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School board honors Willits High wrestlers

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On the evening of March 5, Willits Unified School District held its monthly board meeting. At the March 2026 meeting, all board members except for April Lamprich were present, accompanied by Superintendent Baker. Before officially opening the meeting, Board President Jeanne King shared a closed session report, informing the public all present Board Trustees voted to designate Superintendent Baker to notify an unnamed certified employee they will not be employed for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.

Following the report, the meeting was opened with governmental norms and the pledge, welcoming Willits High School athletes to be recognized. The WHS wrestling team welcomes individuals of all sizes, housing athletes from 14 weight classes. The smallest weight class is 108lbs and the largest is 275-280lbs for boys.

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Beware scam calls from MCSO imposter

By Captain Gregory L. Van Patten for MCSO

On March 17, 2026, at approximately 9:30 am, Mendocino County Jail staff were contacted by a member of the public who had come to the facility seeking the release of a family member through the use of an ankle monitoring device.

During discussions with a Corrections Deputy, the individual reported having received a telephone call from a person identifying themselves as "Deputy Green" with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. The caller stated that the individual's family member had been arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) and could be released on an ankle monitoring device, with future court appearances to be conducted virtually via Zoom.

The caller instructed the individual to submit a payment of \$3,200 and reportedly contacted them from the telephone number (580) 949-1900.

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At top, from left: Scooping out the undesirable, rapidly growing fern also means rescuing unsuspecting fish caught in the net, including this lil' mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*). The invasive fern, *Azolla* – commonly known as mosquito fern, fairy moss or water fern – is just a tangle of free-floating leaves and dangly roots. Tadpoles, too, get tossed back into the drink, a perfect job for toddler fingers! Below: Scoop and fling – the two-step process in the ongoing battle against the frustrating fern infestation.



Photos by Maureen Jennison



At left, from top: As the fern matures, it turns a golden rust color, but thankfully is still easily scooped with a pool skimmer. Young green fern mixes with mature fern as it floats around the pond surface. This pond houses koi fish who need to retain access to light and oxygen, two vital things the thick fern can obliterate access to if left unchecked.

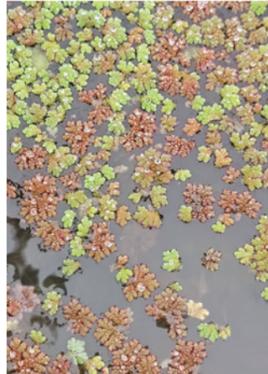


Photo by Maxine Ward

The Great Fern Fight

Scoop the sludge, save the fish, rinse, and repeat

Ahh, farm living. It's all cute and Instagram worthy, sure, but sometimes it feels less glamorous when you're sweating, caked in sunscreen, feet several inches deep into the mud, and leaning out as far as you can reach to scoop up a stinky, slimy, heavy chunk of water-soaked fern sludge for what feels like the 100th day in a row.

This has been the case for several weeks now, as the daily battle against the invasive *Azolla* fern goes on at the pond, and the need to save the wildlife below from being choked out by the mat of foliage makes it an urgent cause.

Azolla, also called mosquito fern, can grow rapidly, and thick, and can become a real problem if left unchecked. It gets its name from the idea that it grows so thick that not even mosquito larvae can survive. While some uses exist for *Azolla*'s blanketing effect, and it is praised for its fertilizing abilities – it's helpful in wetland paddies, research tells me – it is an invasive nuisance if unwanted, which here, it is.

Its Wikipedia page notes that it can survive temperatures as low as -8° Fahrenheit, and can survive even thin

layers of ice built up on its growth. *Azolla* can double its surface area and/or density in approximately 7 to 10 days under ideal conditions. It can form mats up to 12 inches thick, covering up to 100% of the water surface, preventing native fish, amphibians and invertebrates from reaching the water's surface, while its abundant growth displaces native vegetation.

Gross, right?

Equally gross is that the most effective method of removal seems to be manual ... one scoop at a time. Being a determined person, the battle of wills of person v. fern gives me a sense of pride, but my gumption is waning, as sometimes it looks, after hours of scooping, that there's as much as when you started, even though you can turn and look at the heaps of vegetation removed.

If things get desperate, Google results offer professionals in the industry who use various professional and probably expensive contraptions who can come and help, but for now, we scoop ... and hope the fish and frogs thank us for the dedication.

– Maureen Jennison

Below, left: The thick covering on the koi pond makes it hard for light and air to get to the life below. Below, right: Sometimes the reflection of the clouds and the clumps of fern mimic each other on the surface. At bottom: depending on the wind, the fern floats out and apart in lacy patterns across the whole surface, left, or clumps up thick in a crescent when blown together, right. These photos were taken about 30 minutes apart, just before and after the wind kicked up.



Photo by Maxine Ward



Final candidates for June 2026 election in Mendocino County

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Mendocino County Voter Registrar Katrinia Bartolomie has released the final list of candidates for the June 2, 2026 primary election.

Mendocino County's Third District (Willits, Laytonville, Covelo) has four candidates in the race to replace retiring Supervisor John Haschak. Candidates on the final list, as listed: Russell Green, small business owner; Buffey Wright Bourassa, program manager; Clay Romero, small business owner; and Eric Hart, non-profit/business advisor.

In the Fifth District (south coast, the Anderson Valley, and areas west of Ukiah), incumbent Supervisor Ted Williams is running for reelection, with two challengers: Kevin Evans, retired municipal government, and Todd Lyly, small business owner.

