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 ballots to Provisional review and process.

of ballots Number 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 our website at: www. mendocinocounty.gov/ government/assessorcounty-clerk-recorderelections/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 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.

Maureen Jennison Graphics & Photographress

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

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.



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.

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!!



Supes vote

to unconsolidate the Office of Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

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

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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.

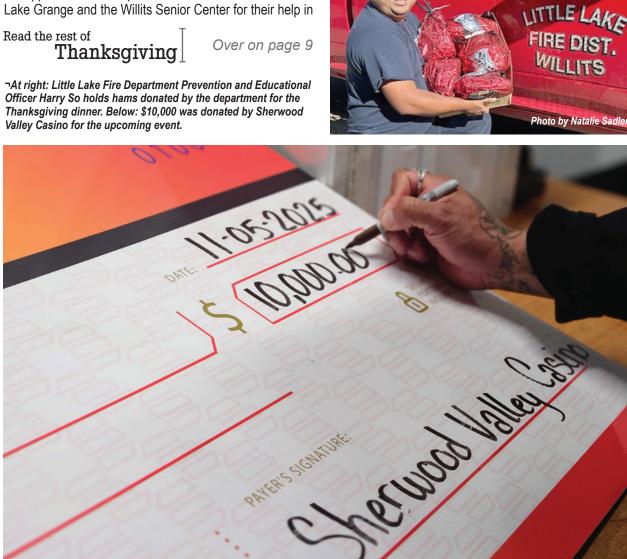
Strock brings a blend of public service, education, community experience to the board. A planner with Mendocino County's Planning and Building Services Department, he previously worked in Social Services and as a substitute teacher several California counties.

"I truly believe teaching is the most important job there is," Strock said. "Having worked alongside teachers and administrators, 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 both personal and

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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 wreathsacrossamerica.org. Please be sure to locate our specific site by searching Willits, CA or zip code 95490. Our location ID is CAWCDR and our sponsorship group ID is CA0199.

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

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

Tammy Phillips, Willits

Senior Center menu for the week

SENIOR

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

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,

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

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.

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

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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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 Mathew Caine 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 fun 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 Over on page 9 Mattresses

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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-

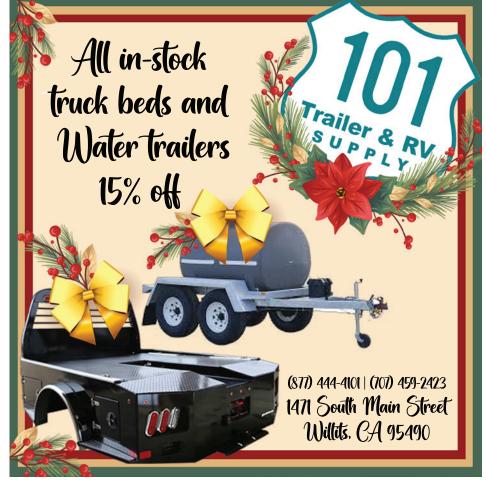
body shop he sold last year. Below: The starkness of the store belies the quality and lends itself to



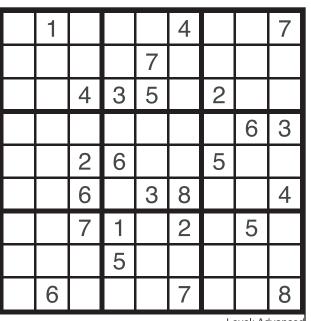
Above, left: Mattress by Appointment also sells accessory items like these pillows and mattress covers. Above, right: Jeff Yokum enjoys meeting people and helping them find and finance their perfect mattress to take home.



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HELPING HAND WORD SEARCH

HOW TO SUDOKU

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

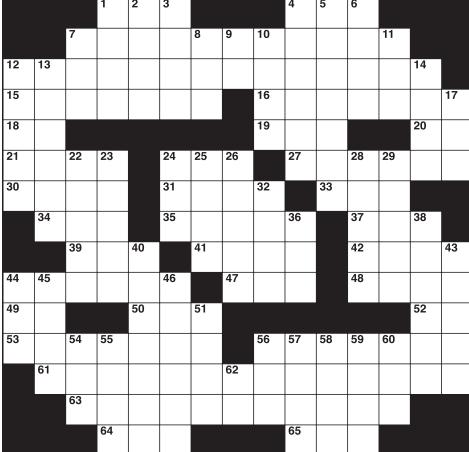
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Expression of surprise
- 4. Keyboard key 7. One who works on lights
- 12. Notable children's story 15. Fall back into a bad pattern
- 16. Eye parts
- 18. Atomic #18
- 19. Of she
- 20. Farm state 21. One point south of
- southeast
- 24. British media entity 27. Asian garment
- 30. Drench 31. Expressions of pleasure
- 33. Turf
- 34. UK trade union (abbr.)
- 35. Bleated
- 37. Fifth note of a major
- 39. Paddle
- 41. Monetary unit of Italy
- 42. American classical pianist 44. Shuts down for the day
- 47. Seize 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid

