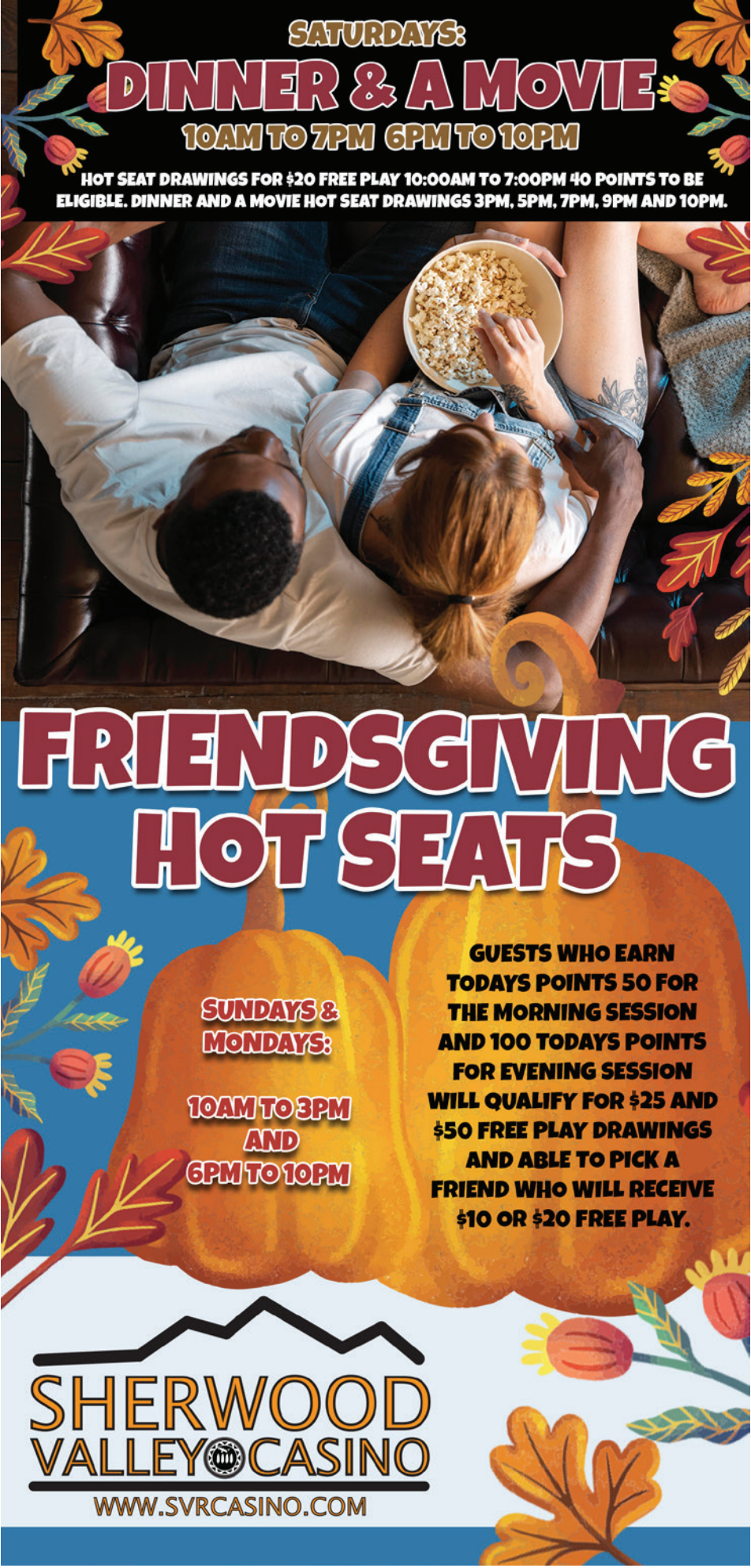


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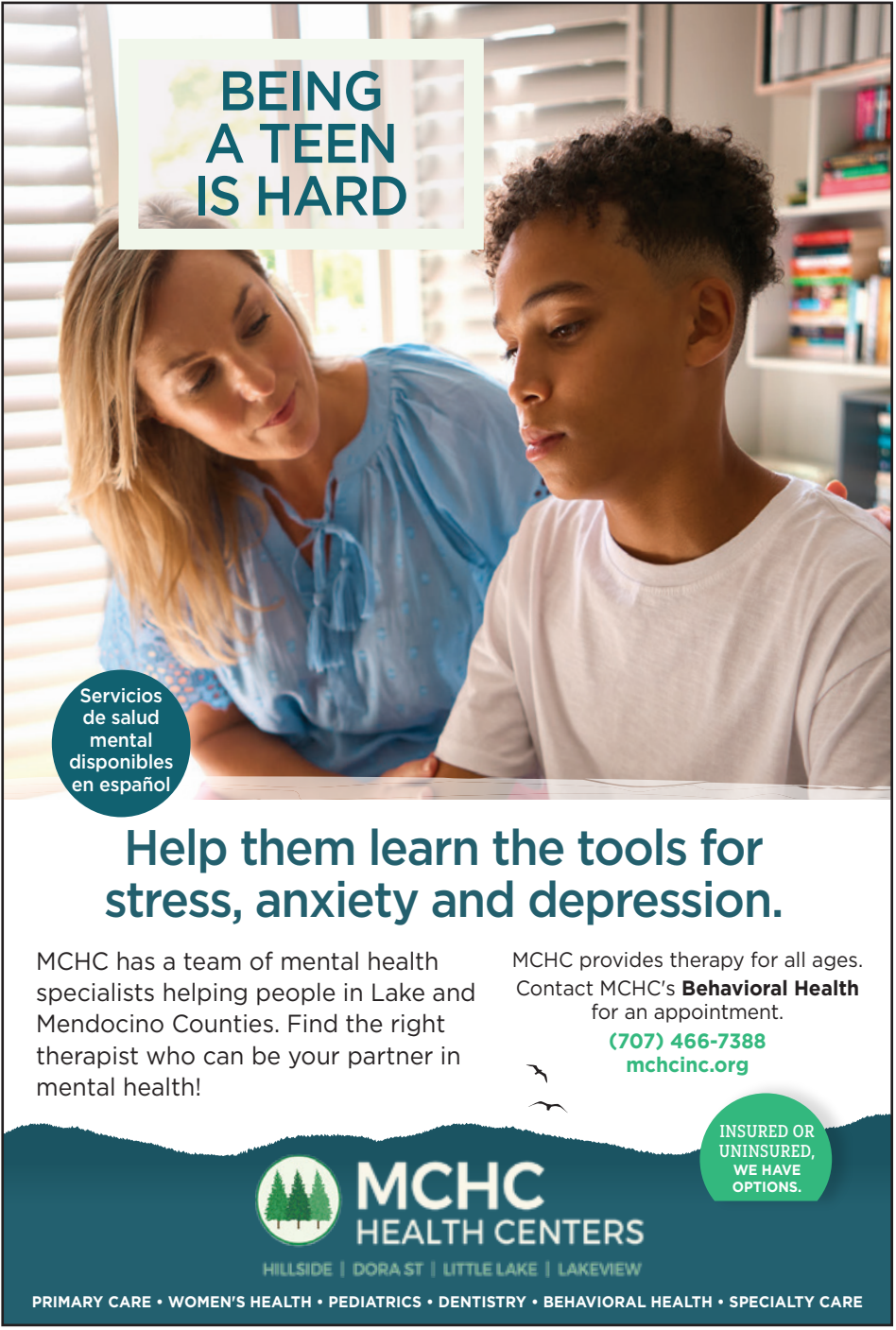


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The rest of **Sports** | From page 5

come true. I'm so grateful for my friend, Mateya, and my new friends! I will miss everyone!"

Jade Luna commented: "I'm grateful for all the friendships and memories I have made through cheer. I would like to thank our coach, Tabatha, for helping us improve so much as a team and making my senior year."

Coach Brandon Norbury said a bittersweet goodbye to his senior players at the game on Friday. "Coaching these seniors seems surreal," said Norbury, "a number of them I have known since they were sixth graders at BGMS, and many of them were sophomores playing for our varsity team when we played Ferndale in the North Coast section game two years ago. I'm thankful for their hard work and dedication over the years. We're looking forward to playoff football."

Corey Rockey plans to go to college and potentially continue his football career, as well as his education. "I'm grateful for the perseverance football taught me," Rockey said. "To never give up when something gets hard. Special shout-out to all my coaches for always being there."

Porter Garman plans on going to trade school for heavy equipment. "I want to thank all my coaches for all of the time they put in to keep Willits football going," said Garman. "It was fun learning from them."

Braydon Norbury plans to go to a trade school for welding. "My football experience has meant more than just being on the field, it's taught me to be more disciplined and to push myself even when things get hard," said Norbury. "Most of all, it's given me a feeling of brotherhood and memories I will never forget. Special shout-out to my dad, grandpa, and Coach Colby for always pushing me to get better."

