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mentors, bringing new skills, creativity, and FUN to this FREE summer program.

Space is limited, with one weekly class available per child, so register now at www.willitscenterforthearts.org, or in person at the WCA gallery desk, 71 East Commercial Street, during open hours: Friday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm.

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 Baechtel Road. Due to increasing food costs, dine-in and to-go meals are now \$9.

Thursday, June 4: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce

Friday, June 5: Chicken Caesar Salad

Monday, June 8: Western Bacon Burger

Tuesday, June 9: French Dip Sandwich

Wednesday, June 10: Chicken Caesar Wrap

Thursday, June 11: Country Fried Steak

Friday, June 12: BBQ Beef Sandwich

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.

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.

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

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PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Recognizing June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month In Mendocino County

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized globally as Pride Month, a time to celebrate the diversity, strength, and resilience of the LGBTQIA2S+ community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month encourages unity, acceptance, and understanding, while also acknowledging that the struggle for full equality continues; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Uprising of 1969 marked a pivotal moment in the struggle for LGBTQIA2S+ rights in the United States. The events at the Stonewall Inn in New York City galvanized a movement and led to the establishment of annual Pride celebrations around the world; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA2S+ youth, especially transgender youth, in Mendocino County and across the United States face significant challenges and disparities in mental health due to social stigma, discrimination, and rejection; and

WHEREAS, research continues to show that LGBTQIA2S+ young people are at a significantly higher risk of suicide than their peers, underscoring the need for affirming support, inclusive environments, and access to culturally responsive mental health care; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of identities such as race, gender, and sexuality can compound stressors and increase the risk of isolation, discrimination, and harmful mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, local organizations and community groups, including the Mendo Pride Committee, Mendocino County Safe Space Project, Mendocino College Pride Program, Rainbow Is Family and Friends (RIFF), and Transbloom, provide advocacy, support, education, and connection for LGBTQIA2S+ residents and families; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has a rich history of LGBTQIA2S+ individuals contributing to all aspects of life in our County and beyond, helping make our communities stronger, safer, and more welcoming for everyone; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Pride Month is an opportunity to affirm that all people deserve dignity, safety, belonging, and the freedom to live openly and authentically.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino hereby proclaims June 2026 as:

"LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Mendocino County"

Dated: May 19, 2026

Bernie Norvell, Chair, BOS

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

June 2026

By Supervisor John Haschak

The County is in the process of searching for a new CEO and County Counsel. The positions of Auditor/Controller, Treasurer/ Tax Collector, and Assessor/ Clerk/Elections are up for election. There is only one candidate for each elected position. These are important positions in order for the County to function effectively and efficiently.

The Auditor/Controller position will be separated from the Treasurer/Tax Collector. This is a good move. I was the lone dissenting vote when these two positions were combined. The positions were to be separated at the beginning of 2027, but since the outcome of the election is clear, the board will consider separating the positions now.

The State Audit noted changes that need to be made. The board hired a consultant to look at the internal financial systems. The roadmap to change will be presented at the June 2 board meeting. It is going to require the collaboration of elected positions. The elected officials, the Executive Office, and the board need to work together to modernize the software systems in conjunction with the processes and procedures in the County. It won't be a quick fix but must happen.

The board will pass a balanced budget this week. It is balanced at this time, yet there are many needs that aren't included such as the impact of contract negotiations and capital improvements. Remaining unknowns are the additional costs the County must pick up from effects of the Big Ugly bill. Some of the hardest hits will take place after the November election.

I am on the board of the Great Redwood Trail. Of the 231 miles of the GRT from the Sonoma/Mendocino border to Humboldt Bay, there are already over 47 miles of the trail complete and open. This includes miles around the Humboldt Bay and City of Ukiah. Construction is ongoing on the Willits portion. The Mendocino Land Trust is doing the planning and design for the section from Commercial Street in Willits north to Longvale. Senator McGuire was able to get \$50 million of Prop. 4 money for trail planning and construction, environmental restoration, and tribal engagement. Please visit TheGreatRedwoodTrail.org for more information.

