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## Seasonal firefighters back in town

Posted by CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit is excited to announce that 176 of our seasonal men and women are back in town, marking the start of peak preparedness season.

This is an excellent opportunity for families to review their emergency plans and evacuation routes, ensuring everyone knows what to do in case of a wildfire. Preparing go bags with essential items is crucial for safety.

For more information, please visit [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org)

## Willits man arrested for trying to meet with girl he thought 14

By Sgt. J. Logan, for MCSO

On March 20, 2026, at approximately 1:23 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to contact an adult male who lived in Pennsylvania. The reporting party had information pertaining to possible lewd acts with a child that were occurring in Brooktrails, California. Based on the nature of the alleged acts, Sheriff's deputies and detectives with the Sheriff's Office conducted a joint investigation into the incident.

The caller advised he was in the early stages of starting a non-profit organization to protect children, and he wanted to share information with law enforcement. The caller advised he created a fake online profile depicting a 14-year-old female juvenile named, "Rosie."

On March 19, 2026, the caller from Pennsylvania was posing as the juvenile "Rosie" and was "Friended" on a website by an adult male from Brooktrails. The adult male subject was identified as Christopher Sironi (38-year-old male from Willits). The reporting party from Pennsylvania and Sironi started communicating over the internet, at which time Sironi acknowledged the person he was communicating with was a 14-year-old female juvenile.

During their conversation, Sironi sent a photograph of himself, which confirmed Sironi's identity through previous law enforcement contacts and online public sources.

Throughout Sironi

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Above: Herbs that are ready-to-be enjoyed now include: Heavily scented oregano; both the stems and flowers of chives can be enjoyed in meals; and of course, rosemary which also blooms small white flowers. Below: Another benefit of growing herbs is that they seed quickly and everywhere, making additional volunteer herb gardens all around, including new starts of parsley, left, and oregano, right.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

## Happy Herbs

Herbs are wonderfully easy to grow, and many come back year after year, arriving fast and lasting all season long. They're divine to have fresh for cooking, or can be cut and dried for year-long flavor. I'm extra interested in low-maintenance, high-reward gardening these days, and it's been a delight to have herbs already ready and waiting in the garden! Try a little herb box in your garden, porch or on your windowsill. Deer tend to leave rosemary alone, and the bees enjoy all the blooms! The more you cut and trim, the more prolific the plants become, so use them and enjoy!

At left: Creeping thyme and parsley enjoy the spring sun. Below, from left: Sage flowers burst purple from the dusty green stalks. Making sure to make Simon and Garfunkel proud, parsley rounds out my "Scarborough Fair" assortment of herbs, and looks beautiful in leaf or buds – just don't confuse it with cilantro! Bleck!



## Record hot, dry March wipes out Sierra Nevada snowpack

Posted by DWR

Sacramento – The Department of Water Resources on April 1 conducted the critical April snow survey at Phillips Station and found no measurable snow, a stark indicator of how record hot March temperatures and high elevation rain have erased the Sierra Nevada snowpack months ahead of schedule.

The combination of warm storms and unusually hot temperatures rapidly melted what remained of this year's already sparse snowpack. Statewide, the snowpack is now just 18 percent of average for this date, according to the automated snow sensor network.

Today's results are the second lowest April measurement on record in the Sierra for Phillips Station, largely because there was still some visible – if not measurable – snow on the ground. By contrast, the lowest April reading

Read the rest of **Snowpack** Over on Page 9

## CAL FIRE announces burn in South Covelo

Posted by CAL FIRE MEU

Mendocino County – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit, will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn in South Covelo. This prescribed burn will treat approximately 1,000 acres of chaparral and understory vegetation within oak woodlands and mixed conifer habitats, creating a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned habitat.

The South Covelo project is in the northeastern portion of Mendocino County, east of Highway 101, and south of the town of Covelo.

Burning will begin on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, and continue intermittently as favorable weather conditions present themselves, but end no later than Thursday, April 30, 2026. Burning will start at approximately 8 am and conclude at approximately 3 pm daily.

This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and

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Photo by Maureen Jennison

Above, from left: Soroptimist International of Willits members, including from left: Marie Maddux, Marilyn Harden, Kitty Norris, Heidi Ahders and Vicki Ham, pose with copies of the new 2026 Willits Community Telephone Directory out on the streets on April 9, 2026. Digital copies of the book are also available online at [www.WillitsWeekly.com](http://www.WillitsWeekly.com) under the "Special Sections" tab.

## Soroptimist International of Willits releases 54th annual Community Telephone Directory

The annual local phone book, created by the Willits Soroptimist International of Willits, is making its 2026 debut on April 9, being distributed in this week's Willits Weekly, as well as to many local businesses around town.

The phone book lists residential and commercial numbers, and, since it's created by the non-profit, cell phones, addresses, websites and emails are all also able to be listed as contact methods. However, also since it is

created by the non-profit, they rely on the community to make adjustments, add new numbers, or remove old or obsolete numbers.

If you notice something that needs changing, please contact the SIW at [willitsphonebook@gmail.com](mailto:willitsphonebook@gmail.com).

"Community members often tell me how much they appreciate our continuance of the community phone book,"

Read the rest of **Directory** Over on Page 11

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## America's Favorite Student

To the Editor:

I am reaching out as a long-time reader of Willits Weekly to bring to your attention the talent of a local Willits Charter Elementary student named Drúzahna Nielson, who has been nominated for America's Favorite Student, featuring a grand prize of an appearance in Reader's Digest, touring the Planetary Society with Bill Nye, and receiving a \$20,000 cash prize. Information regarding her candidacy can be found at the following link: <https://americasfavstudent.org/2026/dr-zahna> and information about the contest itself can be found here: <https://americasfavstudent.org/>

I would be very appreciative for votes from our incredible community in supporting this aspiring young scientist's dreams! The deadline to vote is 7 pm on April 9. If selected to advance, voting will continue until at least April 16 at 7 pm.

Heath Birilli, ACSW/MSW, Willits

## Thank you, beloved Willits

To the Editor:

Mendocino Producers Guild / Tommy G Presents "First Annual Willits Battle of the Bands - Enter the Rocktagon!" at the Little Lake Grange on March 28 was a fun, huge success! We had a great crowd and awesome original local music.