50. Some cars still need it 52. Atomic #22 53. Let go

49. Greeting

- 56. Marched in public 61. U.S. residents, Mexicans
- and Canadians 63. Hostilities

CLUES DOWN

2. Longtime Baltimore

3. Performs on stage

4. Supports a sentiment

6. Broadway songwriter

5. Rugged mountain ranges

8. Men's fashion accessory

10. Something to scratch

14. American jazz drummer

1. Razorbill genus

tight end

Sammy

7. Snakelike fish

9. Hospital worker

11. No (Scottish)

12. Volcanic ash

13. Of this

Watts

17. Drop down

- 29. Distinctive smell (Brit.) 64. Speak aloud 32. Protein-rich liquids 65. River in NE Scotland
 - 36. Touch lightly 38. Season for Catholics

22. English dialect

23. Predatory seabirds

24. Imams' deputies

26. Fence material

28. Parks and DeLauro are

25. Fertility god

- 40. Boat race 43. Police actions 44. Chinese river
- 45. Waterfall (Scottish) 46. Walk ostentatiously
- 51. Type of carpet 54. Mauna ___, Hawaiian
- volcano 55. Sea eagles 56. An enclosure for confining
- livestock 57. Dry 58. An increase in price or
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62. Larry and Curly's pal

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

October 27 to November 2

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Department reported 69 incidents in this felony charges of domestic battery and on 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 27

9:09 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Laurel Street and North Street and issued a

11:49 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of Magnolia

12:22 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.

1:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street. 6:41 pm: Officers initiated a theft

9:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

investigation in the 200 block of South Main

October 28

4:09 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Oak Street and South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of

11:28 pm: GARCIA, Mikeal Arthur (19) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Poplar Avenue following a report of

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checks and balances.

our community would like to see in terms of

Cline did comment that the process felt "a little rushed," and she wanted "to make sure that we're having the appropriate conversations about how this will transition, and I'm curious who will be overseeing this un-consolidation of the position. Would Ms. Cubbison be the person who oversees the transition? I just want to make sure that we know exactly what's going to happen um if

we go forward with this today." Board chair John Haschak replied that after the board had set up an ad hoc committee in late October to look at the unconsolidation, ad hoc committee members Haschak and 4th District Supervisor Bernie Norvell, had learned that to meet deadlines for the June 2026 election when the department head of the existing consolidated office is up for election again, they had to have the ordinance approved soon.

After a presumed approval on its second reading on November 18, the new ordinance will "take effect" on December 18, although it's not "operative" until January 4, 2027, after the final 2026 elections are completed, with an elected department

head for each office. The first day for candidates to file statements of intent for the June 2026 election is December 19, 2025, Haschak said, "so the timing was critical to make it

"Technically there's still one more year on my term," Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector Chamise Cubbison replied at the meeting. "And so this wouldn't really be any different than any other open election where there may be different candidates. Maybe myself, maybe somebody different. And so there's always a chance or a risk that there may be a change in who that elected person is ultimately in the department.

"But as I pointed out in my risk assessment, 18 of the 21 employees have been working in those offices under associated with either budget unit."

The officers of the Willits Police suspicious activity. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of contempt of court (disobeying a court order)

October 30

10:01 am: KUBAS, Michael Dennis (46) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Alder Lane and South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation

3:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:12 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Northbrook Way and Mill Creek Court and issued a warning.

10:07 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue.

November 1

12:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Creekside Drive and South Lenore

5:40 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

November 2

1:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:48 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of Alder Lane and South Main Street

8:53 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

the separate offices as well as under the combined offices, and we do not have tasks that are shared across the offices because of the required separation and duties."

Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector Cubbison did write a memo for the supervisors' November 4 meeting entitled, "Repealing Consolidation of Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector Office," that listed some benefits and risks of separating the offices.

The current combined office of Auditor Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector will come up for election in June 2026," Cubbison began the memo. "The consolidation of the elected department head positions has not resulted in greater efficiency, cost savings, nor accountability. In order to provide more accountability, checks and balances, and a manageable workload, the ordinance consolidating the positions should be repealed and the combined elected office position should be separated back into two positions elected by the public.'

"The separation of the positions will allow for more focused attention afforded to each office from an elected office holder," the memo continued, "and is anticipated to result in better outcomes for both the office of Auditor-Controller (ACO) and the office of Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC). The Board moved forward with consolidation without any analysis and an incorrect assumption that there would be fiscal and staff efficiencies to having one elected department head instead of two.'

In conclusion, Cubbison noted: "While there may be some financial impact because of the separation of the offices, it is very likely that both offices will experience improved focus on their respective statutory responsibilities. In addition, it is likely there will be a positive impact to revenues collections which improves revenues allocated to the General Fund overall. Those potential increases in revenue are expected to outweigh any additional costs

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Football and cheer say goodbye to graduating Football and cheer say goodbye to graduating seniors during cold, muddy game

"Willits Wolverines had a tough game against Fort Bragg on Friday," said Coach Brandon Norbury. "It was senior night for the Wolverines, and many seniors stepped up for the challenge in a cold, foggy, and muddy game.