Check out the Redwood Highway exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. The exhibit, along with the speaker series, is very entertaining and informative.

There will be a Talk with the Supervisor on Thursday, June 18, from 10 to 11 am at Brickhouse Coffee. You can always contact me at haschakj@mendocinocounty.gov or call 707-972-4214.

Willits Weekly Rain Box

Tim Hanna, who does the Rain Box for Willits Weekly, submitted what's likely to be the last rain report for the season, a tiny bit of measurable rain received Wednesday and Thursday last week. This brings our area's average rain to a total of 49.36 inches since the 2025/26 rain season started October 1, 2025.

location	Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)								rainfall since 01Oct25
	Mon May 25	Tue May 26	Wed May 27	Thur May 28	Fri May 29	Sat May 30	Sun May 31	weekly total	
Northbrook Way	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	54.57
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	55.71
Valley Rd	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	39.27
Canyon Rd	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	43.51
Pine Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.24
South Main @ East Oak	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	53.85
average	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	49.36

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

McGuire statement on advancing to November election

Submitted by McGuire for Congress

June 2 – Tonight, California State Senator and candidate for Congress Mike McGuire released the following statement in response to his advancing to the general election in CA-01.

"To the voters of Northern California – thank you! There's a lot more that brings us together than divides us, and I can't begin to express how grateful we are for the overwhelming support.

"Tonight's numbers speak for themselves. The hard-working folks who call the First District home are tired of the chaos, corruption, and cruelty of the Trump administration – and they're ready for representation that actually delivers.

Come this November, we will flip this seat and give the people what they deserve – a fighter who never folds, a leader who will deliver for rural California, and a representative who will hold Donald Trump accountable."



Trivia Takeover

Northspur Brewing, The Munchery and Flying Dog Pizza all offer fun evenings to test your knowledge

"Some friends of The Brewery came up with the idea to do trivia," explained Holly Madrigal, administrator of the Northspur Brewing Co.'s bi-monthly Trivia Night. "They suggested it to Jacob and Sarah [Foley]. 'What if we did a trivia night on a slow night?' We picked Wednesday night, which is sort of a slower evening and, of course, that turned into one of the busier nights that we've had because of the trivia. We do it really simple. We do two rounds. We pass out the papers with the questions on them. You get to just hang out with your friends and come up with the answers."

Since the game became so popular, other eateries have followed suit and have created their own Trivia Nights. They have coordinated their evenings so as not to interfere with each participants' competitions. The Northspur Trivia Nights are on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, starting at 6:30 pm.

Shauna Brown Martin runs her own game at The Munchery on the second and fourth Thursday nights per month, at 6 pm. "We created it and come up with our own questions," said Martin, whose son, Jeremiah, came up with the idea and the rules. "Northspur was the first to have Trivia Nights. We have Trivia on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. We come up with questions. We usually have 20 general trivia questions. We've kind of switched it up where the first Trivia of the month, we'll have general trivia, like geography, mixed questions. Then, we

always end with five music questions where you have to listen to songs and guess the artist who's singing it.

"The second Trivia of the month has become like a theme. Last month, it was Disney. This month, it's going to be Star Wars. We're trying to give the general trivia to people who like that, and also pulling people who wouldn't come in unless they had a lot of knowledge of the theme.

"You can come in with your own team. You can have up to six people on your team. If you have more, you have a point deducted at the end of the night for each extra person. You get a point for each correct answer. Sometimes there are two parts to a question, and you can get a point for each answer. At the end of the evening, everybody switches papers. I go over the answers. You grade each other's answers. Then the team who has the higher score wins something from us.

"We have a couple of regular teams that come. We have some old regulars that have dropped off, but we bring in new teams almost every week. Sometimes, there are only two or three teams, but sometimes there is a packed house. You never know how it's going to go."