Read the rest of **Candidates**
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Skunk Train Railbike guides help rescue missing woman

Submitted by Mendocino Railway

March 20, 2026 – Following an incident on March 18, what began as just the second Railbikes on the Noyo departure this season quickly turned into a successful emergency response when Skunk Train Railbike guides encountered a woman who had been lost in the redwood forest for several days.

During a scheduled Railbike excursion departing from the railroad's Sherwood Road property, Railbike guides Xochitl Villa and Trevor Schieder were stopped at Camp Noyo for a lunch break with guests when they were approached by a woman in visible distress. The remote site, which remains closed to the public for the season, is typically unstaffed in the spring. It sits at mile post 16.4 on the California Western / Skunk Train's track.

According to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the woman was

Read the rest of **Rescue**
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SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape Bible Church
290 S. Lenore Ave.
Willits, CA 95490
Where love is first and the Bible is central.
Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship
Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Info? 707-459-1905
www.agapebiblechurch.com

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church
803 Coast Street
P.O. Box 489, Willits
Worship Service - 5:00 p.m.
Pastor Kris Strickland
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Church of Christ
"What must we do to be saved?"
Acts 2:37
1095 S. Main St., Willits
(next to Super 8)
(707) 459-5023

Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
265 Margie Drive
Willits, CA 95490
ALL ARE WELCOME
Sacrament Meeting
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom
• A University for Soul
• Spiritual Living Courses
• Spiritual Discussions
• ECK Light & Sound Services
More information?
Call 530-224-8703
www.eckankar.org

Grace Community Church
Celebrating Life In Christ
25 Hazel Street, Willits
Worship Service
10 a.m.
For appointments call:
(707) 459-3106

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
61 W. San Francisco Ave.
Willits, CA 95490
Father Aaron Bandanadam
Mass times:
Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.
Saturday-5:30 p.m.
Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English
10:30 a.m. - Spanish
Confessions on Saturday
4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
Or by appointment at
707-459-2252

https://santhonywillits.org/
santhonywillits@gmail.com
We welcome All Walks of Faith

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

St. John Lutheran Church
Sunday Service
10:00 a.m.
(707) 459-2988
24 Mill Creek Drive
Facebook.com/stjohnswillits
ALL ARE WELCOME

Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church
707-459-5714
Friendly, open worship
Saturdays
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
Zoom Transmission Available.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
399 W. Mendocino Ave.
All are welcome!

Willits United Methodist Church
Labyrinth and Peace Garden
A place to find comfort
where all are welcome
Pastor Jaime Rogers-Fairchild
Sunday Worship at 10:30 am
286 School St. (at Pine)
707-459-2855
wumc@outlook.com
www.willitsumc.org
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Thursday, March 26

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange for the freshest produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot and cold food from local businesses, along with crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. The market honors EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits to double your dollars. Pending Willits City Council approval, Willits Farmers Market will move back outside to City Park on April 2.

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: This week's is extra special as many of the questions were created by the brilliant 4th and 5th graders of Sherwood School! Come put your knowledge to the test on Thursday, March 26 starting at 6 pm.

Friday, March 27

Cookie Competition at Willits Charter School: Taste a variety of cookies at this Student Leadership fundraiser which will award 1st and 2nd place prizes for the categories of Prettiest, Most Unique, Best Tasting and Best Gluten-Free, on Friday, March 27 from 5 to 8 pm at Willits Charter School.

COOKIE COMPETITION!
Friday March 27th
5:00-8:00 pm
\$10 entry fee

Categories:
Prettiest
Most Unique
Best Tasting
Best gluten free

All funds raised goes to help for student leadership activities, field trips and educational materials.

Hosted by: Willits Charter School
1431 S. Main St., Willits, CA
www.willitscharter.org

Line Dance at Flourish and Flow: Rise and Thrive Empowerment presents the Wild Winter Line Dance Series, Friday, March 27 from 6 to 7 pm at Flourish & Flow, 1726 South Main Street, Ste B. Starts with a Beginner Review, then "Alligator Smile," "Glass of Wine," "Strummingbird," "11:59," "Do Si Dough," and Improver: "A Rattlesnake Kiss." Then, to the patio at the Munchery for a little boot scootin'.

'Mean Girls: The Musical' at WHS: Willits High School's presentation of this high-energy, comedic and heart-filled story based on the Paramount Pictures film and directed by Timothy Fischer will show for one weekend only, beginning Friday, March 27 at 7 pm and continuing Saturday, March 28 at 7 pm and Sunday, March 29 at 2 pm at the Allen J. Garcia Auditorium at Willits High School. Cost to attend is free though donations at the door are encouraged.

Blue Luke at Shanachie: Luke Andrews brings the soul of the blues, the groove of funk, and the grit of rock & roll on Friday, March 27 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Saturday, March 28

Battle of the Bands at the Grange: Come enjoy music by Surfsquatch, MendoFire, Tangled Ends, Friends Anonymous, Handful of Days, Post-Modern Prometheus, Splynter, Alchemic Transmutation, Weevilism and more and help choose the top band. Cash prizes; grand prize includes Russian River Studio recording time. Your applause helps decide the winner. Plus check out the local artisan vendors and enjoy food by Turtle Island Tacos on Saturday, March 28 from 12 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. \$15 all ages; tickets can be purchased in advance at Mazahar Boutique, 38 South Main Street.