Aaron Diaz plans on going to college to try to accomplish three degrees, which are real estate, business, and finance to start his own business. "Special shout-out to Coach Cavender, Coach Bill, and Coach Norbury for helping me throughout my experience in football," said Diaz. "I loved the sport after that. Thank you, coaches."

Jayden Schlegel plans to be an entrepreneur after high

The rest of **Thanksgiving** | From page 1

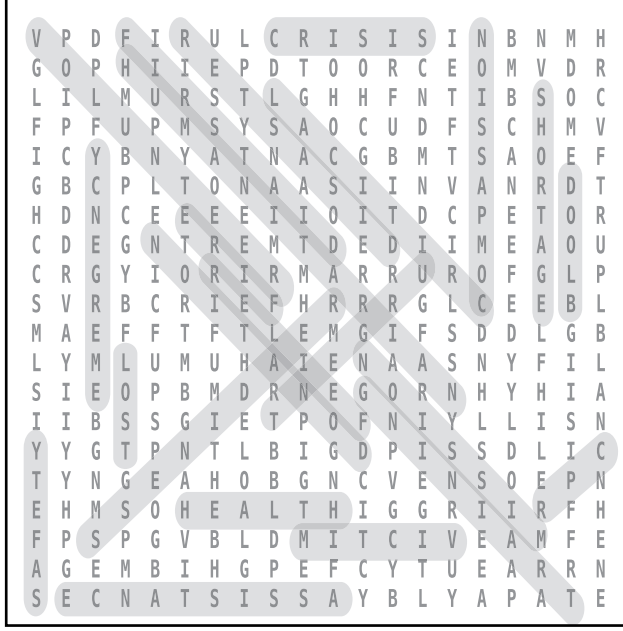
making this year's event happen once again.

"We would like to give a shout out to the Little Lake Grange who has offered use of their commercial kitchen to us in the week leading up to the dinner," said Copperfield. "And there is no way that this dinner would happen at all without all of the amazing help and support from Richard Baker and the Willits Senior Center. We are also excited to be the first event held in their newly remodeled dining room – their new chairs, flooring, and wall treatments look so nice and fresh and were a great investment in the space being updated and ready to hold lots more events!"

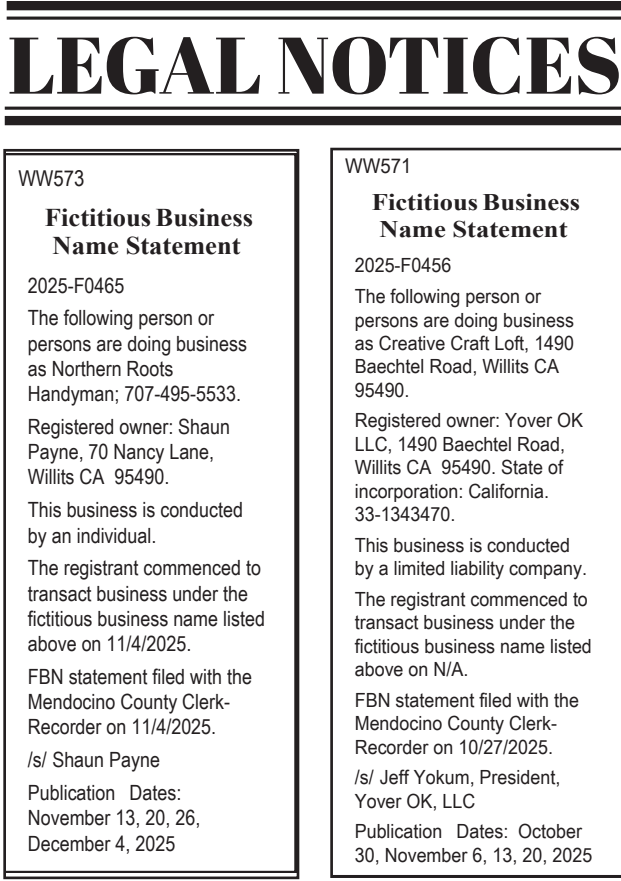
There's also a great group of volunteers from the community who help make the dinner happen each year, and this year, Copperfield is still looking for those wishing to come participate on dinner day to help serve, clean, and lend a hand during the event.