The bands were Tangled Ends, Splynter, Weevilium, Surfquatch, Alchemic Transmutation, Friends Anonymous, MendoFire, Seed707, and Lupine Driver. The champs were Friends Anonymous; placing a very close second was Tangled Ends and third went to MendoFire. All three bands had a brilliant showcase

set at the end.

The crowd was robust, and about a third were local youth who moshed it up for their homies on stage. We had wizards, too! Our celebrity judges-Scott Jackish, Cherie Sheraque, Robin Suzanne, Amanda Joy, and Jeff Martin-did a great job with the difficult task of scoring and picking the winners. Our heartfelt thanks to all who participated!

I'd like to give special props to the Traci Pellar, Mendocino Producers Guild and Tommy G Presents co-producers, Andre Puccio and Kelly Viss. Andre set and ran a super smooth stage and put on a sweet light and fog show giving these players a rockstar experience. Kelly, as always, was a brainstorming force leading up to the event and as vending coordinator, brought in beautiful local art.

Turtle Island Tacos did what they do best and fed us all great food. Katy O'Rear poured soft kombucha and craft root beer courtesy of Shanachie Pub. Thank you, Pete! Grant's Cookies provided the sweet tooth. Mendocheeto, local artist Shane Grogg, made us killer poster art and stickers. Thanks to our security team Gabe and Costello for their expert presence and to Jennifer and Renee for holding down the box office. And to all of our volunteers, we love you!

Most of all, we want to thank Erica, Liam, Alex, Remedy, RJ and the two Mikes of the Little Lake Grange and KLLG Radio for hosting us. We hope we brought attention to your mission and hope you will have us back again. Thanks Willits and Mendo-at-large for coming to have fun with us! See you again soon!

Tom Girdauskas, Mendocino Producers Guild / Tommy G Presents

## Public is invited to join Spirit Runners in Jackson Forest, April 12

Submitted by Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters and Coalition to Save Jackson Demonstration State Forest

The Coalition to Save Jackson Demonstration State Forest invites the public to attend the run by the "AIM 500 Mile Spirit Runners" in Jackson Forest on Sunday, April 12, from 10 am to 3 pm to support local Tribes in their efforts to protect and preserve the critters, trees and waters in this forest, which has been their ancestral territory for thousands of years.

The event will begin with people gathering at Camp One, about 6 miles each of Fort Bragg, at 10 am, with the run commencing at 10:30, and is intended to connect the ancestors and the trees with the prayers of these runners and to re-energize the Movement with these prayers. This is a prayer run, not a protest. The trail includes steep areas and will take place in stages. Runners from the public are invited to join as appropriate to their abilities, in harmony with the Spirit Runners. The gathering will be addressed by speakers while waiting to receive the Runners on their return.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special day in the forest, surrounded by beautiful redwoods. Camp One in JDSF has a lovely creek running through it, where kids can play. It really soothes the spirit just to be there. See you on Sunday, April 12.

For more information, including directions and parking details, contact Polly Girvin at 707 485-2604 or email [pollygirvin@gmail.com](mailto:pollygirvin@gmail.com)

## County releases Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan for public review and comment

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

The County of Mendocino is inviting residents, businesses, and community stakeholders to review and provide feedback on the draft Mendocino County Hazard Mitigation Plan, a comprehensive strategy designed to reduce the risks and impacts of natural disasters across the county.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies vulnerabilities to hazards such as wildfires, floods, drought, earthquakes, tsunamis, and severe weather events, and outlines actions to enhance community resilience, protect lives and property, and reduce long-term recovery costs.

This plan covers the entire county, including the unincorporated communities of Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, and Willits. It also includes some special districts, including the Covelo Fire Protection District, the Mendocino County Office of Education, the Noyo Harbor District, and the Redwood Coast Fire Protection District.

The public review period will be open April 6 to April 20, 2026. The survey to collect responses, which includes links to the updated mitigation plan, can be accessed at the following website: <https://bit.ly/MendoHMP-PublicComment>

About the Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated periodically in accordance with federal requirements under the Federal Emergency Management Agency. An approved plan allows the county and participating jurisdictions to remain eligible for certain types of federal disaster assistance and mitigation funding. The plan represents a collaborative effort involving county departments, local agencies, tribal partners, and community stakeholders.

## Senior Center menu for the week

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

Thursday, April 9: Chili Relleno Casserole

Friday, April 10: Ham Dinner w/ Sides

Sunday, April 12: Pancake Breakfast

Monday, April 13: Chef Salad

Tuesday, April 14: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes

Wednesday, April 15: Sloppy Joe Sandwich

Thursday, April 16: Corned Beef Hash

Friday, April 17: Baked Chicken w/ Sides

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

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

Pancake Breakfast: 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. Breakfast includes coffee, orange juice or milk. Adults \$13; Senior Center members \$12; Children 8 and under \$8. Proceeds benefit Nutritional, Transportation, and Outreach services for Willits seniors.

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

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826.



Above, from left: Willits Parks and Facility Foreman Nigel Swinney throws out the first pitch to Grayson Mann. The Mud Cats mug for the camera while waiting for the ceremony to finish. The snack bar is popular among the kids as well as the parents, serving traditional snacks and lunch foods. At left: After reciting the Little League Pledge, the teams respectfully listen to the national anthem. Below: The kids take the opportunity to get close to the Reach helicopter that landed on the soccer field. At bottom: Some of the young umpires are recognized during the ceremony.

Photos by Mathew Caine

# Opening Day

Willits Redwood Little League begins season with ceremony and games

With a crowd of eager parents watching, the fog lifted just in time for the opening ceremony of the 2026 Willits Redwood Little League season. The sound of "Play ball!" was spoken into the microphone as Willits Parks and Facility Foreman Nigel Swinney threw out the ceremonial first pitch to Grayson Mann of the Pirates and the season had begun.

Prior to the pitch, Willits Little League President Andrew Hosford announced the teams in order, from the oldest hard-ballers to the youngest T-ball players. For softball, we have a junior team, a major team, and two minor teams.

