

Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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	7				3	5		1
	2				1			3
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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

FOOD SERVICE WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

1. What travelers must do
2. Calendar month
3. Hopefully quickly
4. Once more
5. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
6. 'Cheers' actress Perlman
7. Astronomy unit
8. Savings vehicle
9. Get your ducks in this
10. Right away
11. Popular sports league
12. Containers
13. Entireties
14. One who wassails
15. Turned-up position
16. Extreme modesty
17. Writing utensil
18. Rewards (archaic)
19. Ancient capital
20. S. American wood sorrel
21. General discomfort
22. Philippine island
23. A witty saying
24. One who summarizes
25. Covered in

50. Mimic
51. Henry was a notable one
52. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
53. Retired NFLer Newton
54. Playground equipment
55. Concept
56. Satisfaction
57. Fishing net
58. Hammer end
59. A father's male child
60. Japanese drink

CLUES DOWN

1. Off-Broadway figure
2. Gelatinous substance
3. Concern
4. 'Lick It Up' rockers
5. Serbian river
6. Part of a hat
7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
8. Semitic language
9. Utter a shrill cry
10. Long times
11. Animal parts
12. Causing annoyance

17. Amorous talker
18. Attempt
19. Harmonic effects
20. Cost per mile
21. They __
22. Bitterly regret
23. Not even
24. A way to drop
25. Title of respect
26. World leader
27. Georgia rockers
28. National capital
29. Great Plains people
30. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
31. Architectural recesses
32. Member of U.S. Navy
33. Mountainous
34. Kite bird
35. Sweetheart (archaic)
36. Popular snack made of potato
37. 70s songsters
38. The Bee __
39. SE China port __-men
40. Something to fill up
41. League of Legends character

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

February 2 to February 15

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **154 incidents** in this 14-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

February 2

10:22 am: Officers conducted a stop near the North Willits Bypass and issued a citation.

10:54 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of South Lenore Avenue.

2:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of California Street and issued a warning.

February 3

11:07 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

February 4

8:40 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:10 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:54 pm: LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank (55) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street following a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

February 5

11:07 am: JOHNSON, Judy Mae (84) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery.

2:47 pm: HENDERSON, Skylar Ty (26) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, and on misdemeanor charges of contempt of court (disobeying a court order), being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

8:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

February 6

9:05 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of South Street.

6:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

February 7

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

5:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

8:53 pm: WILBURN, Franklin Santana (53) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Barbara Lane. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of contempt of court (disobeying a court order), possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

February 8

No incidents to report.

February 9

9:19 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Valley Street and issued a citation.

9:56 am: GUALANO, Albert Nicholas (40) of San Francisco was contacted in the 200 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, and on misdemeanor

charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

4:46 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Baechtel Road and South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

February 10

12:17 Officers conducted a stop in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

6:08 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East Valley Street and issued a warning.

7:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of West Valley Street and South Main Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

February 11

10:08 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a citation.

10:22 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

1:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of Hearst Willits Road and issued a citation.

February 12

4:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

February 13

11:36 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

5:03 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

9:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Coast Street.

February 14

1:34 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of School Street.

February 15

7:10 am: YALJ, Alexandria Leigh (44) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West Valley Street. She was arrested on felony charges of domestic battery and false imprisonment with violence, and on misdemeanor charges of damaging or destroying a wireless communications device.

1:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a citation.

3:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

5:48 pm: HARDAGEVERGEER, Joshua McCord (25) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol) and resisting an officer.

10:49 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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Brooktrails Golf News

New management plans to make course improvements, as new chef Adam Celaya expands the Back 9 Bistro

There are some changes happening at the Brooktrails Golf Course. On January 1 of this year, new management was chosen to replace the retiring family that ran the facility for several years. Alex and Kimberly Herron, along with Chef Adam Celaya, have plans to improve both the course and the clubhouse.

As difficult as it is to grow grass in the shade of the towering redwoods that both provide obstacles and incredible beauty, they will be reseeding and doing all they can to make the course as playable as possible. They plan on having monthly tournaments for both the golfers and the disc golfers, and to recreate the facility as a place for Brooktrails residents and others to gather and enjoy the beautiful outdoors in a warm and inviting location.

Celaya has plans to create a bistro in and around the clubhouse, offering his well-known and well-liked cuisine and specialties, such as his popular crab cakes.

Right now, the Back 9 Bistro offers a Breakfast Burrito as well as lunch menu items like Chicken Sandwich w/Caesars, Hamburger, Hot Dog, Chili, a couple of choices for Soup of the Day, BLT, Marsala Burger, and French Fries and Fried Pickles.

"One thing we have going for us, obviously, is Adam [Celaya] from Adam's Restaurant, being our chef here," stated Alex Herron. "He's really looking to change this. We're doing a lot of upgrading. It takes time to get all the best foods and all the permits. Adam has a ton of equipment that he wants to bring in here. By the time we get to summer, we're looking to expand this to dinner and Sunday brunch. We changed the floors just recently, took out the green carpet. Adam is usually here seven days a week. We have to push him out."

Brooktrails is well-known for its challenging disc golf course, considered among the best in the state, if not the country. Thanks to the efforts of Joseph Haggard, several professional tournaments have been played on the course.

"We're going to have a disc tournament on Saint Patrick's Day," said Alex Herron. "Adam is putting together a great menu for the cost of entering the tournament. We'll have corned beef and cabbage, the whole Saint Patrick's Day fare, shepherd's pie, vegetarian options. In April, we'll be more focused toward the golf side and we'll have a big Masters-type event where we'll have the 'Masters Menu' that everybody clamors over: egg salad sandwiches, and the pimento and cheese, and all that good stuff."

Kimberly Herron loves her involvement in the venture. "I'm enjoying this very much," she explained. "I'm not a golfer. I'm the cart

driver. We try to do some disc golf. We go out on the discs twice and throw the disk. I tried throwing discs forward like the experts do and it ended up in the creek. It's just fun to watch everybody out there and the families mingling.