Chili Cook-off Fundraiser at the Senior Center: Try various chili recipes and vote for your favorite, plus enjoy cornbread and root beer floats on Saturday, March 28 from 5 to 7 pm at the Willits Senior Center. There's a Judge's Choice award with

WILD WILLITS WINTER LINE DANCE SERIES
RISE AND THRIVE EMPOWERMENT PRESENTS
EXCLUSIVELY AT FLOURISH AND FLOW MENDO
6:00-7:00PM
MARCH 27, 2026
BEGINNER REVIEW
ALLIGATOR SMILE
GLASS OF WINE
STRUMMINGBIRD
11:59
DO SI DOUGH
IMPROVER:
A RATTLESNAKE KISS

official judges (won in 2025 by Little Lake Fire) and all event attendees are welcome to cast their votes for winners of the People's Choice (won in 2025 by Mendocino County Sheriffs Activity League) and Best Decorated Table (won in 2025 Trinity 3 Ranch). Tickets are \$15 with proceeds going to support the center.

BanjerDan Performs at WCT: Enjoy a lively and intimate performance by Dan Banzer, aka BanjerDan, who uses his banjo, guitar,

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026
12:00 PM - 6:30 PM
LITTLE LAKE GRANGE, 291 SCHOOL STREET, WILLITS, CA

mandolin and dobro to combine bluegrass, Americana and storytelling in an original and unexpected way on Saturday, March 28 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the door or online at wctperformingartscenter.org.

Sunday, March 29

'Mean Girls: The Musical' at WHS: Saturday, March 28 at 7 pm in the Allen J. Garcia Auditorium at Willits High School. More info see March 27 listing.

Warren Pash and Ezra Meredith at Shanachie: These veteran songwriters and musicians bring a unique, bluesy soul sound on Saturday, March 28 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub.

Photos with the Easter Bunny and his live, furry friends: Come by J.D. Redhouse on Sunday, March 29 from 12 to 3 pm and have your photo taken by Maureen Jennison, local photographer, with the Easter Bunny, and some live, furry bunny friends! Digital images are just \$5 per arrangement of people, and will be available to download online. As always, this event is a 50/50 fundraiser for the Soroptimist International of Willits. For questions or information: 707-972-7047 or maureengetsmail@gmail.com.

Palm Sunday Service at St Francis Church: Join us for a joyful procession with palm fronds, remembering Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, and end with a reading of the Passion story, followed by silence on Sunday, March 29 at 10 am at St. Francis in the Redwoods, corner of Commercial and Main Streets, Willits. All are welcome, wheelchair accessible.

'Mean Girls: The Musical' at WHS: Sunday, March 29 at 2 pm in the Allen J. Garcia Auditorium at Willits High School. More info see March 27 listing.

Brazilian Drum Class at Rec Grove Park: Join Julio Remelexo on Sunday, March 29 from 2:45 to 4:15 pm at Rec Grove Park, Willits. Cost is \$25, and extra drums will be provided.

Thursday, April 2

Willits Farmers Market: Pending Willits City Council approval, the market plans to move back to City Park starting on Sunday, March 29 from 2:45 to 4:15 pm at Rec Grove Park, Willits. Cost is \$25, and extra drums will be provided.

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.

Maundy Thursday Service at St Francis Church: All are welcome as we remember the last supper and Jesus's mandate to his disciples to love one another as he has loved them, on Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm at St Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Willits.



Willits Senior Center Easter Bake Sale
FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2026
8:30 AM - 1 PM
1501 BAECHTEL RD., WILLITS, CA 95490
All proceeds benefit the Willits Senior Center Programs and Services

Good Friday Service at St Francis Church: Join us for prayer, the reading of the Passion, and Holy Communion at noon, with the church remaining open for private prayer and meditation until 2 pm on Friday, April 3 at St Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Willits.

Create It, Make It, Break It STEM Activity at Library: This month is all about the magic of seeds with this week's activity "Seeds and Sizes" on Friday, April 3 from 3:30 to 5 pm at the library. Ages 9 to 14.

Saturday, April 4

Indoor Easter Egg Hunt at Willits Kids' Corner: Bring the kids for Easter fun to one of three sessions which will each feature an egg hunt, coloring station, raffle and photo opportunities with the Beagle Easter Dog on Saturday, April 4 with sessions from 10 am to noon, 1 to 3 pm and 4 to 6 pm at 90 South Main Street. Cost is \$10 per child (\$5 for WKC members), and space is limited so reserve your session by calling 707-615-5963 or visit willitskidscorner.com.

Easter Egg Hunt & Community Gathering at Mendo Redwoods RV: Join us for a day of family fun, starting with an Easter Egg Hunt which will be divided into three sections by age group, plus enjoy the hiking trails, Mini and Disc Golf and the animal sanctuary. This free event is from 10 am to 2 pm, with egg hunt starting at 10 am, on Saturday, April 4 at Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort, 1600 Highway 20, Willits.

Friday, April 3
Bake Sale Fundraiser at the Senior Center: Save yourself some time and pick up your Easter desserts at this bake sale to raise funds for the Senior Center on Friday, April 3 from 8:30 am to 1 pm at the Willits Senior Center.