In most years, there is a search for willing parents to take on the responsibility and become coaches. "This year, for the first time ever, we didn't have to beg for coaches," said Hosford. "We had plenty of volunteers. We have a lot more youth umpires this year. If they know how to umpire, then they ultimately end up being

"This is the opening day of baseball," explained Hosford. "The softball and interleague kids have been playing, but this is when the rest of the kids will start playing. There are about 25 teams, 25 head coach volunteers, 25 assistant coaches. We're ready to go. There's a lot of work that goes into getting the season started. Once the

game play starts and all the kids are smiling and everyone is outside, it makes it all worth it." Indeed, there were a few hundred smiles from the parents and players, all of them eager to begin the season, with all teams scheduled to play this Saturday.

The league is divided into various age levels, with a division for hard and soft ball. "We have T-ball, which is 4 to 6, some 3-year-olds, coach pitch, which is 6 to 8," continued Hosford. "Then we have the minors, 8 to 10; majors, 10 to 12; 50/70, which is intermediate, 13-year-olds; juniors, 14 and 15-year-olds. We have baseball and we have softball. For softball, we have a junior team, a major team, and two minor teams."

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

Andrew Hosford, president of Willits Redwood Little League for the last six years, stands in the early morning foggy air on opening day. At right: Coach Enrique of the Astros and his daughter, Gianna, are confident of the team's success this season.



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Northbrook Way	0.00	0.01	0.53	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.56	48.42
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.00	0.01	0.80	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88	49.85
Valley Rd	0.00	0.01	0.47	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.57	34.74
Canyon Rd	0.00	0.01	0.40	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	38.64
Pine Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	44.58
South Main @ East Oak	0.00	0.01	0.75	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.78	47.96
<b>average</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>44.03</b>

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Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. Deadline is end of day Monday for each Thursday edition. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.

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## Willits Rain Box

After 27 days without any measurable precipitation, 0.01" graced the Little Lake Valley on March 31. This brought the total March 2026 accumulation to a mere 0.05", exceptionally low compared to an average of 10.45" in March 2024 and 2025. The total rainfall received between October 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026 came in at 43.48 inches, which is approximately 15 to 20" less than the same period the each of the last 2 years.

April started off with an average 0.55" accumulation, with April 1 marking the wettest day since February 24. The outlook for April rainfall is not too promising, as recent years have seen an average of just 2" of precipitation during the month.

- Tim Hanna, Willits Rain Box

Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor. Please email us: [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com)

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## Thursday, April 9

**Willits Farmers Market:** with the threat of rain, Farmers Market will stay in the Grange this week. Join your neighbors Thursday, April 9 from 3 to 5:30 pm 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.

**Book Club at the Library:** Come be a part of a welcoming community centered around the love of reading every 2nd Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm, Thursday, April 9 this month, at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. This club welcomes readers 18 and over to discuss notable books. Titles will be chosen during the meetings.

## Friday, April 10

**Sing Along Glow Pilates at Flourish & Flow:** Join us Friday, April 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, for an evening of movement, music, games with prizes, taste testing, and healthy snacks. It's the perfect chance to bring friends, meet new people, and celebrate our studio community together! Flourish & Flow Studio, 1726 South Main Street, Suite B.

**'Comedy for a Cause-Sober Grad Edition' at Noyo Theater:** 5th annual fundraiser will benefit Willits High School's Sober Graduation with headliner Marc Yaffee, co-star of the historic Showtime special, "Goin' Native" and featuring Becky Lynn, a fixture in the Northern California comedy scene. Plus, the comic stylings of Jacob Blaese, Mendocino County's own singer/songwriter Neveah Travis, and hosted by "The Bern Man" Jake Bernie. Doors open at 6 pm on Friday, April 10 at the Noyo Theater. Tickets are \$30; reserve at Eventbrite.com or Allevents.in/willits

**WCA Art Talk on Winslow Homer:** Willits Center for the Arts April Art Talk is on Winslow Homer (1836 to 1910) "one of the greatest painters of the 19th century." Friday, April 10 at 6:30 pm at WCA, 71 East Commercial St. More info: www.willitscenterforthearts.com

**Towse at Shanachie Pub:** Friday, April 10 at 8 pm. This London based duo with violin, piano and two voices plays feelings-forward-folk-pop with a sense of humor and theatrical energy. 50 South Main Street.

## Saturday, April 11

**Brooktrails Township Budget Workshop and Open House:** Join us Saturday, April 11 for the annual Budget Workshop at 9:30 am in the Brooktrails Community Center. Following the workshop is an Open House event from 11 am to 1 pm at 24895 Birch Street, right across the street from the community center and golf course. Come and enjoy refreshments with us in the new district Brooktrails Township office!

**Forest Health Extravaganza III at Harwood Park:** Eel River Recovery Projects presents, Saturday, April 11 from 10 am to 7 pm at Harwood Park in Laytonville. Author Kate Marianchild ("Secrets of the Oak Woodlands") will keynote; Brock Dolman of Fuels to Flow is on tap. Native grass breakfast afternoon at Garden Club. Wild pig BBQed on manzanita for dinner. Food all day, doors open at 9 am. No charge for admission. Call 707 223-7200 for more info or to volunteer.

**Food Security Town Hall Meeting #3:** "Our next steps - from ideas to actions," Saturday, April 11 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Farmers, we need you! We need more land for farming and backyard

gardens.... Come to be part of the solution - how to feed our community in these uncertain times." Food Bank collection bin on site.

**Celebrating Young Poets at WCT:** Starlight Poetry series features Mendocino County Poet Anika Snyder, "is a vibrant 25-year-old whose poetry takes inspiration from famed humorists like Dorothy Parker, Kurt Vonnegut, and Joseph Heller," along with several Willits High School students at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, Saturday, April 11 at 7 pm. Open mic follows. Entry by donation; no one turned away for lack of funds.

## Wednesday, April 15

**Willits Stamp Club:** Monthly meeting at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Wednesday, April 15 from 5 to 6 pm. Bring your collection, and enjoy an evening perusing stamps. Refreshments provided. More info: talsofam@pacific.net.

## Thursday, April 16

**Willits Farmers Market:** Join your neighbors at City Park for the summer Farmers Market. Thursday, April 16 from 3 to 5:30 pm 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.