"We're going to have live music and more family-oriented activities. We want to get the little ones out here, maybe a kiddie's course. There are so many possibilities here and I'm a dreamer. We want to get new walls and a kitchen in here. The biggest challenge here is time management, just trying to get everything done. I have three jobs, and I'm a mom, and I'm a wife."

Celaya is completely redoing the kitchen facilities, bringing in his own equipment to provide a wide spectrum of meals for anyone in the area, with both indoor and outdoor seating among the redwoods.

"This is going to be fantastic," said Celaya. "The goal is to do a pretty intensive Sunday brunch. We'll have indoor and outdoor seating with heaters. I'm going to bring back some of Adam's magic from Adam's Restaurant: crab cakes, clam chowder, steak and pasta. That is the lunch menu. We're going to be doing a light breakfast during the week. Dinner will be probably Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, possibly Wednesday. Our target is to be able to serve the greater Brooktrails community. They can come to golf or just come to have a great experience, great food, great servers, ambiance, and so forth."

The golf course and the disc course offer memberships for those who use the facility frequently. "A single member on the golf side is \$700 a year to come play anytime, as much as you want," said Alex Herron. "It's \$500 for disc golf. March through November, we have good-weather memberships which are less expensive. The Masters [Tournament] starts the golf season. The Masters starts on TV. The weather gets better. Everybody gets that itch to go out and play. It's the unofficial start of the golf season."

"Most people do 18 holes," Alex Herron said. "They go around twice. It's a short course. You can easily get a round done in three hours, whereas a big golf course takes about five to five-and-a-half hours."

Ima Ford, owner of Pizza To Go, loves the course and the new management. "I try to play on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. I have a five handicap. I play whenever they have tournaments. I love Kimberly and Alex, and I love David [Kimberly's father], because he's the one who keeps our golf course clean. They are working really hard to keep it in good shape, so it's going to be in really good condition next summer. They are going to seed all of the greens to make them really good. I would love to see more people play here."



At top, left: Ima Ford tees off on the first hole, outplaying most of the men. At top, right: Alex and Kimberly Herron and Adam Celaya have plans to make the Brooktrails Golf Course a place for people to play, eat and listen to live music. Above, left: Chef Adam Celaya is in his element in the kitchen and plans to bring in his own equipment to upgrade the facility. Above, right: Steve Ford loves being on the course and plays often. Below: Tina Tyler-O'Shea, president of the Brooktrails Board of Directors, attempts to finish the disc golf hole at a tournament. Further below, left: Adam Celaya's bistro lunch menu offers some tasty choices. Further below, right: Alex Herron takes a turn in the soon-to-be-updated kitchen. At bottom: Golfers sometimes have to share the course with the resident wildlife.



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Create It, Make It, Break It STEM Activity at Library: Join us for this week's activity 'Energy Transfers' on Friday, February 27 from 3:30 to 5 pm at the library. Ages 9 to 14.

Indoor Community Yard Sale in Laytonville: This huge, multi-family yard sale was rescheduled due to weather and will now be held on Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 from 11 am to 5 pm inside Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.

'Importance of Being Earnest' at WCT: Directed by Maria Monti, this classic farce shows on Friday, February 27 at 7 pm with show times each Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sundays at 2 pm each weekend through March 8 at Willits Community Theatre. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door or online at wctperformingartscenter.org

Hal-a-Looya Debut and Benefit at the Noyo: Enjoy Fillmore-era concert footage of It's a Beautiful Day, Santana, the Grateful Dead and six other San Francisco bands plus the live debut of Hal Wagenet's studio band, Hal-A-Looya at this benefit to support the Noyo Theater on Friday, February 27 at 7 pm at the Noyo. Tickets \$20.



Pre-sale tickets at MAZAHAR 38 S. Main St. Willits \$20 each until 2-26-2026 at 5 pm

Storytime at Laytonville Library: Every 4th Thursday of the month bring the little ones for a story the whole family can enjoy from 1 to 1:30 pm at the Laytonville Library, 44960 Highway 101, Laytonville.

Trivia Night at The Munchery: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 6 pm at The Munchery, 1477 South Main Street, Willits.

Friday, February 27 FOWL Pop-Up Book Sale at the Library: Books for \$1 apiece on Friday, February 27 from 10 am to 6 pm at the Willits Branch Library.



WILLITS ROTARY 39th ANNUAL GRILL & GIVE WINTER BBQ

Free Community Breakfast at Methodist Church: Join us for this no-cost breakfast, games and connection on Friday, February 27 from 8:30 to 10:30 am at the United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, Willits.

TOWN-WIDE ONGOING EVENTS

Food Not Bombs at Rec Grove Park: Receive a free meal, supplies and zines every first and third Friday of the month at 4 pm in Rec Grove Park at the picnic tables. Everyone is welcome.

Skunk Alley Improv Lessons at WCT: Every Sunday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm with instructor Schuyler Marcier at Willits Community Theatre. Cost is \$5, cash or Venmo.

Free Meal by Willits Daily Bread: Every week on Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at 66 East Commercial Street.

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

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

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

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

Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the library.
Call or email to make an appointment: LiteracyWillits@gmail.com or 707-456-7729.

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

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

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events
Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

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

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

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

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

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

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

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

Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to noon, come get computer help and your technical questions answered!

Spinning and Knitting: Saturdays at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome! Spinning, 1 to 2 pm; Knitting, 2 to 4:30 pm.

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

ABC Art Artists Meet-Up: Work on your personal art project, meet other artists and find inspiration Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 3 pm. Ages 18 and up.

'Importance of Being Earnest' at WCT: Saturday, February 28 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. More info see Feb. 27 listing.

Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: This local jam band plays original music that reflects our community on Saturday, February 28 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Sunday, March 1 'Importance of Being Earnest' at WCT: Sunday, March 1 at 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. More info see Feb. 27 listing.

Tuesday, March 3 FOWL Pop-Up Book Sale at Library: Books for \$1 apiece on Tuesday, March 3 from 10 am to 7 pm at Willits Library

Eckankar Meeting at the Library: Join us for a spiritual discussion on "Inner Guidance: A doorway to greater confidence and love of life," on Tuesday, March 3 from 11 am to noon at the Willits Branch Library. More info: 707-367-3777. This program is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the Library.