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HOP, HUNT & PLAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 4th
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
WILLITS COMMUNITY LIBRARY
AGES 9-14 WELCOME

Learn More About Alcohol & Other Drug Harm Reduction: Street Drugs are Being Cut with Deadly Substances. Come Learn about Harm Reduction and get Free Narcan, Fentanyl & Xylazine Test Strips. Light Snacks provided. Ages 12+ are welcome. Willits Charter School, 1431 S. Main St., Thurs. April 2nd, 2026 5:30-6:30 pm. For Information Office: (707) 462-1934 Aurelie: (707) 489-1258

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Easter Vigil at St Francis Church: All are welcome to attend a short service of prayers at 10 am and the Easter Vigil at 6 pm which will include kindling a new fire to light the Paschal candle, readings, prayers, songs, Holy Communion and the first proclamation of Easter on Sunday, April 4 at St Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Willits.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunrise Service at the Cross on Sherwood Road: All are welcome at this community event of singing, prayer, and a Bible message followed by a hot breakfast at Bruce Burton's barn on Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 am. Bring a camp chair if you'd like to sit, and dress warmly. In the event of rain, service will be held in the barn. If you would like to volunteer to bring a dish to share, help as a parking attendant, or clean up after, please text Steve Thrift at 707-621-3865

Easter Service and Egg Hunt at St Francis Church: All are welcome to attend the service and joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children and a potluck feast on Sunday, April 5 at 10 at St Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Willits.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Hail Mary'

The Story: Science fiction disaster flick. Our sun aka "The Sun" is dimming. Ultra-massive swarms of light-devouring creatures (photon eaters!) have invaded our galaxy. This means less light, less heat, less photosynthesis ... less of everything. There is some hope that our world can be saved, but it's a small hope.

A special group of experts in multiple fields of study decide that a modest self-effacing middle-school science teacher named Ryland Grace (Ryan Gosling) should be sent on a spaceship to a distant star (I know, I know: All stars are distant!) to discover why that particular star, of all the visible stars in our Universe, is not "dimming"? What's the secret? What is protecting that star from these light-eating interstellar vermin?

And Then: A highly intelligent alien, who looks like it's a clump of boulders, makes contact with Ryland Grace. The alien's planet is being threatened, too! So, the alien (who has a name which I forget) and Ryland Grace team up to save both worlds and their inhabitants from the developing catastrophe!

My Thoughts: The protagonist is a middle-school science teacher; that's a great narrative touch. Ryan Gosling is so magnetic an actor, so emotional and so friendly, that I was completely captivated by his performance. For me, his presence made any of my questions or doubts about the situations and/or the storyline moot. Also, this movie was visually extraordinary. The scientific underpinnings of the narrative were respectable aka "not stupid"! I loved the flick.

Parents: This movie honors courage, doing one's duty, and persevering through setbacks. I'd estimate the flick would be for early teens and up. Young children might find the concepts and story line difficult.

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

TOWN-WIDE ONGOING EVENTS

Trivia Night at The Munchery: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 6 pm at The Munchery, 1797 South Main Street, Willits.

Trivia Night at Northspur Brewing Co: Put your knowledge to the test on the first and third Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm at Northspur Brewing Co., 101 North Main Street.

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 Theater. 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 Indivisible Democracy Vigil: Every Friday from 5 to 6 pm at Babcock Park on South Main Street. More info: "Willits Indivisible" 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: Literacy@willits@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, one of our locals 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.mendolib.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.

NORTH COAST COMEDY
FRIDAY - APRIL 10
BOORS OFFER AT 5:30 PM FOR CONCESSIONS AND DRINKS
COMEDY SHOW 7:30 PM-9:00 PM
HEADLINER MARC YAFFEE
FEATURING BECKY LYNN
THE HISTORIC NOYO THEATER
57 E COMMERCIAL ST. WILLITS

LOCAL FOOD SECURITY!
TOWN HALL MEETING #3
Our next steps -from ideas to actions
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 11-1 pm

FARMERS WE NEED YOU!
GENERATE FOOD SECURITY SOLUTIONS and TAKE ACTION!
ACTIVATE FOOD NETWORKS
small groups & action committees
we need more land for farming and backyard gardens
nutrition education
Come to be part of the solution - get involved locally - how to feed our community in these uncertain times!
FOOD BANK COLLECTION BIN on site
Thank you to Little Lake Grange for hosting and sponsoring

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5th GRADER, Willits?
Many questions created by Sherwood Schools 4th & 5th Graders!
ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER? COME FIND OUT!
THURSDAY MARCH 26
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
TRIVIA BEGINS AT 6 PM
THE MUNCHERY
1797 South Main St, Willits CA
707-941-0028

WILLITS FIRST FRIDAYS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES GAS MONEY 5/1/26
FREE SHOWS!
MAY 1 GAS MONEY
JUN 5 FARGO BROTHERS
AUG 7 AUDIO SOUL
SEP 4 LA ONDA
Thank you to our major sponsors!
METAL: Adventist Health, NOVO, Granite, MWD
ON COMMERCIAL ST
BETWEEN HUMBOLDT & MAIN ST | 6 - 9 PM

Willits Community Celebration Resurrection Day Sunrise Service
Everyone is invited! Invite your friends!
350 Sherwood Road 4-5-2026 6:30 a.m.
For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures
1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Food & Fellowship following the service at Bruce's Barn (in the event of rain, service will be held in the barn)

Brazilian Drum Class
Sunday, March 29th!
2:45-4:15pm \$25
@ Rec. Grove Park
w/ Julio Remelexo!