## Saturday, April 18

**Mike McGuire Town Hall at the Noyo Theater:** Meet Mike McGuire, candidate for the new 1st Congressional District that includes Willits. Saturday, April 18, at the Noyo Theater, 57 East Commercial Street, starting with coffee and baked goods at 9:30 am; town hall gathering starts at 10 am. More info at https://www.votemikemcguire.com/.

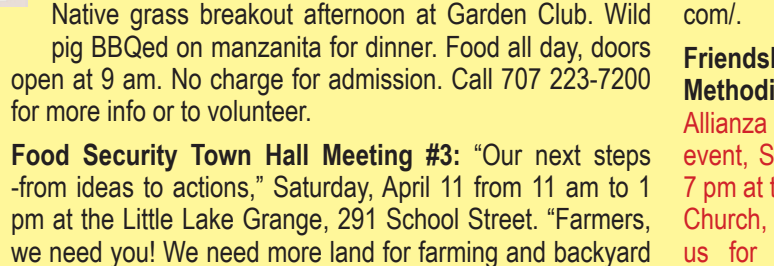
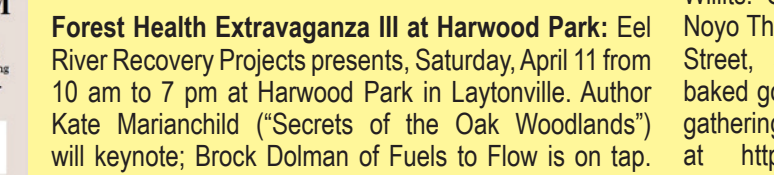
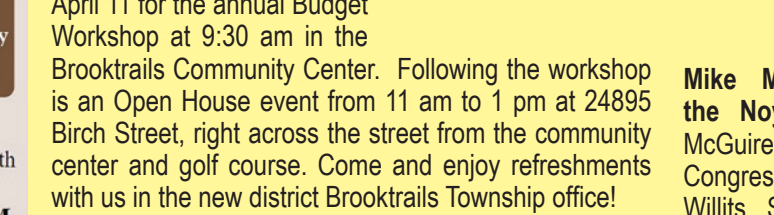
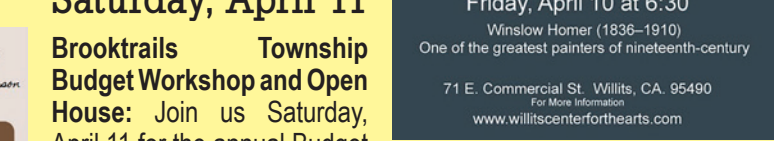
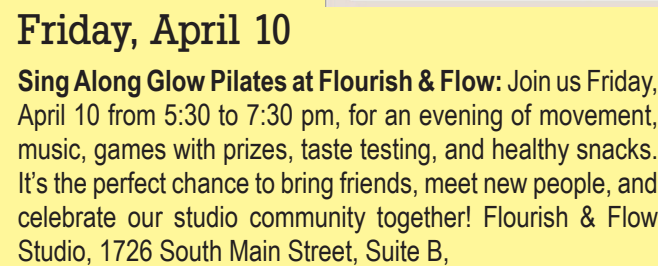
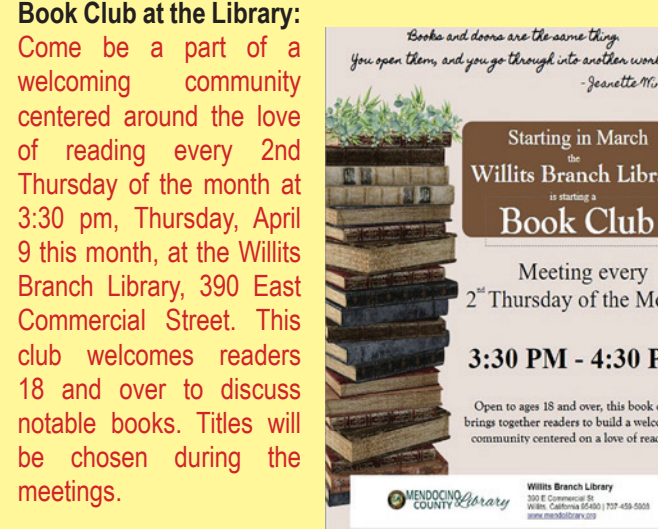
**Friendship & Flavor at the Methodist Church:** Nuestra Alianza de Willits presents this event, Saturday April 18 from 4 to 7 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. "Join us for an evening of Mexican

food, music, and other activities (photo booth, raffle, auction, and vendor tables)." \$5 to \$25 donation per person.

**1990s Adult Prom:** Willits Women in Business are hosting an Adult Prom at the Willits Community Center, Saturday, April 18 from 7 to 11 pm. Back to the '90s! Nostalgia, dancing, drinks, and fun. 18+ years are welcome! \$39 tickets - purchase online or in-person at Willits Power, Monkey Wrench or Humm MedSpa. A portion of proceeds will fund a scholarship for a local high school senior. More info: https://willitswomeninbusiness.com/

## Sunday, April 19

**Candidates Forum for 3rd District Supervisor:** Sunday, April 19 from 4 to 6 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Four candidates, Buffy Wright Bourassa, Russell Green, Eric Hart, and Clay Romero, plan to attend the forum, to present their platforms and answer prepared questions and questions from the audience. Streamed live at the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition Facebook page or watch video on Willits Community Services YouTube page.



## 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:** 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 be able to get 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.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; now open Sundays, 12 to 4 pm. Closed 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.

**Create it, Make it, Break it!** 3:30 to 5 pm, 1st & 3rd Fridays: Join the S.T.E.M. club to explore creativity and reasoning through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Each meeting will present new ideas and challenges! For ages 9-14.

**THIRD DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATES FORUM**  
MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE - KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES!  
Buffey Wright Bourassa \* Russell Green \* Eric Hart \* Clay Romero \*  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> 4PM - 6PM**  
LITTLE LAKE GRANGE, WILLITS  
Candidates will present their platforms and answer prepared and audience questions.  
Forum will be livestreamed online at the Facebook page for Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC)  
Ballots will be mailed to voters May 4<sup>th</sup> Last day to register to vote - May 18<sup>th</sup> ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>  
VOTE  
FORUM SPOONSORED BY: League of Women Voters of Mendocino County, LWVDC, Willits and the People's Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC), Willits Branch Library, Willits Economic Location (WELL), Willits Environmental Center (WEC), and Willits residents.