"It was difficult to find our footing, but the team was resilient and never gave up. We went into halftime down 6 to O.

The second half we played Wolverine football, taking what the Sheri Dockins defense was giving us, willitsweekly@amail.com whether it be through the air or on the ground.

Ryan Carter scored on a short pass from Corey Rocky, and Rickey Ramirez showed up when we needed him most, making a key reception for a big gain, and scoring on our second touchdown of the game with a big run up the middle of the Fort Bragg defense."

During the senior night ceremony, Willits High School football and cheer gave a heartfelt farewell to 17 of their talented and valued seniors as they ascend from the long run, tackling their way into real life. They will, without a doubt, pick up every fumble and score many points with their future plans as their family and community cheer for them on the sidelines.

"To my amazing senior cheerleaders: I'm going to miss you more than words can say," said Head Coach Tabatha. "Your hard work, dedication, and spirit have touched my heart in so many ways. You've cheered loud, shined bright, and inspired everyone around you with your passion and teamwork. Thank you for every laugh, stunt, and memory we shared. I'll never forget them. I'm so proud of all you've accomplished, and can't wait to see the amazing things you'll do next. Keep chasing your dreams. I know they'll come true."

Kelly Nunez-Lopez plans on attending a trade school that focuses on nursing. She also plans to travel, and make her life even more exciting every day. "My high school cheerleading experience was a different adventure every vear, and it only got better," said Nunez-Lopez. "My mind clears when I'm on the sidelines, and I'm forever grateful for everyone I've become friends with over the years. I'd like to thank all my coaches over the years for helping me grow as a cheerleader, as a person, and for always making me feel included."

Kayla Matney-Bolton plans on going to cosmetology school to learn how to do hair. Doing her hair and others brings joy to her, so she wants to work doing something she loves. "My high school cheer experience will definitely be something I'll never forget," said Bolton. "Cheer has been my sport for 10 years and going on the field every Friday is the highlight of my week. Cheer will be something I'll miss for a lifetime. I want to thank Coach Tabatha for pushing me to my fullest, always helping me, and being someone we feel safe with."

pursue her childhood dream of being a veterinarian. "I cheered for Willits High School my junior and senior year, but did 10 years of cheer in total," said Wilburn. "Each year was a new experience and I'm thankful for every time I spent on the field cheering or doing my halftime. I want to thank my coach, Tab, for pushing me to be better, and I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to cheer. If I ever have a daughter of my own, she will carry on the cheer tradition."

Serenity McCartney plans on going into the medical field to help those in need. "My cheer experience has been very enjoyable," said McCartney. "I sadly had only done it my senior year. I want to thank Coach Tab for putting in so many hours to help us look and sound the best we can. I am very grateful for my friends and family for always being by my side and watching me grow as a person."

Khatia Eaton-Geiger plans to continue challenging herself, keep that same spirit of dedication, and pursue her goals in the medical field with the same energy cheer has given

her. "Cheerleading has been one of the best parts of my high school experience," said Eaton-Geiger. "It taught me confidence, teamwork, and how much you can achieve when you show up for the people around you. I'm especially grateful for my coach, Tabatha. Thank you for pushing me. believing in me, and helping me grow not just as an athlete, but as a

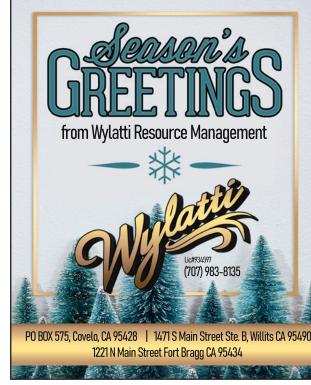
Mateya Shuster plans to volunteer over the summer, attend Mendocino College for her associate's degree, and later transfer to a four-year university to study psychology. "Over the past two years of high school cheer, I've grown as an athlete and as a person," said Shuster. "I've learned the value of hard work, teamwork and resilience. This year, especially, has taught me what it means to be a part of something bigger than myself. I fell in love with cheer and the community that surrounds it. With my girls, I'm never alone when working towards my goal. I'm so proud of how far our team has come and deeply grateful for my coach, Tabatha, who always pushed us to reach our full potential."

Madison Manus would like to go to college to take nursing classes. "My first year of cheer at the high school was so fun!" said Manus. "I was so happy to be named a captain, and was so excited for the halftime shows! I want to thank my awesome coach, Tabatha, for helping make my dream

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Mass times: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday-5:30 p.m. Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English 10:30 a.m. - Spanish Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at

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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

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,



Valley Garden Club: 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

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Saturday,

from 1 to 4 pm at the Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville Anniversary Celebration at WCA: Celebrate 25 years

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Roller skate for \$1 from

6 to 8pm on Friday, November 14 at Harwood Hall,

at

Friday,

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

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

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Soup & Swap

Please bring any pre-loved & pre-worn adult, child, and/or baby clothing to swap with fellow members of the community. Don't have anything to swap? No worries! Come grab whatever you need/like and have some soup while you're at it.