Flock Together Festival
2ND ANNUAL
APRIL 25 2026
CELEBRATE THE GRIT AND JOY OF RANCH WORK
Sheep shearing • Hands-on wool spinning • Grain threshing & milling
Equipment & Feline parade • Sheep dog demos • Mendocino sheep history • Seed cleaning • Fire department demonstrations
Sod breeder • All gallery • Floor arts circle • Farmer's Market
Ranch lunch • Live music • and more
Admission \$8 (Free for kids 10 & under) Ranch-to-Table lunch for purchase
Get a discount by purchasing tickets in advance
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At top, left: Students at the Willits Elementary Charter School play instruments donated by the late Emmy Good. Maverick Musgrave, on drums, is in second grade, and Dylan Duran, on ukulele, is in second grade. At top, right: Dylan Duran, left, in second grade, and Dennis Knight, right, in fifth grade, play the rhythm on three of Emmy Good's donated collection of drums. Above, left: Students Luna Lewis, left, in second grade, and Rosalie Peak, right, in first grade, enjoy some of the percussion shakers from around the world in Emmy Good's collection. Above, right: Damon Maddox-Vizant, left, in fourth grade, and Julius Thomson, right, in third grade, explore a basket of different types of hand-held instruments.

Photos by Jessica Clark

Emmy Good's instrument collection donated to WECS for student musicians

by Jessica Clark, for WECS

It is with a mixture of sadness and profound gratitude that the Willits Elementary Charter School community reflects on the life of Emmy Goode, a true treasure of our town. For generations, she was the very essence of what makes this place so unique.

For years, Emmy and her husband owned the beloved Goode's Stamp Shoppe – a place of magic for countless children. After closing that chapter, she poured her energy into a new tradition: the annual "Yart Sale" benefiting the Willits Art Center.

It was at that first Yart Sale that our paths crossed in

a meaningful way. I had just started as the After School Program Coordinator for WECS with no funding, often digging through recycling bins for project materials. When Emmy heard about our small program, she quietly offered me the chance to be an "early shopper." With only \$20 to my name, she simply said, "Take whatever you want." That moment of generosity became the foundation of our program, and many of those supplies are still in use today.

Emmy's kindness, however, had touched my family long before. She was a dear friend to my grandfather and aunt, hosting secret bridge games at her townhouse – a place we lovingly called "The Bridge House," run entirely on the honor system. As a teenager, I was mesmerized by her home, filled with treasures from her worldly travels. It was a space where every knickknack seemed to hold a story.

When Emmy passed, she did so in a way that was perfectly her – letting those close to her know she was ready. She approached the transition with such joy and ease that she gave us all permission to find our own peace with it.

In her passing, Ms. Rebecca and I were given an incredible honor: to become stewards of the instrument collection she gathered throughout her remarkable life. Emmy was an educator at heart, having taught the gifted program for many years. Her final instruction to us was clear: These instruments must be in the hands of students. Always.

We at Willits Elementary Charter School extend our deepest thanks to Emmy's daughter, Keena, for this deeply impactful blessing. We hold this responsibility close to our hearts and promise to honor Emmy's beautiful wish. Thanks to her generosity, her music – in so many forms – will play on.

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NO KINGS SATURDAY, MARCH 28

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Join Willits Indivisible for the **NO KINGS MARCH** Saturday, March 28 - 10 am to 1 pm

10 am: Instead of meeting at Babcock Park, we will gather north of the Highway 20 intersection and line both sides of Main Street all the way to Commercial.

11 am: We will walk peacefully to City Park for a celebration, including speakers, music and food.

A core principle behind all No Kings and Willits Indivisible events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values and to act lawfully at these events. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.

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

and for girls the weight classes range from 100lbs to 235lbs.

The WHS team celebrated an undefeated season to playoffs then league championships where the team walked away with multiple championship winners and traveled to their first Division 3 championships. At the division championships, both the boys' and girls' team had a champion, Donald Glenn and Bella Glenn. Along with this, the boys' team walked away with first place and the girls' team walked away with third place. The team also won multiple dual placings and highlighted many members of the team for their excellence and growth at various wrestling competitions and tournaments.

The meeting continued with board comments, starting with Trustee Paula Nunez, who shared congratulations to the wrestling team and noted a production of "Mean Girls" that would be happening at Willits High March 27, 28 and 29. She also used her time to raise concerns about positions that were eliminated during the February board meeting stating, "I'm really disappointed from the students that gave me a call, which is real unusual," expressing student concerns. For them to watch the board eliminate those positions: "I know it had a really big impact on them," she said. "I know that it had at least as big an impact in the community."

Board Trustee Jennifer Sookne shared her concerns, expressing worry about the lack of a translator at WUSD school sites. Sookne shared her knowledge on the impact due to the lack of an ability to translate from her time working for Child Protective Services saying: "We've got to work on having some people to translate for the kids and for their parents because that's just 'have to.' There's no if, ands, or buts." She also shared that she is continuing to aid the music club.

Board President Jeanne King congratulated the WHS wrestling team and their student champions and successes. King informed the public she continues to meet with Superintendent John Baker expressing, "Superintendent Baker does an exemplary job at communicating to the board on issues facing the district."

Willits Teachers Association President Brian Bowles followed board members, sharing, "Some of the things that were stated in the newspaper by Jeanne King, I wanted to discuss.... She mentioned that she voted against the WTA raise back in time at 25%. Actually, she abstained from that vote and didn't vote. But then when the CSTA vote and the administrative vote came the next month, she voted yes for those." He also said the WTA conducted a tremendous amount of research and documentation to align themselves with Ukiah wages and also researched for the California School Employees Association. To be equal with Ukiah, Bowles said, there would need to be more than a 25% raise but that he was unsure what happened in the negotiations. "Then the administrative and district office received the same 25%," he said.

President Bowles also explained the difference between a raise and a cost of living adjustment. He claimed to have never received a raise since starting his employment in Willits in 2005, stating what the WTA received was a cost-of-living increase previously not honored by WUSD. Bowles continued to talk about this year's projected numbers and ADA [average daily attendance], saying he could not in good faith negotiate for his WTA members "on a maybe."