**THE MUNCHERY TRIVIA NIGHT at The Munchery**  
Thursday, April 9 & Thursday, April 23  
Doors Open at 5PM Trivia Begins at 6PM

**ROUND VALLEY EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2026**  
April 25th  
EVENT SCHEDULE  
11:00 - 12:15 Opening Ceremony Ron Lincoln • Feather Dancers  
12:30 - 1:30 Twenty-Four Season Drumming, Lion Dancer & Dragon Dance  
1:00 - 2:30 Blue Lake Reggae Vibes  
3:30 - 5:30 LoCura  
9th annual award  
Family-friendly • Outdoor event • Celebrate our planet together

**SING YOUR HEART OUT GLOW PILATES!**  
FRIDAY APRIL 10TH 5:30PM  
WITH DJ JUICE  
WEAR NEON OR WHITE TO GLOW  
COME READY TO SING ALONG TO YOUR FAVORITE TUNES  
SPACE IS LIMITED - RESERVE ON MINDBODY  
\$15.00 PER PERSON OR USE YOUR PASS  
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**Spring Soirée**  
Friday, May 8th  
Music by Mama Grows Funk  
silent auction • raffle • dancing • food

**AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT'S 500 MILE**  
**COALITION TO SAVE JACKSON STATE FOREST**  
**SPIRIT RUNNERS' PRAYER RUN APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
10AM-3PM  
CAMP ONE JACKSON STATE FOREST  
Join this gathering to support local Tribes' efforts to preserve and protect the forest  
MORE DETAILS AT SAVEJACKSON.ORG

**NOYO Theater Willits, CA.**  
57 East Commercial Street - Willits 707-459-6660 www.noyotheater.com  
Mid week promotions: Wednesday - Matinee prices to all shows all day.

**MARIO BROS GALAXY MOVIE**  
(PG) 1H 38min  
Fri: 5:00, 7:15  
Sat/Sun: 2:45, 5:00, 7:15  
Wed/Thurs: 5:00, 7:15  
Showtimes: April 10 to April 16

**THEATER 1 DELUXE LUXURY RECLINERS, LASER PROJECTION PROJECT HAIL MARY**  
(PG) 2H 38min  
Fri: 3:15, 6:30  
Sat/Sun: 3:15, 6:30  
Wed/Thurs: 3:15, 6:30  
Closed Monday/Tuesday

**EPIC, ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT**  
(PG 13) 1H 37 min  
Fri: 3:00, 7:30  
Wed/Thurs: 5:15  
Thrilly Thursday: \$8.00 tickets. Thrilly Thursday films this week in red.

**NIRVANNA THE BAND THE SHOW THE MOVIE**  
(R) 1H 40 min  
Sat/Sun: 5:15  
Wed/Thurs: 7:30

**COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES**  
**'The Super Mario Galaxy Movie'**  
The Story: Animated feature-length flick based on the computer games Super Mario and Donkey Kong. The blonde and beautiful and magical Princess Peach (made up of more heroic battles, one after another (and another after another), plus another second kidnapped blonde princess. It's all quite dizzying.) My Thoughts: "Quite dizzying" but spectacularly and colorfully well-animated. Sort of a "vision quest" for children who, neurologically-speaking, have not yet developed the ability to discriminate between the past and the future. Strictly speaking, the only thing our children are ready or capable of comprehending is "the Now." This flick is a figurative and quite expensive kaleidoscope made just for them. Parents: There's no need to worry. The good guys win and the magical princesses are freed. Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

**BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**TK-Kindergarten Registration Now Open**  
To pre-register go to www.willitsunified.com  
Para registrar a su estudiante ve a www.willitsunified.com  
Kindergarten - age 5 by September 1, 2026  
Transitional Kindergarten - age 4 by September 1, 2026  
Kinder - 5 años antes de Septiembre 1, 2026  
Transición de Kinder - 4 años de Septiembre 1, 2026  
TK/Kinder Round-Up April 15, 2026 from 8-3 pm @ Brookside  
Reunión de TK/Kinder el 15 de abril de 2026 de 8 a 3 p. m. @ Brookside  
Please bring the following documents to Brookside on April 15th:  
Por favor traiga los siguientes documentos a Brookside el 15 de abril:  
• Birth Certificate/ Certificado de nacimiento  
• Immunization Record/ Registro de vacunación  
• Your child for a brief informal assessment/ Su hijo para una breve evaluación informal  
If yo questions please call the Brookside office at (707) 459-5385 or visit our website at www.willitsunified.com/o/brookside  
Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina de Brookside al (707) 459-5385 or visit nuestro sitio web www.willitsunified.com/o/brookside

**"Music can change the world."**  
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Be The Antidote - Willits  
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**Brooktrails Township Open House—April 11th from 11am-1pm**  
Join us for the annual Budget Workshop at 9:30 am in the Brooktrails Community Center.  
Following the workshop, we will hold an Open House event at 24895 Birch Street, right across the street from the community center and golf course. Come and enjoy refreshments with us in the new district office!



The HazMobile spends two days at the C&S Transfer station in Willits, collecting hazardous materials. At left: Fluorescent lights contain gases which need to be disposed of properly. At left, below: The crew place the hazardous materials onto a cart to be sorted and placed into the proper barrels.

## HazMobile

Hazardous waste collection vehicle makes stop at Willits Transfer Station

"We can take any hazardous waste except explosives or radiation material. We take paint, oil, gas, old fertilizer, poisons. We take flammables, acids, bases, oxidizers, old pool chemicals," said Deanna, supervisor of and driver of the 50-foot HazMobile.

**Mathew Caine**  
Features Writer  
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According to the website, <https://candswaste.com/services/household-hazardous-waste/>, other materials which people can bring to the unit are batteries (automotive and household), antifreeze, toxic cleaners, solvents, prescription medicines (non-narcotic), gasoline, fluorescent light tubes and CFLs, pesticides and herbicides, cell phones, propane tanks (5 gallons and smaller), corrosives, mercury thermometers and thermostats, sharps, bleaches and dyes, artist supplies, and photography chemicals. Materials that are not accepted are explosives, ammunition, narcotics, compressed gas cylinders, propane tanks over 5

gallons, medical waste, and radioactive materials.