Note: Please bring containers for take-away, local delivery of soup available for those in need. Donations and volunteers

Where? Long Valley Garden Club 375 Harwood Road

Monday, November 17

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

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.

Baechtel Grove 8th Grade

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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

constructive feedback and discuss publishing. This free event is open to ages 13 and up. Paper and 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

supportive environment,

'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

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.

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tings that we will cook & eat together

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

sides of organic fruit Amish organic maple fresh, fast & trugal syrup, fresh fruit syrup Would you like to feed your family well for LESS per meal? YOU can, with tasty and healthy or bacon for a small Soup & One Pot Meals additional fee. Fourth Sunday of the month, winter warming meals 8 to 11 am, Little Lake Grange.

> Fresh, Fast & Frugal Cooking Class at the Grange: This free

class taught nutritionist Ann Waters will focus on how to shop wisely and frugally, how to make quick and healthy meals Sunday, November 23

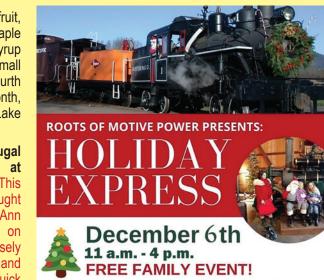
from 1 to 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange. Please register by texting: 707-

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.





Sunday, November 23 * 6-8pm Award-winning Soul, Rock, & Gospel DANCE * Munchies & Libations * DANCE \$18/online *** \$20/door Doors open at 5:30~www.willitscenterforthearts 71 East Commercial St. * WILLITS



Mendocino County Museum Trees. Refreshments, Decoration

Wagon Full of Toys Raffle at 3:30 p.m.







Mendocino College Repertory Dance Company presents 'SHINE! Inside and Out...'

Mendocino College Repertory Dance Company presents "SHINE! Inside and Out, From Broadway to the Stars," this weekend at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts on the Ukiah Campus, 1000 Hensley Creek Road

Under the direction of Eryn Schon-Brunner, dancers will bring to life choreographic works by local and nationally esteemed choreographers: Jessie Beck (Friday and Saturday only), Tyler Fosse, Trudy McCreanor, Chelsea Palombaro, Paloma Rodriguez, and Eryn Schon-Brunner.

Choreographers utilize artistic techniques of: Contemporary, Ballet, African, and Fosse Jazz. The performance will feature live music by Larsen Brunner: costumes by Kathy Katz and Shianne Robertson; and lights by Steve Decker's Technical Theatre students.

Performances run November 13 at 7:30 pm; November 14 Gala with complementary food and wine at 6:30 pm, performance at 7:30 pm; November 15 at 7:30 pm; and November 16 at 2 pm. at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts on the Ukiah Campus. All tickets \$15. Cash or check only at the door or Mendocino Book Company. Advance tickets are available online at www.artsmendocino.org.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Predator-Badlands'

The Story: The Future. On an Alien planet, and probably far far away, an arrogant Predator warrior named Kwei (Mike Homik – with a ton of grotesque makeup) sets off in his trans-light speed spaceship to a planet of horror and bloody violence named "Genna." (Which seems an oddly girly-type name, considering.)

We more macho moviegoers will always think of it as "Badlands," that planet where bizarre voracious blood-thirsty creatures are everywhere. (Vegan alert!). Even the plants on Genna can and will slaughter any other Predator-type trophy hunters too arrogant and too stupid to stay

That noted: (Spoiler) Predator Kwei soon crosses paths with helpful and quite pretty Thia (Elle Fanning) who is the friendly adorable girl we all wished lived next door when we were 15. Her presence on Genna, that planet of sudden gruesome death, is a mystery. Pretty Thia is a

lot stranger than the friendly helpful young woman she at first seems to be. Thia is a professional biologist, and planet Genna is where a lot of possibly quite exploitable lifeforms are killing each other on a daily Dan Essman basis. Meanwhile Kwei is hunting for a brutal semi-mythical creature that he wants to kill

as a trophy. And Thia can help him find IT. My Thoughts: Kill-a-minute thrills. Impeccable computer graphic creations. Alien wildlife that seems to exist just to kill other alien wildlife. And sure, there is a plot, but frankly speaking, "Forget the plot." This movie is monster porn. I had a good time, and (confession) I spilled my

Parents: There is a brutal, cut-to-the-bone vengeance subplot to this flick involving Fathers and Sons. This movie is much too mean for little children. Ten and 11-year-old boys and girls will probably like it, and scream a lot, and then will have bad dreams. Probably you adults should take that into consideration, but you know your kids better than

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







at 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 Spamalot 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 laughfest 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.