The latest establishment to join the Trivia Night festivities is Flying Dog Pizza, with the competition run by local teacher, Becky Button. Flying Dog's game nights are the second and fourth Mondays starting at 6 pm. "We started

Read the rest of **Trivia** Over on page 11

At right: The winning team, Homebrew Association, displays their prize, 45 bags of Goldfish crackers. Below: On a warm spring evening, the Northspur patio is perfect for a beer, food, and a try at winning the trivia contest.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Avenues to Wellness presents 'Understanding Adult Autism,' June 18

Submitted by ATW

Avenues to Wellness presents: "Understanding Adult Autism," a free talk by Erin Mendoza, on Thursday, June 18, from 6 to 7 pm, at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

As awareness grows about the many ways autism can present, more adults are beginning to wonder whether an autism diagnosis might explain lifelong struggles that other mental health diagnoses never fully captured. Being identified as autistic in adulthood can bring a sense of clarity, increased self-understanding, and self-acceptance. It can also open the door to support and accommodations that might make life feel less overwhelming and more aligned with who they truly are. Please join us to learn more about the ways being correctly identified as autistic can help reduce burnout, increase joy, and help autistic adults thrive.

Erin Mendoza, MA, LMFT, is a late-identified autistic therapist who works with autistic teens and adults in Willits, and virtually throughout California. Erin also provides autism and ADHD assessments for adults. Outside of work, Erin's special interests include singing, ravens, and gardening.

Avenues to Wellness is a community-based wellness program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. They offer a speaker series the third Thursday of the month at the Willits Center for the Arts. Visit: avenuestowellness.org for an online archive of past events. Call 456-9676 for more information.



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Above, from left: Friends enjoy playing trivia together as they partake in some tasty food and drink. The Flying Dog participants combine beer, pizza, and trivia for a fun evening. Shauna Brown Martin reads off the answers as the teams grade each other's answers. Below: The winners of the Flying Dog Pizza Trivia Night, Paul's Big Adventure, Paul Albee and Meagan Hynes, show off the trophy which will have their names until the next Trivia Night.



Above: Becky Button, moderator of the Flying Dog Pizza Trivia Night, displays a page of bicycles for the participants to guess where the bikes are from. Below: Team Thunder Chickens proudly displays their first-place prize, a \$25 gift certificate to The Munchery. At left: Holly Madrigal reads the rules to the patrons at Northspur Brewing Co., host of the first Trivia Night.



WILLITS CENTER FOR THE

ARTS

Art Adventures Summer Art Camp

3 FREE Weekly Classes * Mon-Thurs 10am-1pm
Ages 7-11-Trained Teachers & High School Youth Mentors

Cierra Bakewell
PUPPETS: Create tabletop puppets using felt & mixed media, then bring them to life through storytelling!

Laura Wiecek
MAKE A BOOK: Write, illustrate, & bind a book using drawing, weaving, collage, & pop-up origami!

Pearl Marill
CRAFTING: Mini-sculpees, jewelry, bedazzled boxes, decorated caps, & more!

Week 1: 6/15-18 The World of Tabletop Puppets
Week 2: 6/22-25 Create A Book
Week 3: 7/6-9 Creative Crafting

Limited Availability - Lots of Creativity!
Register at the Front Desk Fridays-Sundays at 71 E. Commercial St. from 11am-5pm, or Online at willitscenterforthearts.org
One class per child as space allows

Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

BRAIN POWER WORD SEARCH

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ATTENTION	FUNCTION	PROBLEM SOLVING
BRAIN	INFORMATION	PROCESSING
CLARITY	LEARNING	REACTION
COGNITION	MEMORY	RESERVE
EMOTIONS	MINDFULNESS	RESILIENCE
EXECUTIVE	NEURAL	SLEEP
FLEXIBILITY	NEUROPLASTICITY	STRESS
FOCUS	PERCEPTION	SYNAPSES

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CLUES ACROSS

- Egyptian bull-god
- A young canine
- Cologne
- Fictional British P.I.
- Midway between northeast and east
- A place to shop
- Minneapolis suburb
- Single lens reflex
- NY Mets great Tommie
- Informal loan clubs
- Habitual twitching
- Holm oak
- Willing to consent or submit
- In an early way
- Made possible
- Language in Ghana
- Relating to one's birth
- Deep-bodied fishes
- Defunct European currency
- Small American songbird
- One from L.A.
- After tenth
- Hillside