The HazMobile, which has been operating for over 25 years, makes periodic stops in many Mendocino and Lake County locations. The unit was in Willits at the C&S Waste Solutions Transfer Station last Friday and Saturday, receiving many cars and trucks full of hazardous household waste, which are then processed by C&S.

"I take the materials back to my facility," Deanna continued. "I pack it, categorize it. Then, we have another company that comes in and picks it up. A lot of it goes to different places. Paint goes to Paint Care. The gasolines will probably go to other states. Some gets incinerated, some gets reused. Some gets used for energy. The aerosols get processed at another facility and recycled."

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



At left: Deanna drives the rig, which measures around 50 feet, through the twists and turns of Highway 20 and Highway 168. Above: Batteries contain corrosive acids which need to be disposed of at an appropriate location. Photos by Mathew Caine



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The rest of **Snowpack** From page 1

occurred in 2015 when no snow was present at the site. Although DWR and its partners in the California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program are completing additional surveys across the Sierra Nevada, preliminary data indicates this year's April 1 snowpack is the second lowest on record.

The April measurement is a critical marker for water managers across the state, as it is typically when the snowpack reaches its maximum volume and begins to melt. However, this year's extremely hot and dry conditions throughout the month of March, along with a warm atmospheric river system in late February, initiated snowmelt several weeks ahead of schedule. According to automated sensors across the Sierra Nevada, this year's statewide snowpack likely reached its peak on or near February 24.

"It feels like we skipped spring this year and dropped straight into a summer heatwave," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "What should be gradual snowmelt happened suddenly weeks ago. To me, this is another reminder that aging water systems need to be retrofitted for more volatile precipitation patterns. We're seeing fewer, warmer storms and shorter wet seasons. Future water supplies will depend upon our ability to capture water when it's available and manage it more efficiently."

DWR's water supply forecasts

Read the rest of **Baseball** From page 3

better baseball players. We have some high school and middle school kids that are umpiring. There are district trainings for Mendocino and Sonoma, and our umpire-in-chief, Chandler Seward, he's brand new this year, but he's taking it really seriously. He knows all the rules. He was a great umpire last year. He's done multiple trainings with all the umpires.

"We do pay the umpires," Hosford said. "That's how we're able to keep some of the better umpires coming out. We have a plate umpire and a base umpire for each game. Several of the board members and I try to be at as many of the games that we can, to settle down the parents. We say that if a parent wants to harass an umpire, they can come back and umpire the next three games and see how it goes. It's challenging. Everybody is a critic. The umpire has to make those calls behind home plate on those really tight areas and our umpires are not professionals. They're local community members stepping up to help."

In order to make parents and players aware of the need for courtesy, especially where the umpires are concerned, Hosford had the players recite the Little League Pledge. "I trust in God. I love my country and will respect its laws. I will play fair and strive to win. But win or lose, I will always do my best." Then, for the benefit of the parents and others who might observe the games, they were invited to recite the Little League Parent and Volunteer Pledge. "I want you guys to listen to these words and follow them all season," requested Hosford. "I will teach all children to play fair and do their best. I will positively support all managers, coaches and players. I will respect the decisions of the umpires. I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game. I think those are some very important words as the emotions of baseball get mixed in with everything that we have going on."

After the ceremonies were complete, the kids were treated to a flyby of a Reach helicopter, which circled the field a couple of times and landed on the adjoining soccer field. Once the rotors had stopped, the kids and their families were invited to go up to the helicopter, take photos, and talk with the pilots.

This year, the Snack Shack has some new items along with the regular hotdogs and hamburgers. Among them is a chicken bacon ranch sandwich.

Hosford and the rest of the board of directors are grateful for the generosity of the many sponsors. "We have some really good sponsors. A ton of businesses sponsor the Little League. There's a team sponsorship which is \$600. There is also a banner sponsor for \$300, so we hang up all the banners on the fields. We get the banners made. It's not just the jerseys. A baseball costs \$6 to \$7 dollars apiece. Each coach goes through several dozen in a summer, about two to four a game, depending on the age level. The older kids, sometimes, will go through 10 baseballs in a game," said Hosford.

Once the ceremony was complete, it was time to get the kids out on the field to begin playing whichever level of baseball they signed up for. The games lasted most of the day and the season had officially begun.

use data from the April 1 snowpack to calculate how much snowmelt runoff will eventually make its way into California's rivers and reservoirs. This information is critical for reservoir managers, who must balance flood control and water supply goals through the winter and depend on snowmelt to slowly refill reservoirs as demand increases during the dry season.

Given the unprecedented heatwave across the West in March, DWR and its partners expanded monitoring efforts to better track this year's rapid snowmelt, including 100 additional mid-month snow surveys across 18 critical watersheds. The California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program has also been working closely with partner agencies to monitor the snowmelt and ensure water managers have the information they need to make informed water management decisions.

DWR has focused efforts over the past five years to understand and track how snowpack accumulation and melt translates into water supply, which has aided efforts to forecast runoff in new extreme climate conditions. New snow hydrology modeling in key watersheds gives DWR better insights into the changing physical state of the snowpack. Expanding data collection efforts with Airborne Snow Observatories Inc. and academic research partners, including UC Berkeley's Central Sierra Snow Lab, now also allow DWR to consider factors like changes in soil moisture and snowpack temperature in its runoff forecasts.

"What makes this year stand out is the disconnect between precipitation and snowpack," said Andy Reising, manager of DWR's Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit. "We received near-average precipitation in many parts of the state, but

much of it fell as rain instead of snow. That led to one of the lowest April snowpacks on record and one of the earliest peaks we've seen in decades - conditions that make forecasting runoff more complex."

Although some additional snow is forecasted to arrive in the coming days, it is not likely to make up for the rapid snowmelt and hot, dry March. In the Northern Sierra Nevada, where the state's largest water supply reservoirs are located, the snowpack is just 6 percent of average.

Measuring California's snowpack is a key component of water management. On average, California's snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why California's snowpack is often referred to as California's "frozen reservoir."