Wednesday, March 4 FOWL Pop-Up Book Sale at Library: Books for \$1 apiece on Wednesday, March 4 from 10 am to 7 pm at Willits Library.

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

Lunch to Live Music at Brickhouse: Enjoy live music while you eat every Wednesday from noon to 2 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, Willits. This week: Saro and Reikor!

Eckankar Event at United Methodist Church: Join us for this "Sound of Soul" event and experience the uplifting mantra of HU and the benefits that come from it on Wednesday, March 4 from 6 to 7 pm at 286 School Street, Willits. More info: Joy at 707-367-3777. This program is not sponsored by nor affiliated with the Methodist Church.

Trivia Night at Northspur Brewing Co: Put your knowledge to the test on the first Wednesday

of the month starting at 6:30 pm at Northspur Brewing Co., 101 North Main Street.

Thursday, March 5 Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange for fresh produce, hot and cold food, crafts, the new edition of Willits Weekly and more. See Feb 26 listing for more details.

FOWL Pop-Up Book Sale at Library: Books for \$1 apiece on Thursday, March 5 from 10 am to 7 pm at Willits Library.

Friday, March 6 FOWL Book Sale at Library: Books for \$1 a piece on Friday, March 6 from 10 am to 6 pm at Willits Library.

Food Not Bombs in Rec Grove Park: A free meal, zines and supplies every first and third Friday at 4 pm at the picnic tables in Rec Grove Park. Everyone welcome.

'Importance of Being Earnest' at WCT: Friday, March 6 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. More info see Feb. 27 listing.

Friday Night Live at Shanachie: Join us for a night of live performances with Sgt. Splendor featuring Eric McFadden and Kate Vargas, Kathy Pelletier with poetry and beadwork and Kevin Meagher Solo Acoustic from 8 to 11 pm at Shanachie Pub, Willits.

Saturday, March 7 FOWL Pop-Up Book Sale at Library: Last day to purchase books for \$1 apiece on Saturday, March 7 from 10 am to 5 pm at Willits Library.

Graphic Novel Open House at Round Valley Library: Discover and explore the graphic novel genre at this free event featuring a comic-making station for all ages, a scavenger hunt on comics history and culture, and bilingual hands-on crafts and activities on Saturday, March 7 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Round Valley Library, 23925 Howard Street, Covelo.

Seven Sisters Show opens at WCA: The eclectic exhibit by these seven local women will include paintings, quilts, mosaic, assemblage, and more, with a festive opening night on Saturday, March 7 from 6 to 8 pm including beverages and bar bites, and will run through March 29, with galleries open Fridays through Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm.

'Importance of Being Earnest' at WCT: Final evening performance on Saturday, March 7 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. More info see Feb. 27 listing.

Sunday, March 8 Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center: Second Sunday of the month from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Menu choices: 1) Biscuits & gravy with scrambled eggs. 2) All-you-can-eat pancakes with scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, coffee, orange juice or milk. Adults \$13; Senior Center members \$12; Children 8 and under \$8 and benefits Nutritional, Transportation, and Outreach services for Willits seniors.

'Importance of Being Earnest' at WCT: Final performance on Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. More info see Feb. 27 listing.

YARD SALE
Saturday, February 28, 2026
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Holiday Room Open
Brownie Troop 11340 will be selling Girl Scout cookies
Furniture, housewares, clothing, books, kids' corner (clothing, toys), shoes, jeans, luggage, handbags, electronics, tools, linens, home décor, art/picture frames, baby equipment arts and crafts, pet supplies, office supplies, and more
Deep Valley Christian School Gym
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Redwood Valley, CA 95470
next to Broiler Parking Lot
Cash and Check Only
Donations on Mondays - 9 a.m. - noon - except school holidays

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST
March 14, 2026
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Murphy's (Spuds), Carrots, Etc...
Veteran's Memorial Building
191 North Main - Willits
Adults \$25.00
Children \$12.00
*Children 12 & under. Children under 5 eat free

Working on a personal art project?
Creative people are gathering at the library for community and inspiration.
If you are searching for a place where you can work on your creation. Then, bring your own project and meet with other artists to share your work, laugh, and be inspired.
Artists Meet:
Thursdays and Fridays
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Welcoming Ages: 18 & over

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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die'

The Story: Time-travel-science-fiction-action-thriller about Artificial Intelligence. Sam Rockwell stars as "homme du." He's a man from the Future and has come back to the Present to warn folks that things aren't going too well.

Actually, he's more than warning them. He's recruiting a few brave men and women to join with him in his struggle to change the Present in order to prevent the terrible Future, and to stop the release of the most powerful artificial intelligence ever created! All this plus car chases and automatic weapons in the hands of mysterious men wearing pig masks.

My Thoughts: I confess that's a bit of a spoiler about the pig masks. So, sorry. I'm just having fun, and that's what this movie is. It's living up to its title. It's all non-stop action and violent fun. And a bit inconsistent. Maybe. But enjoy!

Parents: The flick was a tad confusing for me. No little children for this flick. Take your wee ones to see "Goat," which is entirely wholesome and has a good message about inclusion and being kind.

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

Actually, he's more than warning them. He's recruiting a few brave men and women to join with him in his struggle to change the Present in order to prevent the terrible Future, and to stop the release of the most powerful artificial intelligence ever created! All this plus car chases and automatic weapons in the hands of mysterious men wearing pig masks.

NOYO Theater Willits, CA.
57 East Commercial Street - Willits 707-459-6660
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Mid week promotions: Wednesday - Matinee prices to all shows all day.
Showtimes: February 27 to March 5 Closed Monday/Tuesday Thrifty Thursday: \$8.00 tickets. Thrifty Thursday films this week in red.