CLUES DOWN

- Red deer
- Partner to 'oohead'
- Indian musical pattern
- Israeli city ___ Aviv
- Golden peas plant
- Breezed through
- Midway between east and southeast
- Frameworks
- Danish krone
- Fall back
- Influential Korean leader
- Bridge building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Large, stocky lizard
- Turkish leader title
- Nag
- Blank
- Closely woven cotton fabric
- A nice shot in golf
- Away from wind
- Evergreen shrub genus
- Large African antelope
- Something you receive
- Satisfy
- Wet dirt
- No longer here
- Writing utensil
- Ribonucleic acid
- Consume food
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Alternative forms of a gene
- Buddy
- We all do it
- Chicken
- No seats available
- Yearned to possess
- Ineffectual
- Explosive
- Turkish title
- Worn near the foot
- Impatient
- Set an example for others
- Actor Pitt
- Instrument of torture
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- A way to print
- Storied college hoops program
- Midway between south and southeast

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

May 18 to May 24

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **64 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

May 18

8:09 am: CALDWELL, Cody Walker (27) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Barbara Lane following a theft investigation. He was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance for sale and violation of probation, and on misdemeanor charges of battery, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

4:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

11:17 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of Sout Main Street and issued a citation.

May 19

12:19 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of School Street.

May 20

8:04 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:19 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Hazel Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:53 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

12:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

7:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

May 21

7:30 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Holly Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:25 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:40 am: Officers conducted a stop in the

Driftwood at Noyo Beach available for removal

Posted by the City of Fort Bragg

May 28 – In preparation for this year's fireworks event on Independence Day, the City of Fort Bragg is authorizing individuals to hand-remove driftwood washed ashore at Noyo Beach.

Beach wood removal will be allowed between May 28, 2026 and June 30, 2026 by persons who abide by the following conditions:

- Wood removal from the beach may take place during daylight hours.
- Persons removing wood shall follow all park rules displayed on beach property signage at all times.

California cannabis sales bring in \$248 million in tax revenue for first-quarter 2026

Submitted by CDTFA

Sacramento – California's legal cannabis sales have generated about \$248 million in tax revenue for the state in the first quarter of 2026. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) today reported that, as of May 18, it has collected \$143.6 million in cannabis excise tax and \$104.3 million in sales tax from cannabis retailers' first-quarter returns. These figures do not include outstanding returns or those still being processed.

Reported revenue for fourth-quarter 2025 returns has been revised to \$257.6 million, up from \$255.1 million. This includes \$146.3 million in cannabis excise tax and \$111.3 million in sales tax. These revisions are a result of amended and late returns, as well as other tax return adjustments.

Since January 2018, cannabis sales have generated more than \$8.1 billion in tax revenue, including \$4.34 billion in cannabis excise tax and more than \$3.28 billion in sales tax. This also includes \$500.6 million in cultivation tax collected through July 1, 2022, when the cultivation tax was eliminated.

Retailers must collect the cannabis excise tax from buyers based on gross

800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

3:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Sherwood Road and North Main Street.

6:16 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

May 22

1:06 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of Margie Drive and issued a citation.

9:56 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 19000 block of Walker Road.

1:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Wood Street and School Street.

1:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Pine Street.

3:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.

May 23

11:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:36 pm: PLESS, John Patrick (67) of Smyrna, Tennessee was contacted near the intersection of West Highway 20 and South Main Street following a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested on felony charges of being a fugitive from justice.