The data and measurements collected from DWR and its partners with the California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program help inform the water supply and snowmelt runoff forecasts, known as the Bulletin 120, that help water managers plan for how much water will eventually reach state reservoirs in the spring and summer. This information is also a key piece in calculating State Water Project allocation updates each month. Learn more about how snow melt makes its way into State Water Project reservoirs each spring here: <https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2026/Jan-2026/Video-State-Water-Project-Allocation-Process>

DWR conducts four or five snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May.

For California's current hydrological conditions, visit <https://cww.water.ca.gov>

See video of the April 1 Phillips survey here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/AmfexziU58>

Additional Resources

See photos of the April 1 survey here: <https://pixel-ca-dwr.photoshelter.com/galleries/C0000G5P1YrSixk/G0000RgnVXhU7ICE/April-2026-Snow-Survey>

The rest of **Arrested** From page 1

and "Rosie's" online conversation, Sironi initiated sexual conversations with the subject posing as a 14-year-old female. The reporting party from Pennsylvania utilized a female to speak with Sironi on the telephone where "Rosie" eventually agreed to travel to California with the intent to meet Sironi.

On March 31, 2026, Sheriff's Office investigators learned Sironi was attempting to meet with "Rosie." Sheriff's detectives and deputies surveilled Sironi's address in the 1200 block of Tuck Road in Brooktrails to gather additional investigative information.

While law enforcement watched Sironi's residence, a telephone conversation between "Rosie" and Sironi ensued. "Rosie" told Sironi she was currently at the Brooktrails Airport and asked Sironi to meet and assist her with finding Sironi's house.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office personnel observed Sironi during the phone call and surveilled as he left his residence and started walking towards the Brooktrails Airport.

Sironi was contacted and arrested by Sheriff's Office personnel for the following charges: 288.2 (a)(2) PC - Sending explicit photographs to a minor and 288.4 (b) PC - Arranging a meeting with a minor to engage in lewd or lascivious behavior.

Sironi was subsequently booked at the Mendocino County Jail to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank non-profit organization from Pennsylvania for their dedication to protecting children and assistance during this investigation.

Anyone with information related to this incident is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 707-463-4086 (option 1). Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the non-emergency tip-line at 707-234-2100.

Editor's Note: According to the Mendocino County Booking Log, Sironi was released on bail on April 3, on 1:15 pm.

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brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at [www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction](http://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction)

This project burn will be conducted under strictly controlled weather and fuel conditions. Smoke and aircraft may be visible in the area.



Above: The crew speaks with the driver as they unload the household hazardous wastes, mostly paint in this instance. Below: The aerosol in spray cans can be repurposed at special facilities. At bottom: The crew greets two small dogs in the back of this truck as they unload the materials.



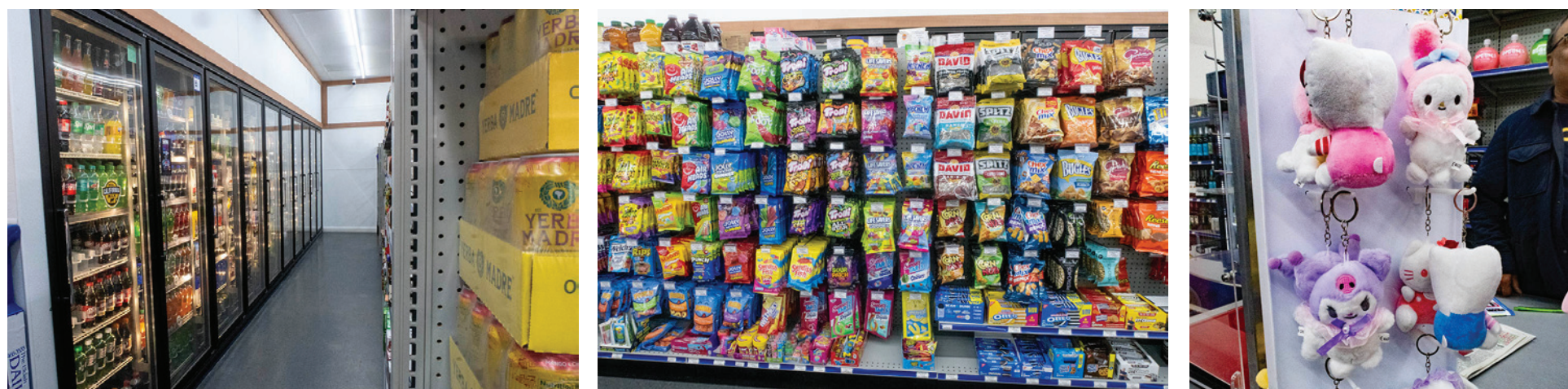
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The HazMobile schedule can be found on the website. "We don't know when we will be back in Willits. Our next collection for Mendocino County will be in Caspar, in June. The county will be sitting down and planning our next three collections," Deanna explained.

"When I'm not driving, I run the facility," she continued. "We have collections in Ukiah every Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm. If people can't make it to the mobile HazMobile, they can bring their waste to 3200 Taylor Drive."

Deanna, who manages to navigate the huge trailer through the twists and curves of Highway 20 and Highway 168, enjoys helping people dispose of their hazardous household waste. "People are really grateful that we do this program for them. We get a lot of happy customers."

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Above, from left: A&R Market is well stocked with beer and wine. All of the favorite snacks are available in Peter Mann's new store in the Evergreen Village shopping center. Stuffed toys and other whimsical items can be found behind the rows. Below: Peter Mann stands behind the counter at A&R Market; the shelves behind him are soon to be fully stocked. At bottom: Peter Mann helps a customer at the front counter of the new A&R Market. At bottom, right: A&R Market has much of the same items as in Sherwood Market but in a Willits-accessible location.



# A&R Market

## Well-stocked convenience store opens in Evergreen Village shopping center

Peter "Pritpal Singh" Mann has recently created his third business in Willits, A&R Market in the Evergreen Village shopping center, between Subway and Slam Dunk Pizza. After having sold TnT Market in 2019, he took over Sherwood Market in Brooktrails, where he plans to eventually create a restaurant for his brand of Indian cuisine, as well as a larger store. A&R Market, named after his two children, son Abhayjit and daughter Ramneet, carries much the same items as Sherwood Market, albeit in a much brighter environment.