PREDATOR: **BADLANDS** (PG13) 1hr 46m 4:30, 7:15 Sat/Sun: 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 Wed/Thur:

Volunteers needed TOWN-WIDE for Community ONGOING EVENTS Thanksgiving Meal Willits Tennis Club: Meets every

Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11 am at the Willits High School Tennis Volunteers are needed to help Courts. All levels welcome. More info: out before, during and after the 707 484-3385. Thanksgiving Day dinner that will be held from 11 am to 3 pm at the Willits **Drop-In Life Drawing Group at WCA:** Senior Center. If you wish to volunteer, Every Thursday from 1 to 4 pm at Willits please contact Willits Community Center for the Arts. Cost is based on Services and Food Bank at 707sliding scale. More info: Margaret 707-459-3333. Please do not contact the 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

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.

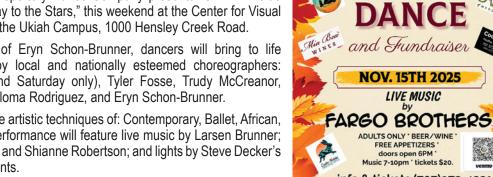
Penny University Coffee Klatch: Wednesdays, 11 am to 1 pm, in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of

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

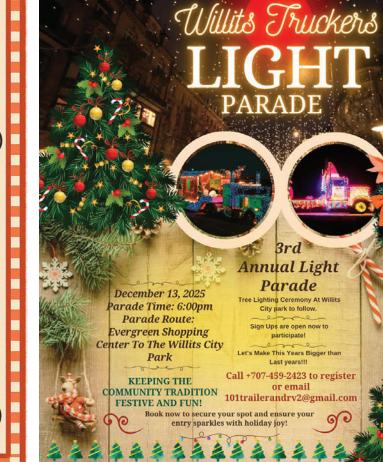














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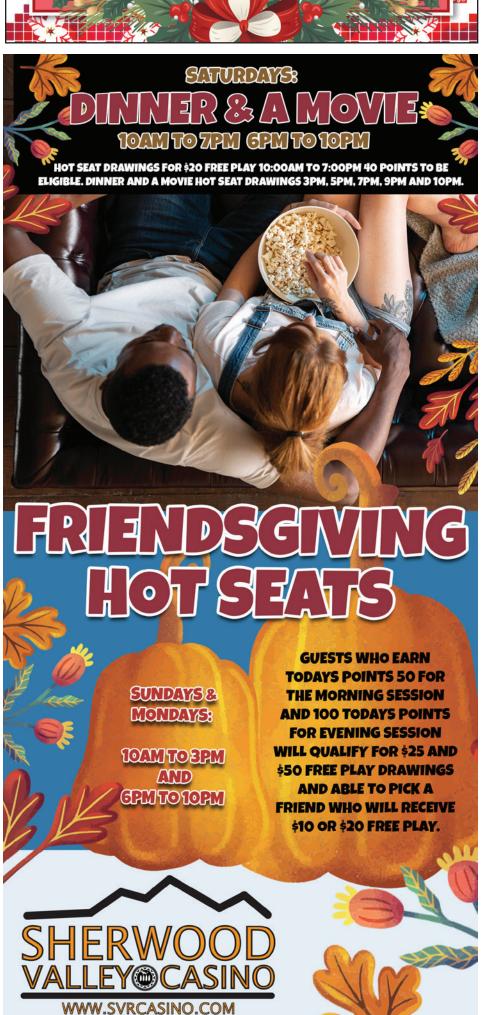
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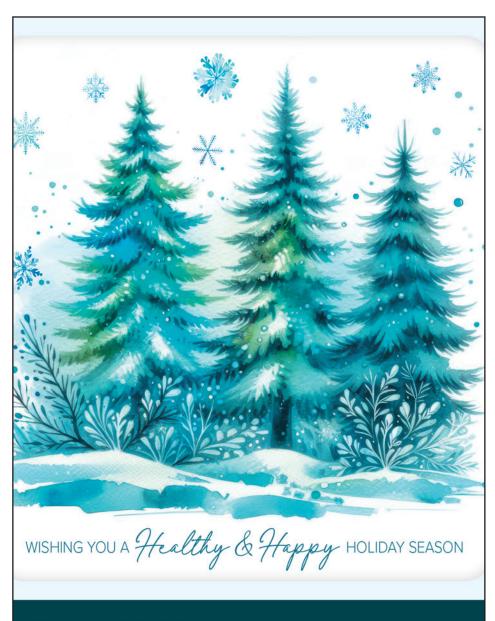
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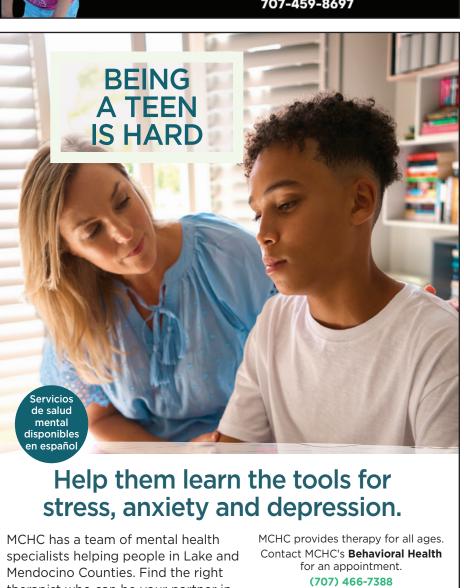
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come true. I'm so grateful for my friend, Mateya, and my new friends! I will miss everyone!