7:04 pm: VICENTE FELIPE, Israel (33) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges of domestic corporal injury and cruelty to a child, and on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

8:59 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

New Nurses

Mendocino College Registered Nursing Class of 2026 graduates 23 at annual ceremony

Submitted by Mendocino College Nursing Program

The Mendocino College Registered Nursing Program held its annual graduation ceremony in May and celebrated the achievements of the 23 participants, including:

Kaitlyn Birrell, Brittany Bryon, April Contreras, Kaitie Depp, Jocelyn Diaz Monter, Alexia Duran, Maria Esparza, Esperanza Gonzalez, Sandra Guerrero, Jenny Haylee, Erica Jacinto, Daisy Jimenez, Spring Lawler, Erika Lopez-Mata, Jennifer Lozano, Lauren Matthews, Ashleigh McDonald, Daniel Meza, Tina Neang-Ban, Kailyn Profit, Anita Salmeron, Mandi Summit, and Tessara Tatrai.

The program started with a welcome and presentation of the class by Suzanne Hewitt, and then Class Treasurer Lauren Matthews and Class Vice President Daisy Jimenez each took the mic as class speakers. The pinning ceremony, led by Lisa Leonard, Hope Moroni and Debbie Summit, followed. Then Heidi Crean led the candle-lighting ceremony and the nursing pledge:

"In the presence of this assembly I pledge: To practice the profession of nursing faithfully and with honesty. I pledge to do all within my power to elevate the standard of the profession, and to hold in confidence all personal information with which I am entrusted in the course of my duties. With loyalty, advocacy, and pride, I will work within the healthcare team and be devoted to the welfare and dignity of those within my care."

Lisa Leonard presented awards, before Suzanne Hewitt gave closing remarks.

2026 Ventura Perez Merit Award Winners

Submitted by Sober Grad

The Willits Sober Grad Board of Directors is proud to announce the recipients of the 2026 Ventura Perez Merit Awards. Each year, these awards are presented to graduating Willits seniors who have invested the most time throughout the school year fundraising and promoting the mission of Sober Grad.

The Ventura Perez Merit Awards are made possible through a generous bequest from the Estate of Ventura Perez, a 1939 graduate of Willits High School.

The 2026 Ventura Perez Merit Award recipients are:

Quinton Carpentieri, Monica Chavez Mendoza, Rex Davidson, Ana Gomez, Gloria Gutierrez, Jazmarie Henson, Lyly Herman, Monica Hernandez, Adeline Jones, Wyatt Klee, Salisa Leon, Estrella Mendoza, Allison Merino Estrada, Kayla Nunez Prado, Cecily Potter, Jayden Sossaman, and Kate Winter.

On behalf of the Willits Sober Grad Board of Directors, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to each of these outstanding young people. Their dedication and hard work are instrumental in making the Class of 2026 Sober Grad Party a success, and they serve as an inspiration to their peers and community.

Willits Sober Grad is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a safe, fun, and sober celebration for graduating seniors of Willits.



"This is such a wonderful group of nurses!" said Hewitt. "They will add so much to our community, and I wouldn't hesitate to have any one of them care for me or my family."

The Class Officers for 2026 included: President: Alexia Duran, Vice President: Daisy Jimenez, Secretary: Brittany Byron, and Treasurer: Lauren Matthews.

Mendocino College posted a congratulatory note online to the students: "Congratulations to the Mendocino College Registered Nursing Class of 2026! Your dedication, resilience, and commitment to compassionate care have brought you to this remarkable milestone. As you step into the next chapter of your professional journey, you carry with you the knowledge and skills to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others and in your communities. We are proud to celebrate your achievement and look forward to all you accomplish."

Nursing faculty: Suzanne Hewitt, DNP, MSN, RN, FNP-C; Heidi Crean, DC, MSN, CNL, CNE, RNC-OB; Lisa Leonard, MSN, CNE, RN-BC; Debra Summit, MSN, RN; Hope Moroni, MSN, RN; Ann Marie Hubley, RN; Ashley Pelinacci, BSN, RN; Chelsea Carrera, MSN, RN; Chely (Araceli) Angulo, RN; Christina Obenah, RN; Danielle Tolman, RN; Feodora Jacobsen, PhD, RN-BC; Jenny Call, RN; Jessica Killops, RN; Jonathan Escalante, BSN, RN, PHN; Krista Todd, RN; Lisa Nevin, MSN, RN, PHN; Madison Good, BSN, RN; Magi Fedorka, MPA, RN; Marie Picardal, BSN, RN; Megan Kosonen, BSN, RN; Myrna Aleman, MSN, RN; Wendy Melcher, BSN, RN; and Windy Brown, BSN, RN.