Mann sells wine and beer, cigarettes, and has several copies of Willits Weekly, along with a wide variety of drinks, snacks, and other items which are not readily available in the shopping center. Currently, Mann can be found running the store himself, although he has hired a couple of helpers who are, for the time being, training at the Brooktrails store.

Mann arrived in the United States in 2001, from his home in Punjab. His first home was in Modesto, where he began to look for a job. However, he found he didn't have the required experience, so he went to work for a friend in Ukiah, at a store. Six months later, he began working in a casino, for three and a half years, after which, he worked in construction, doing plumbing and electrical work. His first store was BJ Market in Santa Rosa. Later, in 2009, he bought TnT Market.

Mann comes from a Sikh tradition wherein all are taught to help people, and free food is available to anyone all day, every day, a tradition from which his world view and business have been formed.



Photos by Mathew Caine

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# 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.

**For Rent**  
 Clean & Quiet, Upstairs Studio apt, close to downtown, W/D facility on hand, \$800.00 per month & Sec. deposit. Call Armo 707-354-0048.

**For Rent**  
 2 Bdrm. 1-1/2 bath close to shopping center, small backyard, W/D facility on hand, garbage paid, \$1350.00 & Sec. deposit. Call Armo 707-354-0048.

**For Sale**  
 White bathroom vanity cabinet, no sink. Two cabinet doors on front and shelf below. 34.5" x 21.5" x 24". Pick up in downtown Willits. \$30 707-972-7047.

**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!

**Luscious Beauty Boutique expanding**  
 Luscious Beauty Boutique & Day Spa is expanding and seeking passionate, service-driven professionals to build their business in our elevated, community-focused space. Looking for 2 full time hair stylists, and one part time lash artist, body piercer or permanent makeup artist. This opportunity is ideal for self-motivated individuals ready to grow their own clientele and deliver exceptional service within a supportive, collaborative environment. If you are interested in joining our team, please call us at 707-459-8800. We look forward to meeting you.

**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

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

# LEGAL NOTICES

WW603  
**CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on **April 22, 2026**, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a public hearing to consider the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

**PROJECT:** Right-Of-Way Abandonment #RA 23-01  
**APPLICANT:** William Harris

**REQUEST:** Applicant is requesting that the City of Willits vacate an undeveloped alley approximately 14 feet wide and 650 feet long, oriented east-west. The alley was originally established as part of the Oak Park Addition subdivision in 1902. The request also includes conveyance of the vacated right-of-way to the adjoining property owners to the centerline. This matter is before the City Council for formal approval consistent with Public Streets, Highways, and Service Easements Vacation Law (California Streets and Highways Code §§8300-8363).

**LOCATION:** Alley is located between residential homes fronting West Oak Street and State Highway 20 including the following described Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN's): **006-131-01, -02, -03, -09, -10, -11, -15, -16, -17, -18, -19, -20, -23, -24, -25, -26, -27, -33, -34, -39, and -40 and 006-181-10 and -11.**

A map of the proposed alley vacation is available at City Hall, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorically Exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Section 15305 (Class 5 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**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 Dusty Duley at [dduley@cityofwillits.org](mailto:dduley@cityofwillits.org), or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026. 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  
**Publication Dates: April 9, 16 2026**

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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 of 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 any 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.

Attorney for Petitioner: Alexander C. Rich, CARTER RICH PC, 716 S. Main St., Suite A1 Willits, CA 95490  
 Telephone: 707-456-9210  
**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

WW602  
 Fictitious Business Name Statement  
 2026-F0121

The following person or persons are doing business as Moon Lady, 100 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490; 707-272-2772. Mailing address: 1571 S. Main St., Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Three Girls LLC, 1571 S. Main St., Willits CA 95490; state of incorporation: California.

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 18, 2026.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on March 19, 2026.

/s/ Hannah K. Bouthillier, Managing Officer  
 Publication Dates: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

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Above, left: Brutal death metal band Alchemic Transmutation performs hard and fast at the Battle of the Bands at the Grange. Photo by Tom Girdauskas  
 Above, center, top: The celebrity judges get ready at the judge's table at the Battle of the Bands. Photo by Tom Girdauskas  
 Above, center: Battle of the Bands producer Tom Girdauskas with three purple wizards, fans of local band Tangled Ends, which placed a very close second. Photo by Jeff Martin  
 Above, right: Simba Souza, drummer for first-place band, Friends Anonymous. Photo by Frankys Photos

At right, both photos: Most of alternative/punk rock band, Friends Anonymous, the first-place winner of Battle of the Bands in Willits playing the March 28 competition.

## 2026 Battle of the Bands at the Grange

was 'a huge blast'

By Jennifer Poole

"The First Annual Willits Battle of the Bands Rocktagon was such a huge blast," posted event producer Tom Girdauskas of Tommy G Presents on Facebook, sending a heartfelt thanks to all the bands, attendees, vendors, and all the volunteers. "We couldn't have asked for a better turnout or a more fun event!"

"Once again, our community came together in celebration and support of itself," Girdauskas told Willits Weekly, "further reaffirming why we love this town so much and the people in it."

Nine local bands battled for the first-place title at the March 28 Battle of the Bands.

First-place winner was Friends Anonymous. This alternative/punk rock band will get six hours of studio time to use at Russian River Studios. "We're feeling

very grateful," posted Friends Anonymous on Facebook. "Thanks again to Tommy G Presents and crew for putting it on, keeping things running smooth, and inviting so many great bands!"

Friends Anonymous players include: Tommy Kenney - Guitar/Lead Vocals; Simba Souza - Drums; Naim Flores - Bass/Vocals; and Aaron Unroe - Lead Guitar/Vocals.

Check out a clip of Friends Anonymous at the Battle of the Bands on April 4: [www.facebook.com/reel/2863779067300679](http://www.facebook.com/reel/2863779067300679) Here's a clip of Mendo Fire from Battle of the Bands: [www.facebook.com/reel/1480796450383094](http://www.facebook.com/reel/1480796450383094) And here's Tangled Ends from Battle of the Bands (if you watch until the end, you'll see a class rock and rock moment): [www.facebook.com/reel/1461353288824560](http://www.facebook.com/reel/1461353288824560)



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