"We are in need of volunteers for the event from 7:30 am to 5 pm on Thursday the 27th," said Copperfield. "But we are also in need of volunteers at the food bank in general on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in our warehouse, for senior food delivery and/or for our fundraising committee. We rely on the help of volunteers to support our events and our daily operations."

For those wanting to donate their time, food or funds, please contact Copperfield directly at (707) 459-3333 or wendy@willitsfoodbank.com to sign up for a volunteer assignment and shift or to find out how you can help our food bank during this challenging time.



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LEGAL NOTICES

WW573

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0465

The following person or persons are doing business as Northern Roots Handyman; 707-495-5533.

Registered owner: Shaun Payne, 70 Nancy Lane, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/4/2025.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on 11/4/2025.

/s/ Shaun Payne

Publication Dates: November 13, 20, 26, December 4, 2025

WW571

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0456

The following person or persons are doing business as Creative Craft Loft, 1490 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Yover OK LLC, 1490 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490. State of incorporation: California. 33-1343470.

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.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on 10/27/2025.

/s/ Jeff Yokum, President, Yover OK, LLC

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

school. "My experience for football was great. Four winning seasons. A lot of fun moments," said Schlegel. "Special shout-out to Coach Rountree, the Norburys, Cavender, Coach Forrester, and Trey."

Ryan Carter plans to go to college and enter into a trade after high school. "I really enjoyed being at practice with my friends, and hope to play in college," said Carter. "Special shout-out to the Norburys and, of course, Rountree for the years in youth football where he taught me the game."

Adrian Lopez plans to go into a trade after high school. "I'm enjoying the year so far with my team, and I'd like to thank all the coaches for always pushing me to be better on the field, and off the field," said Lopez.

Donald Glenn plans to go to college, and to possibly continue football and wrestling after high school. "I'm grateful to be a part of the team," said Glenn.

Donny Alexander plans to go to college after high school. "I am going to miss having all my friends in one place at once," said Alexander.

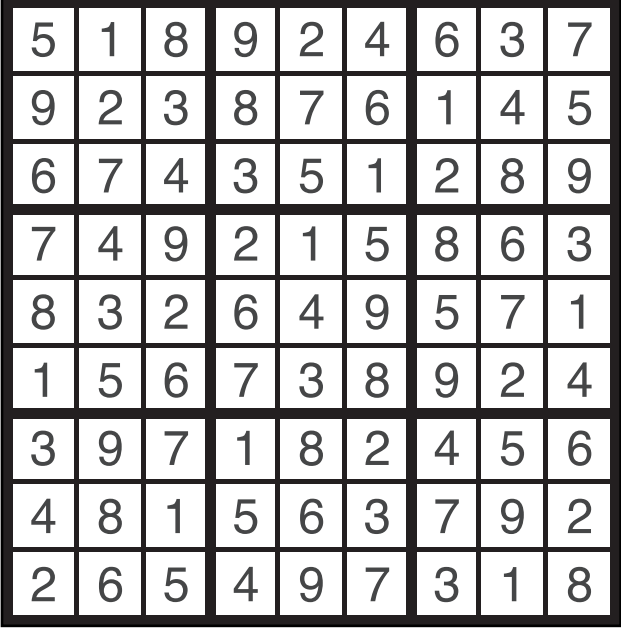
Rickey Ramirez plans to work in the trades after high school. "I'm gonna miss Friday Night Lights the most," said Ramirez.

All 10 of the football seniors collectively wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to the football family and all their amazing coaches through the years, Bill and Brandon Norbury, Gary Cavender, Colby Forrester, Matt Moratti, EP Beltran, Matt Rountree, and AB. Also a special thank you to the Cooley Family and all the parents that helped with keeping all these athletes well fed through team dinners. Thank you to El Mexicano and Slam Dunk, and to Ava Dockins for the game posters and epic memories through her photos.

We wish our incredible football and cheer athletes the very best as you make your way into life, and whatever field you choose. Your community is so proud of you! Hold on to the legendary Friday Night Lights memories as fun stories to tell for years to come. Wolverines pride forever!

Above: Dr. John Glycer, treasurer of the Willits Community Services Board of Directors, with Thanksgiving Kitchen Manager Yvonne Wagenet at the 2024 dinner.