Nursing staff: Esmeralda Barajas, RN Program Support Technician; Nayely Chapman, RN Program Support Technician; and Monica Billy, RN Program Support Technician.



Congratulations to the 8th grade students of La Vida Charter School

Ursula Orantes | Mason Madison | Hunter Browning | Jovani Gaspar-Lopez



Congrats to Willits' Grant Georgios Fisher who graduated from 12th grade from Forest Valley Country School



Loads of amazing prizes will be handed out to graduates during the annual Sober Grad event; shopping (above) and hauling (at right) is a fun part of the party prep process for Sober Grad volunteers.



Congratulations!

2026 Ventura Perez Merit Award Winners

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	Kate Winter

Willits Sober Grad PAJAMA PARTY

June 4, 2026 - Willits Charter School
9pm - 4am - DOORS CLOSE @ 11pm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL Grads & Guests Enjoy • All Activities • Carnival & Poker Games • Carnival Prizes & Mystery Auction • Nacho Bar & Pizza • RedBull Slushes 	<p style="text-align: center;">EVERY GRADUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 Prize • \$100 Cash at 4am • Chance to Win \$150 Prize • Chance to Win \$200 Prize • Chance to Win Xbox & PS5 • Chance to Win \$1,000 grand prizes at 4am
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Carnival Games - CHP Dui Goggles - Poker Games - Bounce House & Velcro Wall - Henna Tattoos - Cornhole Tournament - Retro Recess Games - Live DJ - Food & Drinks - RedBull Slushes

Guests must be approved by your school office by June 1st (guest ticket \$10 at the door)

Special Volunteer Drawing for Seniors who attended meetings & participated in fundraisers & events!

Willits Giant Yard Sale

261 Franklin Ave.

Bring a wagon to carry all the treasure you will find! Multiple units participating.

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from 8 am to 2 pm

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Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-7:30 p.m.

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Saturday-5:30 p.m.
Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English
10:30 a.m. - Spanish
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4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
Or by appointment at
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https://stanthonywillits.org/
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We welcome All Walks of Faith

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Sunday Service
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Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
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Thursday, June 4

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Summer Market outdoors at City Park on Commercial Street, Thursday, June 4 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.



Friday, June 5

First Fridays Summer Concert Series: The Fargo Brothers band continues the Willits Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Summer Series of free outdoor concerts, Friday, June 5 from 6 to 9 pm, in front of the Noyo Theater, Commercial Street between Humboldt and Main. Northern California's The Fargo Brothers have been burning up stages since 1980 with Classic and Original Rock, Blues and Americana. "Let's start the summer right - shop local, listen loud, and help Willits thrive!" All ages welcome. Food and merchant vendors, including Rolling Temptation, Slam Dunk Pizzeria, Island Ice, Delicias Sweet, and Annie's Tacos.

Joe Marcinek Band at Shanachie: The music is equal parts Chicago Blues, New Orleans Funk, Grateful Dead Psychedelia, and Jazz Fusion played by a different lineup of musicians each time. The Friday, June 5 show at Shanachie, features Cliff Porter, Cliff Porter Jr. and Kendall Hoopes plus special guests Steven Bates and Michael Coleman. 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

DJ Clandestine at John's Place: Spinning dope mashups and hip-hop Friday, June 5, 9 pm to last call. Plus special guest Devi Genuone.

Sip and Paint Brunch with Sandy Strong, June 21

Join Sandy Strong on Sunday, June 21 from 1 to 4 pm for a Sip and Paint Brunch at Willits Center for the Arts in the Great Room. Create a floral watercolor painting while being guided by Sandy's extensive experience in the medium. All levels welcome. The \$75 fee includes all materials and a brunch catered by Scoops with delicious mimosas to drink. Register at www.willitscenterforthearts.org

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Mid week promotions: Wednesday - Matinee prices to all shows all day.