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

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

Thanksgiving

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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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/s/ Shaun Payne

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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 Trev."

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

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

We wish our incredible football and cheer athletes the very best as you make your way into life, and whatever field vou 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 Glyer, treasurer of the Willits Community Services Board of Directors. with Thanksgiving Kitchen Manager Yvonne Wagenet at the 2024 dinner.

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

> > Sound of Soul

How can an ancient

Mantra help with everyday challenges? You are warmly invited to join us on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 11 am to noon at Willits library, 390 E. Commercial Questions? Call Joy (707) 367-Sponsored by Eckankar of CA & NV. This program is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the

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Library. Tattoo Shop

Pop-Up Mendocino Network presents food pop-ups with free food for all on first Thursdays of the month; 10 to 11:30 am. 1250 Blosser Lane. Willits. Info Rachelle@mendofood. org or 707-615-6654

Shop

Downtown Clean, cute, and private shop with 10 years experience. Love to tattoo botanicals, cute critters, and sceneries! Appointments bookings: kikibtattoos.

Mattresses

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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

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 Koalafy" 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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HELP WANTED

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) Benefits, Salary: \$98K - \$110K

Sherwood Valley Casino is seeking a strategic and detail-oriented Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to lead our financial operations and safeguard the integrity of our assets. This executive role is responsible for driving financial performance, maintaining robust internal controls, and ensuring full compliance with regulatory standards. The CFO will play a key role in shaping the financial future of the casino while upholding transparency, accountability, and operational excellence.

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Sherwood Valley Casino is seeking a skilled and driven General Manager to lead our gaming operations with excellence and integrity. This role is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the casino's daily activities, supervising gaming operations, and providing regular updates on business performance.

Contact the HR Dept at HR@svrcasino.com or 707-459-7335

Bonded Pair Earthwind and Fire

Earthwind and Fire are a bonded pair of beautiful shelter cats looking for a loving forever home together. While they may be a little reserved at first, these two





Above: Earthwind, left and Fire, right,

have an unshakable bond and bring out the best in each other. With patience and a gentle touch, they'll warm up and show you just how sweet, playful and loving they truly are. Once settled, Earthwind and Fire enjoy batting around toys, exploring their space, and cuddling up together for naps. Their quiet loyalty and growing trust make every purr and head bump feel extra special. If you're ready to open your heart and home to a pair of soulful, connected companions, Earthwind and Fire are ready to bring harmony, love, and a little spark into your life.

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.

Lovable Riley

Riley is a big, adorable puppy looking for a home! He is just past the puppy-breath stage but still ready to be your baby. This big boy came to us from Bones Pet Rescue in Covelo and we would love to show him the good life! Fosters and adopters needed. Puppies are a labor of love and we would love to support you in bringing home a new friend.

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, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com. Call 707-485-0123 for more information.

Lively Shuka

Shuka is an active and playful girl! She's super bright and aware of her surroundings. She has a bit of a prey drive, so she's always on alert. She is dogfriendly, though, she needs to be fed separately. She crates just fine. She is a fun gal who is looking for an outdoorsy, athletic type of partner who loves hiking, jogging, and exploring nature. She is very



Above: Shuka

playful with most dogs (males preferred). She currently lives with a big, silly guy named Sandwich in a really big yard on the hill at the Sanctuary and they run and play all day! Shuka would be best suited in a home with no small animals and if there are children,

they should be dog-savvy kids over 12 years. In a family setting, she would be best as an only dog. With an adult person or dog-savvy couple, she could live with a playful boy like

To learn more about Shuka, 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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WW **RAIN BOX**

The first full week of November brought more rainfall to the Little Lake Valley than was received the entire month of October Accumulation across the valley averaged 3.32 inches, well within the range predicted for the period. That brought the rain year to date average to 5.98 inches, which is a good start for the year. Look for another 2-3 inches of accumulation by the weekend.

- Tim Hanna, Willits Rain Box

RAIN DUA	Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)								
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	weekly	since
location	Nov 03	Nov 04	Nov 05	Nov 06	Nov 07	Nov 08	Nov 09	total	01Oct25
Northbrook Way	0.32	0.95	1.91	0.22	0.29	0.01	0.01	3.71	6.77
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.32	1.00	1.99	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	3.91	7.47
Valley Rd	0.24	0.76	1.15	0.16	0.21	0.01	0.01	2.54	4.57
Canyon Rd	0.27	0.92	1.31	0.16	0.22	0.01	0.01	2.90	5.06
Pine Mountain	0.21	0.83	1.73	0.15	0.22	0.00	0.00	3.13	5.48
South Main @ East Oak	0.31	1.07	1.82	0.21	0.28	0.00	0.01	3.70	6.50
average	0.28	0.92	1.65	0.20	0.25	0.01	0.01	3.32	5.98

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

November update from WUSD Superintendent Baker

By WUSD Superintendent John A. Baker

As we wrap up the first trimester and move into the second, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to all of our Willits Unified School District teachers for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to our students. Your efforts in the classroom each day make a tremendous difference in the lives of our children.