Bowles stated the district goes over budget on various items. "I'm seeing a trend repeat where we take money and services away from students," he said, "and we create jobs that are the farthest away from the classroom. The liaison and the counselors are prime examples of that. You sat last time and listened – I think 100% of the audience actually said it was a bad idea."

Bowles also accused the board of manipulation since at the last meeting, the agenda faced a forced change by the board where they decided to cut three liaison positions prior to agreeing to a position to take their place. WTA President also brought attention the meeting's agenda being sent out the morning of the meeting instead of 72 hours before the meeting as expected. He closed expressing frustration with their decision-making sharing, "WTA did their due diligence. The district did not."

Superintendent Baker was next with his comments, sharing gratitude for the Reading Across America event hosted by WUSD sharing, "For a moment I just realized this is what we're doing this for." Baker also shared he would like to create a five-year plan to monitor where the school district is headed in the future. He also expresses that he is looking forward to negotiations with WTA as they continue to receive better numbers. Superintendent Baker also shared, "I also want to take a moment to recognize the work happening in our classrooms every single day, and I know we have teachers here. Teaching today is not easy.... It's a lot of work, so thank you."

Following these comments, the board heard comments from the public and voted on agenda items. Comments from the public touched on a variety of topics and were expansive. All items on the agenda were approved with no opposition, and the meeting concluded at 6:46 pm.

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

reported missing after becoming disoriented while hiking the Chamberlain Creek Waterfall Trail in Jackson State Forest several days prior. Railbike guides on site also confirmed she had gone without food or water during that time.

Railbike guides immediately provided assistance and initiated an emergency response using a Garmin satellite-based SOS communication device. Due to limited satellite visibility within the dense redwood canopy, communication required coordination between on-site guides and railroad personnel off-site to relay critical information to first responders. Through that coordination, local authorities were able to reach the location and safely assist the individual.

Authorities confirmed she was safely reunited with her vehicle following the response. Out of respect for her privacy, no identifying information is being released.

"This is exactly the kind of situation our team is trained for," said Efstathios Pappas, Skunk Train general manager. "Our guides are prepared, equipped, and ready to respond when something unexpected happens out on the line. We take seriously the responsibility of being good stewards to the land and the forest community. We're incredibly grateful we were there when we were and that she is now safe."

The Railbikes on the Noyo route travels through a remote stretch of Mendocino County, crossing multiple trestle bridges and passing historic stops along the Noyo River before arriving at Camp Noyo, where guests pause for a scheduled break. With limited access points and challenging terrain, areas like this can be difficult to navigate without support.

"As soon as she came up to us, we could tell she needed help right away," said Xochitl Villa, Skunk Train Railbike guide. "It's a remote stretch out there, and not somewhere you'd expect to run into help during this time of the season. We focused on keeping her calm, staying with her, and getting in touch with first responders as quickly as we could. We're just really thankful we were there when we were."

With Railbikes on the Noyo currently operating on a set schedule of Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the timing of the encounter was especially fortunate.

"Across the board our staff are second to none; they're highly skilled in railroad safety operations as well as First Aid, CPR, and possess other critical wilderness lifesaving skills," said Robert Jason Pinoli, president and CEO of Mendocino Railway. "This isn't the first instance that the railroad staff and corridor have been called upon, and I am pleased that Xochitl, Trevor, and our depot operations staff were able to coordinate all of this so that the missing individual could be safely assisted."

Editor's Note: the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office press release identified the missing woman as a 71-year-old female from Upper Lake, CA who had been lost in the woods for approximately three days. She did not require any emergency medical care. MCSO also thanked the Skunk Train railbike guides for their assistance in locating and rescuing the missing person.

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

Suspecting fraudulent activity, the individual terminated the call prior to providing any payment and reported the incident to the Sheriff's Office.

Subsequent investigation confirmed that the family member was in custody at the Mendocino County Jail; however, the arrest was for an unrelated matter and not connected to a DUI charge. It is believed the suspect may have obtained publicly available information from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office online booking log and used it to misrepresent the circumstances in an attempt to defraud the victim.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to emphasize that it does not employ a deputy by the name of "Deputy Green," nor do Sheriff's Office personnel solicit payments from members of the public via telephone for inmate release or related services.

Members of the public who receive similar calls are strongly advised not to provide payment or personal information and to report the incident to their local law enforcement agency.

The rest of **Staffing** | From page 2

due to the lack of seasonal staff.

Please answer the following questions about the Forest Service's plans to hire seasonal employees for 2026, specifically:

- How many seasonal employees in each sector of the USFS, such as recreation or trail management, will be hired by June 1, 2026?
- Do you plan to distribute the seasonal employees in a geographically equitable manner? Will forests or regions with the highest need for seasonal employees and additional staff be prioritized?
- How many seasonal firefighters does USFS plan to hire for the 2026 season? How does USFS plan to ensure its wildland firefighting workforce is adequately staffed and supplied with the necessary equipment to address the upcoming fire season?
- Will USFS conduct outreach to inform potential applicants that the USFS will be hiring seasonals for this summer, given the hiring freeze last year?

Our national forests are some of our most treasured public lands, and it is absolutely crucial that we maintain and protect them for every American and for generations to come. We appreciate your agency's commitment to hiring seasonal employees for 2026 and look forward to your prompt response.