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The rest of **Mattresses** | From page 3

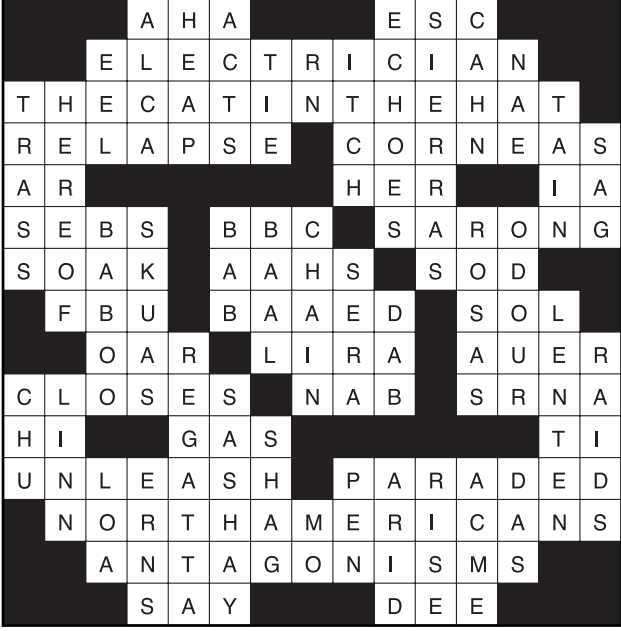
and those of his customers. There was an aura of fun involved in the seemingly makeshift store.

"Mattresses have changed over the years," Yokum explained. "Now, there are a lot of hybrid mattresses. The old-school mattress was, for over 100 years, springs with a piece of pad on top. But nowadays they have foam around the edges. The springs inside are tapered. They are jacketed with material. There are different sized springs inside there. There are different multiple layers of foam on top of the springs. A lot of them have cotton pillow tops. The Eurotop ones have the pad built into the top of the mattress."

After a time, Yokum will be able to provide an even greater variety of mattresses. "There are different levels of Mattress by Appointment. As soon as I hit the bronze or gold levels, I'll be able to add mattresses similar to Purple, or other high-end mattresses. I just sold an electric base for an elderly lady and will be stocking the electric bases in the near future. They can raise your head or feet. Almost all of my mattresses are adjustable-base mattresses."

Not only does Yokum sell the mattresses at an extreme discount, but he also has a couple of companies that can provide financing with only \$10 down. "I have Snap and I have Koalaty" explained Yokum. "They are lease-to-own companies that are affiliated with Mattress by Appointment. There's no credit check. All you need is your bank info, routing and account number, and a debit card with at least \$10 on it at the time of purchase. Their system scrubs your account really quick to make sure you have money flowing in and out and gives you an instant approval, up to \$6,000. A lot of people get approved for around \$2,500."

For those who wish to learn more about Yokum's mattresses and compare his prices with retail, they can go to the Lunessence website: www.lunessencesleep.com/collections/ and check out the Forest Collection or visit <http://mbawillits.com/>. Mattress by Appointment is located at 1726 South Main Street, Suite F and G. You can reach Yokum at 707-518-3636.



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This year the Willits Toy Run, sponsored by Willits Wild Bunch, will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2025. The meet and greet will be held from 11 am to 12 pm at Evergreen Shopping Center.

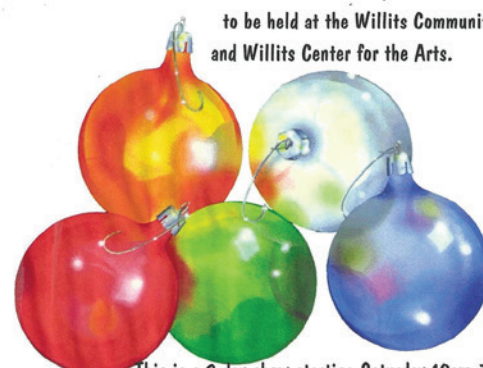
A pack ride will leave Evergreen at noon and have an escorted parade through to the north end of town. The pack will be escorted by multiple fire engines from both Little Lake and Brooktrails Fire Departments. The pack will continue north of town for a scenic ride through the Little Lake Valley, eventually ending up at Little Lake Grange for the after ride party. 12:30 to 4 pm.

The after ride party will include an Italian-style lunch prepared and served by the Willits 4H and Willits Frontier Days Juniors. While enjoying lunch, the attendees will be entertained by music from the famous DJ Mikey T and can participate in the raffle and live and silent auctions. A fundraising raffle will be held at the Toy Run for a grand prize of \$250 in Lottery Scratchers.

Proceeds from the Willits Toy Run will directly benefit the Willits Children's Christmas Program, sponsored by Willits Frontier Days. All motorcycles are welcome. If you don't have a motorcycle, join us at the after-ride party. Admission is one unwrapped toy. Cash donations are also accepted.

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