THE DOORS (R) 2H 14min Sat/Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Wed/Thur: 4:00, 7:00	GOAT (PG) 1H 33min Fri: 4:30, 7:15 Sat/Sun: 1:30, 4:30, 7:15 Wed/Thur: 4:30, 7:15	GOOD LUCK, HAVE FUN, DON'T DIE (R) 2H 14min Fri: 4:15, 7:15 Sat/Sun: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 Wed/Thur: 4:15, 7:15	HAL-A-LOO-YA Friday Feb 27, 2026 7:00pm An evening inspired by the legendary 60s folkies who were the epitome of a musical revolution. \$20
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WILLITS SENIOR CENTER
CHILI COOK-OFF
MARCH 28, 2026
5PM - 7PM
Taster Ticket \$15
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Is your home ready for wildfire?
WFAP Wildland Fire Assessment Program
Saturday, March 14: 8 hr classroom training, Sunday-Monday March 15-16th full days in field Covelo, CA
Topics to be covered:
• Understanding the WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) problem
• Identifying the zones
• On-site evaluation and work improvement on homes in the community
• Available resources
PPE Required: long sleeve shirt, pants, work boots, gloves, hardhat, eye protection (sunglasses ok)
Questions?
Call 707-872-2637 or email lorrainehall@gmail.com
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Sip Some Soup
A joint fundraising event for Willits Daily Bread & Willits Shelter Action Group
Join us again for this much-loved community fundraiser. Try and vote on soups, enjoy bread and jam from Emondal Farm on the River, and browse our silent auction.
Taste, vote and celebrate local flavors with neighbors.
Willits Community Center
March 14th 2026 5pm-7pm
Tickets \$15 per Adult, \$25 per couple, and \$5 for children 12 and under
For additional information contact: Cindy Savage 707-459-2594 - cindy.savage@yahoo.com

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8:30-10:30
WILLITS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST, GAMES AND CONNECTION

'Life and Death - A Love Story' at WCT, March 14, 15
Save the date for this powerful performance exploring love, loss, and what it means to be alive. Written by and starring Sherry Glaser, creator of "Family Secrets," the longest running one-woman show on Broadway. Co-starring Juan Wolff and directed by Ricci Deodola, this extra-dark comedy with a musical flair will have two performances only on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 15 at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. For more info and tickets: wctperformingartscenter.org.

Wildland Fire Assessment Training Program in Covelo, March 14-16
This classroom and field-training workshop will cover topics on understanding the wildland/urban interface problem, identifying the zones, onsite evaluation and work on homes in the community, and resources available. There will be an 8-hour classroom training on Monday, March 14 and two full days in the field on March 15 and 16. Long sleeve shirt, work pants, gloves, hard hat and protective eyewear are required. For more info and to register: 707-972-3637 or email lorrainehall@gmail.com.



Above: Library Technician Pat Sobrero of the Round Valley Branch Library holds the award certificate for the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Innovation Grant which will support the library's collection of comics and graphic novels. Sobrero is flanked by fellow librarians at the 2025 American Library Association conference.

Round Valley Library hosts Graphic Novel All-Community Open House, March 7

Submitted by Round Valley Branch Library

Join us at the Round Valley Branch Library on Saturday, March 7 from 11 am to 2 pm for our Graphic Novel All-Community Open House. This event will happen during Eisner Week, celebrating the legacy of comics pioneer Will Eisner. The open house will feature a comic-making station for all ages, a scavenger hunt on comics history and culture, bilingual hands-on crafts and activities, and book recommendations by young readers.

Honored in 2024 as the Best Small Library in America by Library Journal, the Round Valley Branch of the Mendocino County Library has been awarded the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Innovation Grant, a national honor recognizing excellence in using graphic literature to engage readers and support learning. This award supports the library's growing collection of comics and graphic novels, and helps expand access to this powerful literary format for young readers across the Round Valley Indian Reservation and the town of Covelo.

In a region where access to current, engaging books is limited, our library is stepping up to meet the need – and the desire – for reading materials that resonate with young people. Graphic novels have proven to be a favorite among the library's youngest patrons, with circulation of these titles outpacing other youth materials by a wide margin. Now, thanks to the Eisner Grant, that collection is growing to reflect the diverse voices and experiences of the community, with titles in both English and Spanish, and stories that center on Indigenous and Hispanic cultures.

The grant is funding a broad range of graphic works for elementary and middle school readers, from classic series to new releases, along with educational materials for teachers and families. A strong partnership exists between the library and local schools, with ongoing classroom visits and teacher support designed to showcase the new collection.

For more information, please visit www.mendolib.org or contact the Round Valley Branch at 707-983-6736.

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Rural Cinnamon

Cinnamon is a "let's live in the country" gal looking for a quiet, adult home who has experience with shy and guarding dogs. She is not a social dog but will bond slowly to one or two household members.

Cinnamon will work for food and eventually "comes around" to new people, but she is much happier with few visitors. A resident dog is tantamount to her happiness and to ease her shyness.

To learn more about Cinnamon, 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.



Cinnamon

home, Pink Lady is sure to blossom into a loving and loyal companion.

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.

Loyal Levi

Levi is a 3 year old, 13 pound terrier with a big personality packed into a little body. He isn't shy, but he can be a bit barking when meeting new people – it's just his way of figuring out who's who. Give him a moment, and he settles right in.



Levi

Sweet Pink Lady

Named after the delicate apple variety, Pink Lady is a shorthaired buff beauty with light tabby markings and a heart as gentle as her name.

She's a calm, sweet girl who's still adjusting to the hustle and bustle of shelter life. Pink Lady enjoys quiet companionship, soft head scratches, and gentle pets – but don't be surprised if she's tucked under her blankets during your visit.