CLASSIFIEDS

Brookside TK/ Kindergarten Registration

Brookside Elementary TK/Kindergarten registration is now open. To register go to www.willitsunified.com. Kindergarten: age 5 by Sept. 1, 2026; TK: age 4 by Sept. 1, 2026. Ya está abierta la inscripción para el programa de TK/ Kinder de la Escuela Primaria Brookside. Para inscribirse, visite www.willitsunified.com. Kinder: 5 años antes del 1 de septiembre de 2026. TK: 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre de 2026.

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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 ID. Info: (707) 459-3333

Indoor Yard Sale

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

RV/Trailer Space for Rent

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

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Spiritual Wisdom on Solving Life's Problems

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The rest of **USDA** | From page 2

timber harvesting. Through the announcement made today, the Trump Administration is strengthening local businesses, driving rural prosperity, and supporting 485 jobs for hardworking Americans."

"After years of severe wildfire impacts across the golden state, California is grateful to receive the largest Timber Production and Expansion program investment in the nation," said California State Director Bryan Anguiano. "This funding reflects the Trump Administration's commitment to protecting our state from wildfire risks, while strengthening domestic timber industries that create jobs and keep our forests clean."

This week's announcement assists with projects in the states of California, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The following is a selection of California projects that are receiving TPEP funding:

- \$25M Loan to Blue Mountain Electric Company, LLC in California to support the construction and operation of a 3-megawatt gasification plant in Wisleyville, California (Calaveras County). The facility will convert forestry biomass waste into synthetic natural gas through thermochemical conversion. USDA awarded \$25M in financing of the estimated \$42.2 million project cost, with USDA's investment going towards construction of the plant and working capital for operating expenses.
- \$18.5M Loan to Alpenglow Timber LLC, in California to establish a new sawmill. USDA's investment will fund facility construction and equipment to expand timber processing capacity in high-priority forest restoration areas and support the removal of excess vegetative material from federal lands, reducing wildfire risk and improving forest health. Alpenglow Timber LLC holds U.S. Forest Service contracts to remove wildfire-damaged timber, further supporting regional. The project is expected to create new jobs in a community with a 4.7% unemployment rate, strengthening the local economy and supporting long-term stability.
- \$17.75M to Sierra Forest Products Holdings, Inc to expand and modernize, improve operational efficiency, and increase timber processing capacity. Sierra Forest Products holds contracts with the U.S. Forest Service to cut and remove timber from high-priority areas, supporting cleanup and recovery in regions impacted by wildfires. The project aligns with the goals of the Timber Production Expansion Program by enhancing sawmill capabilities and facilitating the removal of excess vegetative material from federal lands in areas designated as high or very high priority for restoration.



BanjerDan performs on banjo, mandolin and dobro at Willits Community Theatre on March 28

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

Bringing his banjo, guitar, mandolin, and dobro, master musician Dan Mazer, a.k.a. BanjerDan, performs at the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, March 28 at 7 pm. With jaw-dropping musicianship on the stringed instruments and a trademark loquacious manner, the Santa Cruz-based BanjerDan offers up an intimate evening of straight-ahead bluegrass, along with folk, oldies, country tunes, and some original songs.

BanjerDan started playing Scruggs-style banjo as a teenager in 1974 and went on to hone his craft during the Washington D.C. area's heyday as "the Bluegrass Capital of the World." He says of the banjo's importance in his early development: "The banjo was there at a moment in my life as a teenager when I needed direction." His younger brother got a banjo as a birthday present during the "Dueling Banjos" phase in 1973, and Dan became interested soon after. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Music Theory from George Washington University.

Dan's primary instrument is the 5-string banjo, while he also employs considerable agility on guitar, mandolin, and dobro. BanjerDan has performed as a solo artist, and in theatrical productions and with symphony orchestras. He's appeared at notable venues from Opryland, USA, the Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, the High Sierra Music Festival, the National Cherry Blossom Festival, and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

BanjerDan's one-time show at the WCT playhouse is not to be missed, with tickets \$25 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door until sold out.

Furry Friends hoping for a Home



Silly Sandwich

Sandwich is a happy, energetic boy looking for a home with lots of fun, love, and plenty of stimulation. He is a big, sweet, goofy boy who thinks he is a small breed sometimes – a want-

to-be lap dog. At the end of the day, he is a lazy goofball and loves to be around humans. Sandwich loves to go for walks and hikes, and he LOVES water! He is a sweetheart looking for his forever, fun-filled home.

Sandwich is dog-friendly and does well with other boy dogs at Milo Sanctuary, but he yearns for more people time.

To learn more about Sandwich, 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.

Affectionate Dutch

Dutch is a 1 year old male Rottweiler mix who already lives up to his "gentle giant" nickname at 104 pounds of pure sweetness. Despite his size, he's wonderfully easy to handle – he walks beautifully on leash and already knows how to sit like a perfect gentleman.



Sweet Senba

Senba is cuddle-bug extraordinaire. When you get settled in on the couch or bed, he will be there next to your feet. He also LOVES his feline friends and makes



all the purrs and biscuits when they decide to settle in. This spunky little kid is always up for fun too!

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

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The rest of Candidates | From page 1

County elections, and city elections in years we have them, are officially "non-partisan" – so there is no local primary within a political party in June, and candidates do not file as a registered candidate for any party.

Other non-partisan elections on the ballot in June 2026 are four uncontested county offices: Assessor-Clerk Recorder, Auditor-Controller, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and County Superintendent of Schools. Assessor-Clerk Recorder Bartolome is retiring, and Tanya Mounts, assistant assessor, is running to take her place.