Saturday, June 6

In-Person Sign-Ups for Swimming Lessons: The City of Willits offers in-person sign-ups for swimming lessons at the Willits City Pool, on Saturday, June 6, from 8 to 11 am. Fee per session is \$50, with a sibling discount of \$5 (up to 4). Swim lesson sessions start Monday, June 8; they are one-on-one and are tailored to the child's needs. Public Swim and other activities at the City Pool also start Monday, June 8. Visit www.cityofwillits.org/151/Swimming-Pool for more information, and scroll down to see graphics with the swim lesson sessions and pool schedule for summer 2026.

CITY OF WILLITS SWIM LESSONS

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Swimming Lessons & Activities	Registration Dates	Swimming Lessons & Activities	Registration Dates
Session 1	June 13-22	Session 1	June 13-22
Session 2	June 13-22	Session 2	June 13-22
Session 3	June 13-22	Session 3	June 13-22
Session 4	June 13-22	Session 4	June 13-22
Session 5	June 13-22	Session 5	June 13-22
Session 6	June 13-22	Session 6	June 13-22
Session 7	June 13-22	Session 7	June 13-22
Session 8	June 13-22	Session 8	June 13-22
Session 9	June 13-22	Session 9	June 13-22
Session 10	June 13-22	Session 10	June 13-22

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (707) 459-5778

Sign-Ups for American Legion Baseball: Come and join in with "The Boys of Summer" as they kick off the next few months of American Legion Post 174 Baseball. Player age group is 17 to 19 years old. Willits coach Adam Hughes will be "on tap" for sign-ups on Saturday, June 6, from 9 am to 3 pm, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 189/190 North Main Street (right next to the Willits High School bus yard).

Clean Canvas at City Park: City of Willits hosts the Clean Canvas Art Appreciation and Litter Education Event at Bud Snider Park, East Commercial Street. Saturday June 6 from 11 am to 3 pm. Free chalk art: City will give out free chalk - create, inspire and brighten the park. Art Contest, Food Trucks, Educational Booths, All Ages Welcome. Sponsored by Caltrans Clean California Grant.

"Imprinted" and "Life Lines" at WCA: Join us at Willits Center for the Arts for a festive opening with "Imprinted," prints and sculpture by Laytonville artist JJ Plante, and "Life Lines," from the Willits Life Drawing Group, including Roger Broomfield, Kat Emerson, Nancy Finn, Richard Smith, Andy Hill, Margaret Pirouette, and Lyn Tavolsky. Saturday, June 6 from 6 to 8 pm. Refreshments, nibbles, and fine art. This exhibit will run through June 28, with the gallery open Fridays through Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm, at 71 East Commercial Street.



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Blue Luke at Shanachie: Prodigy guitarist "Blue Luke" Andrews takes the soul of the blues, the groove of funk, the grit of rock & roll, and the harmonies of jazz into the modern world. With special guests on Friday, June 4, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Willits Horsemen's BBQ and Play Day: Come on down to the annual Willits Horsemen's Play Day at the Horsemen's Arena in the valley. Best BBQ in the area, BBQ starts at noon and ends at 2 pm, \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids. Rodeo starts at 1 pm, free admission for spectators.



Singer Paula Samonté at WCT: Singer and songwriter sensation Paula Samonté brings her unique gorgeous vocals for a second show featuring jazz, classic standards, and timeless music at Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, June 7 at 4 pm. See Saturday, June 6 listing for more details.

Public Swim at City Pool: Public swim (\$5), lap swim (\$5), aqua aerobics (\$7, \$6 seniors) start this week at the Willits Municipal Swimming Pool, 299 North Main Street. Visit www.cityofwillits.org/151/Swimming-Pool for more information, and scroll down to see graphics with the pool schedule for summer 2026. Info: 707-459-5778.

Lunch at the Library: The Willits Branch Library offers a free lunch for all youth 18 and under, followed by a fun activity, starting Tuesdays, June 9, and continuing Tuesdays through Fridays from noon to 1 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908.