Here are notes from her foster: "I finally got a pretty good picture of Pink Lady. I think it shows what an absolute love she is. She's really come out of her shell. She loves bedtime, lots and lots of scratches. She will go mad for a belly rub and is hilariously squirmy. You can pick her up easily; she just folds into your arms." With time, patience, and a peaceful



Pink Lady

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

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Beginning: Wednesday, March 18
Time: 3:30-5:30pm
Please Call to Register:
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Suzana Wilson and Suzanne Picetti-Johnson
Group Facilitators

LEGAL NOTICES

WW591
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Laurence Jett Jennings
CASE NO.: 26PR00444

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Laurence Jett Jennings**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Jenna Stephens in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that: Jenna Stephens be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action). The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
DATE: 03/20/2026 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: E, located at: Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Jenna Stephens
1945 Piner Road Space 6
Santa Rosa CA 95403
Publication Dates: February 26, March 5, 12, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

WW584
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2026-F0009

The following person or persons are doing business as Longevity Kombucha, 349 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490. Mailing Address: 438 McPeak St., Ukiah CA 95482.

Registered owner: Jared Soinila, 438 McPeak St., Ukiah CA 95482.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1/6/2026.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on 1/6/2026.

/s/ Jared Soinila
Publication Dates: February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

WW586
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2026-F0021

The following person or persons are doing business as Hidden Gem Studio, 234 S. Main St. #3, Willits, CA 95490. Mailing Address: 390 W. Mendocino Ave., Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Emilie Cavallari, 390 W. Mendocino Ave., Willits CA 95490

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 3/20/2024.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on 1/8/2026.

/s/ Emilie Cavallari
Publication Dates: February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

WW589
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2026-F0068

The following person or persons are doing business as Corner Bit Excavation, 10700 Hearst Rd., Willits, CA 95490; 707-354-2013.

Registered owner: SGS Construction, Inc., 10700 Hearst Rd., Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a CA corporation.

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 February 12, 2026.

/s/ Ashley Smith, President
Publication Dates: February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

Willits Weekly can run legal notices including fictitious business name statements, foreclosure notices, storage unit auctions, and more. Contact us for more information at willitsweekly@gmail.com

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Over the next several days, swift-water-rescue teams and Search and Rescue personnel made attempts to locate the Niesens and their vehicle, with negative results. Search conditions were extremely difficult in this area due to recent storms, water flow, difficult terrain, and the constantly changing river conditions. MCSO deputies took a missing persons report for Gary and Yvonne Niesen, due to the circumstances of this ongoing investigation.

On Friday, February 20, 2026, family members of the missing persons were able to enlist the help of a private diver, Juan Heredia, who is the founder of Angels Recovery Dive Team. Heredia was able to locate the vehicle and confirm that only Gary Niesen was contained within the vehicle. A heavy-duty tow truck responded to the scene and was able to recover the vehicle and Gary Niesen, who was positively identified by Sheriff's Deputy-Coroner investigators.

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, approximately 40 searchers from multiple agencies throughout the state arrived and began searching the area. Two good Samaritans were also in the area on a planned kayaking trip. At approximately 2 pm, the kayakers notified searchers they had located a deceased subject in the Eel River in the area of mile marker 14.1 on Highway 162. Personnel were able to recover the subject, who was positively identified as Yvonne Niesen by Sheriff's Deputy-Coroner investigators.

The family and legal next-of-kin for Gary and Yvonne Niesen were notified of this investigation and were also present and assisted with the ongoing efforts to locate and recover the vehicle from the Eel River.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the multiple agencies who responded from throughout the region to assist in the search and recovery efforts.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF WILLITS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on **March 11th, 2026**, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

PROJECT: Conditional Use Permit No. U-26-01

REQUEST: To consider approval of a Use Permit to allow construction of an approximately 400-square-foot single family residence as an accessory to an existing mini-storage business, Cougar's Closet 2, to accommodate an on-site employee responsible for security and maintenance of the business

LOCATION: 317 Robert Drive, Willits CA. APN 006-200-10; 006-200-07.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(a), - new construction of small structures

MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City Hall located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

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

- Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Connor Slack at cstack@cityofwillits.org, or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday March 10th. All public comments received will be provided to the Council in advance of the meeting.
- Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

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

s/ Delores Pedersen
City Clerk for the City of Willits
Publication Date: February 26, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

WW587
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2026-F0005

The following person or persons are doing business as Flying Dog Pizza, 65 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490; 707-459-4747.

Registered owner: Caroline Ashley Rehberger, 98 W. Commercial St., Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 10/10/2022.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on February 11, 2026.

/s/ Caroline Rehberger
Publication Dates: February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2026

WW590
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2026-F0067

The following person or persons are doing business as Babcock House Photography, 96 S. Humboldt St., Willits, CA 95490; 415-317-1379.

Registered owner: Brodman Photo LLC., 96 S. Humboldt St., Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 10/10/2022.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on February 11, 2026.

/s/ Rob Brodman, Managing MBR
Publication Dates: February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2026

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Lovely Lentil Soup

Hearty, warm, and good for you – this easy and rather inexpensive soup comes together in under an hour

- 1 to 1 1/2 cup dry green or brown lentils
- 2 quarts vegetable stock
- 1 quart water
- 4 bay leaves
- 1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 1/2 bunch chopped celery
- 3 to 5 peeled and chopped carrots
- 1 bulb peeled and chopped garlic
- 1 bunch chopped kale with stems removed
- Salt and pepper
- Garlic powder
- Onion powder

Directions:

Heat a few tablespoons of olive oil in a large pot, sautee onions, carrots, celery and garlic until lightly browned and fragrant. While that's cooking, pour lentils onto flat surface and pick through, careful to check for small stones, or debris, before adding to cooking veggies. Add the kale, 2 quarts of stock, and enough water to significantly cover everything, bring to a boil, and reduce to a simmer until lentils are soft to the tooth, but retain their shape. Serve hot and enjoy!