Current Assistant Auditor-Controller Megan Hunter is running unopposed for the newly reestablished as a separate county office of Auditor-Controller.

Current Auditor Controller / Treasurer Tax Collector Chamise Cubbison is running uncontested for Treasurer-Tax Collector, also now back to a separate county department.

Incumbent Superintendent of Schools Nicole Glentzer is running for reelection unopposed.

There are two Mendocino County Supervisor Court judicial elections in June: for Room #2 and Room #3. Running unopposed for Superior Court Judge, Room #2, is appointed incumbent FredRiccio McCurry. Incumbent Superior Court Judge, Room #3, Patrick Pekin is being challenged by Colby Friend, lawyer/coach/parent.

The final county list notes that the primary elections in Mendocino County for District Attorney and for Sheriff have been moved to March 2028.

Also on the June 2026 ballot for voters of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District, is "Measure A - the Mendocino County Career Training / Affordable Education Measure." This measure is: "To repair classrooms/ labs, leaky roofs, electrical; maintain clean drinking water, remove mold, asbestos, lead paint; to train students for careers in trades, construction, wildland firefighting, healthcare/ nursing/ EMT; construct, acquire, repair facilities/ sites/ equipment; shall Mendocino Lake Community College District's measure authorizing \$98,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$24 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (\$6,100,000 annually, while bonds are outstanding) with public spending disclosure, oversight, audits, no state takeaways?"

The Mendocino-Lake Community College District includes residents of Anderson Valley, Laytonville, Potter Valley, Round Valley, Ukiah, and Willits Unified School Districts, and the Lake County Districts of Upper Lake, Kelseyville, and Lakeport.

Mendocino County voters will also be voting for the county's Congressional representative in newly redrawn districts approved for use in the 2026 elections. Most of inland Mendocino County, including 98.7 percent of the Willits zip code, Ukiah and Covelo is in the new Congressional District 1, which extends east to the Nevada border.

Laytonville is partly in the new Congressional District 1 and partly in the new Congressional District 2, which includes the top of the state from west to east, along with a narrow strip of the coast down to Mill Valley.

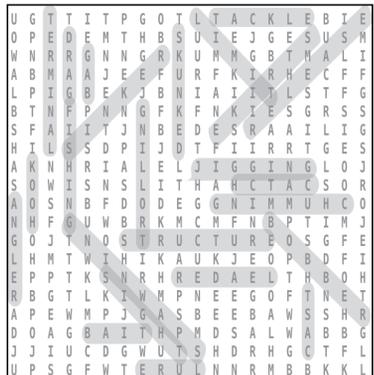
U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman will be running for reelection in Congressional District 2, with four challengers, two from Marin County and two from Shasta County.

The election in Congressional District 1 was complicated by the death of incumbent U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa in January this year. The local list of candidates for Congressional District 1 who have filed in Mendocino County includes state Sen. Mike McGuire, Audrey Denney, educator/nonprofit consultant from Butte County, and Assemblyman James Gallagher, farmer, from Sutter County.

Here's a good site with accurate look-up information about the new-for-now Congressional districts: <https://sdmg.senate.ca.gov/committeehome/2025-congressional-districts>

Mendocino County's representative in the California Assembly, Chris Rogers, District 2, will be running for reelection. The state draft candidate list includes a challenger, Michael Greer, a retired teacher from Crescent City, but he has not filed to run in Mendocino County.

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



LEGAL NOTICES

WW601

NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and Provisions of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding online at storageauctions.com starting April 6th @ 8 AM ending April 14th @ 8PM the following said property stored at Cougars Closet II Mini Storage 317 Robert Drive Willits, CA 95490 County of Mendocino State of California.

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Publication Dates: March 26 and April 2 2026

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WW593

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0090

The following person or persons are doing business as Lovebar, 15851 Ridgeview Rd., Willits, CA 95490; 707-841-1897.

Registered owner: Christine Kosmides, 15851 Ridgeview Rd., Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on February 26, 2026.

/s/ Christine Kosmides
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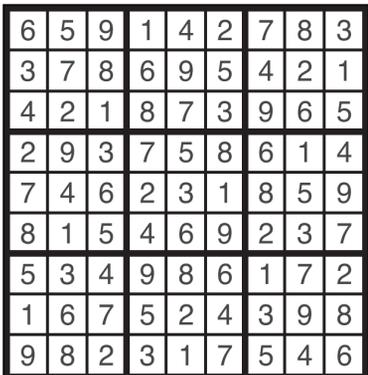
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LEGAL NOTICES

WW600

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BARBARA JEAN DECAILLET

CASE NO. 26PR00474

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both BARBARA JEAN DECAILLET

A Petition for Probate has been filed by AARON DECAILLET in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that AARON DECAILLET 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: April 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 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.

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Publication Dates: March 26, April 2, and April 9, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

WW599

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0115

The following person or persons are doing business as Willits Animal Hospital, 20000 Hollands Lane, Willits, CA 95490; 707-459-6723.

Registered owner: Fred S. Jacobs Trustee, 19612 South Main St., Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a trust.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 1, 1998.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on March 12, 2026.

/s/ Fred S. Jacobs
Publication Dates: March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2026

WW598

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0094

The following person or persons are doing business as Multitalents, 1981 East Hill Rd., Willits, CA 95490; mailing address: 280 E. Commercial St., #310, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Tim Rice, 1981 East Hill Rd., Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1990 ?.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on March 2, 2026.

/s/ Tim Rice
Publication Dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

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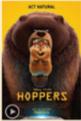
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