In the spirit of gratitude and community, the District and I will be serving lunch to students during the week prior to Thanksgiving. This is our way of showing that we care deeply for our students and are here to support them - not just academically, but personally as well.

We are also in the process of revising the District's vision and mission with the Board of Trustees. It's always valuable to revisit these guiding statements to ensure they reflect our current society and the evolving needs of our students. Our goal is to make sure our mission continues to center on equity,



I also want to extend heartfelt thanks to all of our classified employees. Your daily work supports our students in countless ways - from the classrooms to the cafeterias, buses, offices, and grounds. Our schools simply couldn't function without your dedication and care.

Looking ahead, with the new state math framework being released this month, the District is actively reviewing and updating our math curriculum to ensure full alignment with the Common Core Standards and to better serve our students' learning needs.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to wish all of our families, students, and staff a very Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for being part of our Willits Unified community and for everything you do to help our students thrive.

From page 1 Count

In 2025, volunteers counted 636 individuals experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness – 196 of those individuals were in shelter, and 440 of those individuals were unsheltered on the night of January 28.

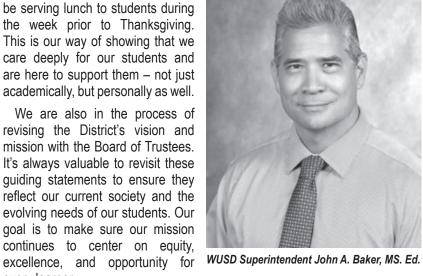
Utilizing a location-based application, short surveys were administered to individuals and families residing on the streets and in vehicles, makeshift shelters, encampments, and other places not meant for human habitation throughout Mendocino County. Nonresponsive observed persons were documented and included in the PIT Count totals as well.

2025 marks the second year that our community canvassed and included Tribal lands in our PIT Count reporting. The participation of Tribal Leadership in calls for service for homeless has enabled the county to more effectively document the prevalence of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who identify as Native American, Alaska Native, or Indigenous. The Governing Board of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care is deeply grateful for our growing partnership with our Tribal Nations as we work collaboratively to solve the problems partnership.

The PIT Count is a single, imperfect tool aimed at measuring outcomes related to homelessness. Many different factors can influence the results of a PIT Count, including the weather, the number and experience of volunteer canvassers, the level of preparation and training in advance of the count, the availability and skill of Lived Experience Guides, and count itself.

For these reasons, we believe that observing long-term trends over a multi-year approach to data analysis, single night in January 2026. we observe the following:

• Since 2020, the number of



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• Since 2020, the number of shelter beds has held relatively steady.

housing units identified specifically for

homeless individuals has increased by

These multi-year trends indicate steady progress on reducing homelessness in Mendocino County. Trends in PIT Count data are supported by additional data points collected outside of the PIT Count process.

• Since 2021, at least 1,135 literally homeless individuals were housed in permanent housing in Mendocino

 Since 2021, the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority has noted a 34% reduction

 Since 2021, 353 new units of housing have been built in Mendocino County, with 104 of those units specifically designated for persons and families experiencing homelessness.

These promising trends support the theory that creating and supporting permanent housing itself is perhaps the most critical pathway to the longof homelessness with unity and in term resolution of homelessness in our communities. We give credit and gratitude to our local jurisdictions and developers working hard to build new housing and look forward to new projects opening in our community within the next few years.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires all Continuums of Care to conduct a Point-in-Time Count every other year, on odd years. Mendocino County unexpected events on the day of the Homeless Services Continuum of Care will not conduct the unsheltered count component of a full PIT Count in 2026 but will submit data to HUD of several years is the most effective the Housing Inventory Count, which way to use PIT Count data to measure reflects a demographic analysis of the homelessness outcomes. When taking shelter beds available and in use on a

A detailed PIT count report for 2025 can be accessed at the Continuums of unsheltered homeless has declined by Care website at https://mendocinococ. org/pit-counts

New GOP Women's Club launches to empower local voices

Submitted by WVRWF

November 7 — The Ukiah Valley community is proud to announce the formation of the Ukiah Valley Republican Women Federated, aka UVRWF, a new organization dedicated to promoting civic engagement, leadership, and education among Republican women in Mendocino County. The group's first meeting will take place on Friday, November 14, from 11:30 am to 1 pm, at 367 North State Street (Victory Theatre), Suite 105, and will include a complimentary light lunch for attendees.

The UVRWF joins a long tradition of Republican Women Federated clubs across California and the nation, working together to strengthen communities through informed participation and principled leadership. The club aims to inform the public through political and legislative education, training, and activity, as well as to recruit, train, and elect Republican candidates who reflect the values and priorities of the Ukiah area.

"Our mission is to bring together Republican women who care deeply about their community, their country, and the future of good government," said Deanna Perrish, co-founding and community leadership.