Willits Rain Box

location	Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)								rainfall since 01Oct25
	Mon Feb 16	Tue Feb 17	Wed Feb 18	Thur Feb 19	Fri Feb 20	Sat Feb 21	Sun Feb 22	weekly total	
Northbrook Way	0.16	1.32	0.66	0.67	0.01	0.00	0.30	3.12	41.99
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.12	1.19	0.49	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.47	2.87	42.41
Valley Rd	0.08	0.84	0.52	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.18	2.10	29.78
Canyon Rd	0.11	0.59	0.47	0.51	0.01	0.01	0.22	1.92	33.66
Pine Mountain	0.09	0.48	0.11	0.44	0.01	0.04	0.49	1.66	40.23
South Main @ East Oak	0.14	1.38	0.61	0.65	0.01	0.00	0.27	3.06	41.34
average	0.12	0.97	0.48	0.56	0.01	0.01	0.32	2.46	38.24

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



At far left: It took FOUR times to get the IV started for the PET scan, my mind, body and soul are all done with getting poked. At left: Maureen and Matthew Jennison are both realllllly happy to get back to living a non-cancer-involved life once again.

Photos by Maureen Jennison

MAUREEN'S 1,000,000TH HEALTH UPDATE

Can it really be true??

"The most recent PET scan was negative for recurrence." I read from the oncologist's notes created after my follow-up visit last Friday. "She reports no new pain, palpable masses, or other symptoms."

A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH. Holy \$#!*%!

I was in a total state of overwhelmed, disbelieving joy last Thursday, the day I did the big, radioactive, follow-up, post-treatment PET scan, when the oncology nurse called me back mid-afternoon, with the initial scan reading, and that was the first time I got to hear the incredible news: The scan was all clear.

"No evidence of active malignancy on the current examination." was my takeaway phrase from her, and I burst into tears on the phone and made her re-read the name and birthday back to me to make sure the chart was indeed mine. She assured me it was.

I spent the following few hours after we hung up, making a few blubbering phone calls to some close family and friends, initially scaring each of them as I sobbed: "I just got a call from Dr. Wang's office," "gasp on the other end" "no no, it's good news," I'd manage to get out between tears and sniffles. "The PET scan is clear! It's gone!" "different sighs, gasps and exhales on other end" and then followed by all the good words, affections and congratulations manageable.

I was able to hear the same good news from my lips of oncologist proper the following Friday, cementing it officially that we were indeed in the clear. This basically means that everything is all gone, all the hard work and perseverance of the last year and a half has paid off, and there's nothing left.

Feels UNREAL.

I'm still trying desperately to let that news not feel like a joke, that it's not true or that it's all some elaborate ruse to make me endure more insanity, but it's hard.... Many say it's something you spend your lifetime waiting on, the other shoe to drop, but eventually it gets easier, and being diligent about letting them know about any noticeable changes in my body is highly recommended.

I asked if we should just go ahead and set up a weekly video visit schedule now to go over all of my bodily functions and feels to make sure I wasn't missing anything, and they politely declined and told me to try to relax a little. It's incredibly hard though, feeling like I was caught so off-guard by my previous situation, but I will do my best to balance nerves with necessities, a skill I feel like is every Type A person's personal struggle.

The road to new boobs still is a few exits away, however, and I'm also trying not to feel disappointed in not being able to type this from the pre-op table, but my plastic surgeon

said that there's still too much residual scar tissue on the right side to even get an implant in, so I have to work on massage, physical therapy, and stretching to get that to resolve before we can move forward.

I also get to see a nutritionist and force myself to get back in motion, trying to lose some of these COVID, baby, happily-married, and no-barre-classes-offered-locally pounds that I have acquired these past years. Nothing like adding insult to injury for having some weight loss be the final (!?) hurdle in this ongoing saga ... especially after having a C-section and double mastectomy weighing more than I do now, but as this counts as somewhat more "elective" and that reduced body fat also helps not to have cancer return, I understand and agree that losing some weight isn't an unreasonable request, but ... COME ON!

Ugh.

Natalie or Kirsten, if you get to read this – PLEASE! Teach that good ol' 10:30 am Monday/Wednesday barre class again?! It was so good. Sigh.

So, between now and May when I see my plastic surgeon again for an update, I'm focusing on protein, fiber, calories and hydration. I'm trying to park at the other end of the parking lot. I'm trying to take a daily walk. I'm trying to make small, but sustainable changes. My sugar-free, mid-treatment regime is back in place (even though I had some glorious in between time including a birthday cake and some delectable tiramisu from Craft House Baking and two instances of margarita enjoyment at El Azteca), and I'm trying to keep bread and carbs at bay, and hopefully it'll all be worth it in the end, right?

This entire experience has been a massive experience of self-control, mind over matter, ends justifying the means, and the worst: patience.

I am a GET IT DONE kind of gal, and the continued battle with patience, going through the motions and trusting the process sucks.

At least now, three months after my last chemo treatment, I feel amazing. I now only have two pills to take each day. I want to work, I want to garden, I want to go places, I want to scoop out the chicken coop (well, not really, but you know, metaphorically – it's usually a husband/teenager job) I have energy, my hair is ALMOST able to get into a ponytail, I have my amazing family, my amazing friends, my amazing healthcare team, and my amazing husband and daughter all by my side, and I have you!

Thanks for going on this journey with me, all of your cards, letters, words of encouragement, and support is so humbling, sweet and appreciated.

Please go make a doctor's apt, and hug your loved ones.

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this time, and we have a lot of cleanup."

Following the informational agenda, the WUSD board's student representative shared a heartfelt call to action. Bringing notice to some "buzz" around Willits High School's family liaison position, the student representative said: "I think it's super important that every single person here understands that if you want us as a community to be together, our students need to feel like they can talk to someone," also explaining "every successful student that's successful at WHS has [someone] that they can depend on." The student representative also emphasizes the crucial impacts students will face when a support system is taken away.

Board trustees shared updates on WUSD happenings for the new year. Trustee Jennifer Sookne continues to work on expanding the district's music program from a lunch-based music club at the high school to the middle school. Trustee April Lamprich highlights the talented youth of the community and their work at the science fair, wishing the projects would be displayed longer. Lamprich then shifted to a more serious tone: "I know tonight's conversations are going to bring strong emotions. Change, especially when it involves people and long-standing systems, is hard. I truly respect how much our staff, families, and community care about our schools, and I want you all to know that I hear it."

Trustee Paula Nunez opened her comments by thanking multiple individuals for "following the law and ensuring the safety of our students during the ICE protests." She also reminded the board and audience that middle and high school students are legally entitled to one complete excused school day to participate in civic activities as laid out by the California Education Code. Continuing, Nunez emphasizes communication and community, stating: "The culture of your [school] site or the whole district really makes a big difference in how students do, how the community does, and how we learn. We are here to work together. It takes all of us." Closing Board Trustee comments, President Jeanne King prepared a statement warning about "significant financial difficulties" for the district, excerpted here:

"Willits Unified is in significant financial difficulties... If the board does not make decisions to improve the school district's finances, the state basically comes in and makes the necessary decisions. The state will decide who to lay off, which programs to downsize, what materials should not be purchased. The state will be making those decisions, not a local board made up of local community members. The school district loses local control. The current school board needs to make the hard decisions necessary to improve the financial wellbeing of the district. Some of those hard decisions may require laying off of staff, cutting back on curriculum purchases, and so on. But the hard decisions must be made. The board is abdicating its responsibility regarding the financial wellbeing of the district if it does not make those hard necessary decisions. Again, maintaining the financial wellbeing of the district is one of the primary responsibilities of a school board."

Following President King's statement, Trustee Sookne reflected on past times. "I was on the negotiating team," she said "and ... I had a teacher that I spoke to, and she told me she had been working here for 10 years and still couldn't afford to buy a house. That was wrong, and we did go above the recommended 15%, but we did it just by 2% more," also saying: "I have no regrets."

Regarding the district's fiscal issues, Superintendent Baker said: "My staff knows that I am trying to figure out how to turn this district around, actually working nights because of where this district technically is at this time.... I'm fighting right now with the state and county telling them to give us time to make this happen, give us time to turn this around.... I mean yes, it's true. We are – the district is in fumes. I'm going to be truthful. We're tightening our system, so accountability is not optional." Closing his comments, he reiterates his commitment to continue building Willits Unified, refusing to let the districts' challenges define it and that the transformation is now.

The full video of WUSD's February board meeting can be found on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@willitsunifiedschoolstr5651

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minimize flooding on the roadways.

- Several overgrown ditches, intersections, and sections of Public Right-of-Way were cleared to improve drainage and line of sight. Heavy vegetation removal was conducted along the south side of E. Valley from S. Lenore to City Limits East. The basin for a large drainage culvert and the ditch line that feeds it were cleared. Other areas include but are not limited to: Brothers Lane x Baechtel Rd., Casteel Ln., and along Railroad Ave x E. Oaks St.

- Roadway shoulder repair and minor grading was performed along the eastern portion of Railroad Ave. The area experiences heavy traffic and use during the bi-weekly operations at the Willits Food Bank, whose volunteers and customers they serve park in that location and cross the street to receive services. Parking congestion has reduced. Most of the repairs were made utilizing asphalt grindings produced from past road surface repairs.

- City staff spent several hours marking underground utilities along the South Main St. / Hwy 20 corridor for asset damage prevention during the next phase of the underground fiber optic data line installation project.

Project Updates

- The heating unit at the City Pool may need to be replaced. It began to fail due to calcification but is currently operating at limited capacity. Options are being discussed between the District and the City to determine the best course of action moving forward.

- Pothole patching was conducted at various locations; approximately 5 Cubic yards of asphalt cold mix was distributed as needed. Several areas brought forward by the public were addressed. The material bin was re-stocked to support additional street maintenance during the

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For nearly two decades with the Sheriff's Office, Schnitzius played a key role in developing and leading the Sheriff's training unit. In that training role Schnitzius focused on strengthening professional standards, improving operational performance, and implementing recruitment strategies designed to build a knowledgeable, capable, compassionate, and community-focused law enforcement workforce.

After being promoted by the sheriff to the rank of sergeant, Schnitzius supervised Sheriff's Office personnel and field operations with an emphasis on accountability, teamwork, and clear lines of communications. Known for his style of direct and transparent leadership, Schnitzius worked to align teams under his supervision around shared goals while promoting efficiency, professionalism, and public trust.

In 2020, Schnitzius was hired by DA David Eyster to serve as the DA's lead coastal investigator working out of the DA's Fort Bragg office.

During his six years in that DA assignment, Schnitzius supported prosecution efforts on all types of criminal cases, including murder cases, adult and child sexual assault, other complex felony cases, and child abduction cases. He has worked closely with other local and regional law enforcement agencies, the DA's Victim/Witness Unit, and contributed to office policy improvements that have helped to improve the DA's overall investigatory work product.

Across all of his law enforcement assignments and roles, Schnitzius has remained committed to public safety, concern and care of victims and witnesses, professional excellence, and organizational integrity.

Welcome to the job, Chief!

winter season and to restore pavement disturbed during utility repairs. Additional base rock was also ordered to replace inventory.

- Two damaged toilets at Snider Park were replaced, the Stage at Recreation Grove had to be power washed several times for graffiti and food debris from transient activity, and Graffiti on several STOP signs throughout the City was addressed.

- The chip beds, planters, and landscaping along Main St., E. Commercial St., Wood St. Parking lot, and at the Sports Complex were serviced. Brick work was repaired and weeds were removed as needed. The holes from digging animals were filled at the Dog Park, and the Haehl Creek walking trail was mowed, serviced, and hanging branches were pruned for clearance. Some of the Par-Course exercise equipment at that site had minor repairs identified during site evaluation.

- Fence repair was conducted at 223 Bonnie Ln. A tree on City owned property had pushed over a section of privately owned fence at that address, and the panel was replaced.

- A sign provided by the donor who funded the Pin-Wheel Sculptures at Hwy 20 Park was installed.

- Drinking fountain repair parts were ordered to repair drinking fountains at various locations.

Staffing Items

No change, the Maintenance Department is currently staffing six full-time employees: two assigned to Parks and Facilities and three assigned to Streets and Utility Repairs, with one supervisor overseeing operations.

Editor's Note: to read the whole January report from City of Willits Facilities & Services, and other city department reports, visit the Agenda Center at www.cityofwillits.org/AgendaCenter, and open or download the agenda packet for the February 25 meeting.