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For more information or to RSVP. please contact Theresa McNerlin at mendogoptreasurer@gmail.com. RSVP is strongly encouraged and appreciated but not About Ukiah Valley Republican Women

member of UVRWF. "We want to provide a

welcoming place where Republican women can

learn, connect, and make a difference at every

The UVRWF invites interested Republican

women - and Republican men who share their

values - to attend the inaugural meeting, learn

about the organization's goals, and find ways to

level of government."

get involved.

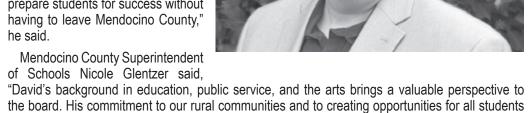
Federated The Ukiah Valley Republican Women Federated is part of the California Federation of Republican Women, affiliated with the National Federation of Republican Women. The organization's mission is to promote the principles, objectives, and policies of the Republican Party, and to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through education, engagement,

The rest of Strock

professional. He shared that the birth of his son in 2024 deepened his

sense of responsibility to contribute to the community's future. He is glad to be part of a community that values education and is particularly inspired by the growing collaboration between schools, local businesses, and community organizations. "There's real potential to create programs that prepare students for success without having to leave Mendocino County,"

Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools Nicole Glentzer said,



aligns with the Mendocino County Office of Education's mission to ensure every student thrives. About the Mendocino County Board of Education

Serving as a trustee on the Mendocino County Board of Education provides an opportunity to help shape local education and ensure strong, supportive schools for Mendocino County students.

The Mendocino County Board of Education also includes Board President Marilyn Puget (Trustee Area One – Calpella, Hopland, Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Talmage/Ukiah East), Vice President Donald Cruser (Trustee Area Five - Boonville, Comptche, Navarro, Philo, Mendocino to Gualala), Trustees Percilla Stevenson (Trustee Area Two – Ukiah) and Nancy Bennett (Trustee Area Four – Caspar, Cleone, Fort Bragg, Leggett, Piercy, Westport).

For more information about the Mendocino County Board of Education, please visit www.mcoe.us.

League of Women Voters meets via Zoom, November 18 Submitted by League of Women Voters, Mendocino

Next Tuesday, November 18, the League of Women Voters of Mendocino County will hold its November meeting from 6 to 7:30 pm. The meeting will be via Zoom; find the link on the League website at https://my.lwv.org/california/mendocino-county.

Steffany Aguilar, consultant for Project HERE (Headlands Environmental Remediation Education) will share a slide show. Project HERE seeks to "provide the public with meaningful and accurate information about the condition of the Mill Site. The presentation will explain the condition of the former Georgia Pacific mill site, what contaminants have been removed, what contaminants remain, and what further steps can be taken. There will be time for questions and discussion.

LWV is a nonpartisan political organization and welcomes people of all genders

To join the Mendocino County League of Women voters, visit https://my.lwv.org/california/ mendocino-county/join-league-women-voters

For more information: 707-937-4952; info@lwvmendo.org; "League of Women Voters of Mendocino County" on Facebook, or the website at www/lwvmendo.org







Annual Willits Toy Run set for Sunday, November 30

Submitted by Willits Toy Run

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.

Willits Center for the Arts 38th Annual Holiday Crafts Fair artist lineup

Willits Community Center - full

Gia Aquirre, paintings Joana Alvaro, Jewelry Honora Bacon, ceramics Bonnie Belt, Ceramics Leslie Campbell, ceramics Emilie Cavallari, candles Garry Colson, Paintings William Cull, silver jewelry Viviana Field, gemstone jewelry Carrie Fox, Jewelry Charissa Franklin, Handmade soap Kathryn Green, Tie Dye clothing Margi Guhde, Linoblock

prints/ceramic Gerald Irwin, ceramics Norea Israel, paper art Ling-Yen Jones, sterling

Jewelry Cindy LeNeave, Wood art Gregg Lindsley, Ceramics

Erwin Ludwig, Handmade knives

Tess McGuire, Felted Hats Silke Moore, bath & body

Rex Morgan, metalwork/ sculpture

products

Jacki Pealatere, Hand scrollcut art

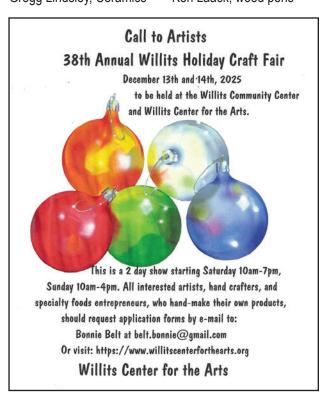
Julia Sotomayor, stone jewelry

Anne VanderHorck, Fabric art/dolls

Sophia White, ceramics Rachel Arama Yusem, textile art

Willits Art Centerupstairs - still accepting artist applications

Tim Ceratto, jewelry Kimberly Button, jewelry Soren & Ivy Thornburg, woven potholders Ken Laack, wood pens



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