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Madam King's "Ladies of the Evening" not only treated us to a special performance, but also volunteered their time throughout the event!! Many thanks to: Rebecca King and Charles Ferguson, Melody Clearbrook accompanied by Malakai Shindel, Sonja Shattuck and Richard Shattuck. You were all the cherry on top of the sundae.

Special thanks go to Kevin Copperfield, Natalie Sadler, bartenders extraordinaire: Billy Hetherington and Bryan Arnold, Amythyst Romero and Brion, Joshua Sternberg, Lynn Davis, and Adrienne Arant. The evening also featured a photo booth provided by Jini and Peter Reynolds.

Willits Community Services and Food Bank relies on corporate and private donations, grants and volunteers in order to continue our work, and your support is invaluable to us!!

We hope to offer more fun fundraisers throughout the year; please let us know if you would like to help. You can reach out to us at: (707) 459-3333 or info@willitsfoodbank.com.

If you would like to donate, checks can be made payable to: Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Ave. Willits, CA 95490 or you can use our donate button on our website: willitsfoodbank.com

Thank you all for your continued support!!

Wendy Copperfield, director, WCS

Scam alert

To the Editor:

I recently came close to getting several thousand dollars scammed from my checking account. It was so professional that it could happen to anyone. Here is the back story. On a recent trip to Mariposa Market in Willits, I presented my bank debit card for payment. It was declined twice. I paid cash and my next stop was my bank.

The bank clerk brought up my account and said it was declined for NSF - Non-Sufficient Funds. I said I have money in the account. She brought up a check that was waiting for funds in my account so it would clear. It was in the amount of \$3,000 and had my valid signature. I didn't recognize the person's name on the Pay To line.

We moved over to her desk to investigate further. Looking at the check copy I noticed several changes to my original check. My phone number had been removed that was

CLASSIFIEDS

Brown Bag Lunch Program

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

Do you need food?

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

Inner Guidance

Inner Guidance: A doorway to greater confidence and love for life. Join us in a spiritual discussion, Tuesday, March 3, 11 - noon; Willits Library, 390 E. Commercial Street. Questions? Call Joy at (707) 367-3777. Sponsored by Eckankar of CA & NV. (This program is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the Mendocino County Library.)

La Siciliana Going Out Of Business Sale

Monday & Tuesday, March 2nd & 3rd Noon - 6 pm. Everything must be sold. Cash Only. As Is Condition, All Sales Final

For Sale

•Silver Coins •lots of collectibles •Various artwork and antique signs •Unirculated stamps •Fly fishing gear w/500 flies. Please call John for inquiries: (458) 232-8098

RW/Trailer Space for Rent

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

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Indoor Yard Sale

Giant Indoor Yard Sale – Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler). Saturday, February 28 – 8 am to 4 pm



“County government should be there to help make good things happen,” he says. “It should help people start a business, build a home, protect their property, and keep their community safe, not stand in the way.”

He sees today’s budget crisis, challenges funding public safety and roads, slow permitting, and difficulty both the BOS and the public has getting the data needed to make decisions as symptoms of deeper operational issues. “If the foundation isn’t solid, nothing else works the way it should,” he says. “We need to shore up transparency, efficiency, culture, and accountability, and then build from there.”

This is why the people he has worked with over the years in disaster preparedness, the arts, healthcare, government, and the greater community have urged him to step up into this role.

Eric will host regular community events in Willits, Laytonville, and Covelo, along with open office hours at the Brickhouse in Willits.

Learn more about his platform and upcoming events at www.EricHartForSupervisor.com.



OBITUARY |

Amy Elliott

Amy B. Elliott passed away on February 1, 2026, just days before her 101st birthday. It was a peaceful transition, with the help of Adventist Hospice in Fort Bragg, and Oceanside Comfort Care.

She was born in Southern California. Amy lived for many years with family in Malibu, where she worked as a secretary at Hughes Research. She and her husband, Neil, enjoyed riding horses on the beach, sailing, and traveling the world.

In the 1980s she and Neil moved to Willits. She was an avid gardener, loved her animals, and devoted much of her life to volunteering for organizations such as: Our Daily

Bread, the Adult Literacy Group of the Willits Library, and even delivered Meals on Wheels when she was in her 80s.

But probably her biggest passion in life was quilting. A master quilter, Amy turned fabric into works of art, winning many awards.



She gifted quilts to her family and donated many to The Ford Street Project and families in need.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil, and son Dan. She will be remembered by her two children, Paul (Mary) and Anita (John), her grandchildren Morgan,

Franklin, Maggie, Benjamin, Erik (Sarah), and Amy (Richard), and her great-grandchildren Dylan, Bryanna, Nikolai, David, and Tyler.

She will be greatly missed.

‘Momím Wené/ Medicine Water’ at Grace Hudson in Ukiah

By Roberta Werdinger for Grace Hudson Museum

The new exhibit, “Momím Wené/Medicine Water: Flowing Through California Indian Country,” opened at the Grace Hudson Museum on February 14 and runs through May 10. It tells a story of tribal relationships between the people and their waterways through the paintings, basketry, beadwork, and regalia of over 30 Native artists. Their work reflects the various tribal histories of California Indian Country, changing times, and lifeways.

Arranged by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, this exhibit began in central California and is now flowing to the home of the Ukiah Valley Pomo, where their regional voices will be added to the story.

A reception is planned for February 28.

The Grace Hudson Museum is at 431 South Main St. in Ukiah and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Sunday from noon to 4:30 pm. General admission is \$7; \$15 per family; \$5 for students and seniors; free to all on the first Friday of the month; and always free to members, Native Americans, and active-duty military personnel. For more information, visit www.gracehudsonmuseum.org or call (707) 467-2836.



MOMÍM WENÉ/MEDICINE WATER

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Presented by the
Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Exhibits & Collections Center

February 14 through May 10, 2026

GRACE HUDSON MUSEUM
431 SOUTH MAIN STREET ■ UKIAH, CALIFORNIA 95482

Participating Artists Include:

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