Digital Skills for Everyday Life at the Library: Learn valuable online skills including e-mail correspondence, identifying authentic and reliable sites and sources, internet security, and much more. Tuesday, June 9, 2 to 3:30 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. You can bring your own device, or library Chromebooks will be available for check-out.

Thursday, June 11

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, June 11 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.

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Summer Market outdoors at City Park on Commercial Street, Thursday, June 4 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.

Magical Nathaniel at the Library: Nathaniel brings sleight of hand, comedy, and stage magic to the Willits Library, to kick off the Willits Branch Library Summer Reading Program. Friday, June 12, 3 to 4 pm. A free event for all ages. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908.

Hella Mendocino at Shanachie: Reggae Fusion band with Psychedelic Rock, Hip-Hop, and Cumbia influences based in Norcal. Friday, June 12 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Local All Star Showcase Game: Enjoy a great day of baseball at the Willits Little League Fields, 600 East Commercial Street, Saturday, June 13. 24 Minors players, 24 Majors players. Minors play at 11 am, Majors play at 2:30 pm. Two 4-inning games for each. Snack Shack open all day long.

Library Story and Playtime at Rec Grove: Storytime in the Park set for Friday, June 13 and Friday June 27 this month, 11 am to noon, at Rec Grove Park. Bring the kids for a story read by a librarian followed by fun outdoor games.

Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: local Mendocino County jam band, sharing original music that is a reflection of being a part of this amazing community. Saturday, June 13 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

SAVE the DATE!

LOCAL ALL STAR SHOWCASE GAME

24 MINORS PLAYERS **24 MAJORS PLAYERS**

AT OUR LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS
June 13th, 2026

MINORS PLAY AT 11:00 AM
TWO 4-INNING GAMES
15 MINUTE BREAK IN BETWEEN

MAJORS PLAY AT 2:30 PM
TWO 4-INNING GAMES
15 MINUTE BREAK IN BETWEEN

SNACK SHACK
WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY LONG!

Come out, support our All-Stars, and enjoy a great day of baseball!

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June 7 @ 4:00 pm

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THIRD WORLD

JUNE 7

Congrats GRADUATES

Graduation Ceremonies

Willits High School
12th Grade Graduation Ceremony:
Thursday, June 4 at 5 pm at WHS' Maize Field

Sanhedrin High School
12th Grade Graduation Ceremony:
Thursday, June 4 at 5 pm at WHS' Maize Field

Willits Charter School
12th Grade Graduation Ceremony:
Thursday, June 4 at 5:30 pm at the back field

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Backrooms'

The Story: This is a super popular and creepy ultra-low-budget horror flick. Clark (Chiwitel Ejiofor) in psychotherapy because he's unhappy. He owns "Ottoman Furniture" - a "Bad Credit, No Problem, Buy-It-On Time" furniture warehouse store. He works hard. It's clear he's making some money, but he's at odds with his wife who's attending law school. He resents her. He drinks "just to unwind." She kicks him out of the house, so he's sleeping at his business. And then:

Dan Essman
Columnist

In the middle of the night, he awakens and gets out of bed. He walks through a wall, and he discovers a nightmarish maze of empty rooms and offices and piled furniture. These mysterious back rooms seem to go on forever. He thinks he hears somebody. Maybe he's being chased. Or maybe not. It's all pretty freaky.

He tells his therapist Mary (Renate Reinsve) about the "Rooms," but she thinks Clark might be having a nervous breakdown, or even a psychotic break. Clark decides that he's gonna show Mary that he's not crazy and he'll prove it.

Clark cajoles two of his employees Bobby and Kat (Finn Maxell and Lukita Maxwell) to help him explore this mysterious and uncanny maze of rooms. Then tells them to bring a video camera. They walk through the wall and then (spoiler/no spoiler): Horrifically Bad Things Happen.

My Thoughts: This is a righteously scary movie. Truly. And it is extremely popular. My only caveat is the jiggly hand-held cinematography which is reminiscent of "The Blair Witch Project." I find that visual style uncomfortable to watch. Apparently the overwhelming majority of audiences (74% on Rotten Tomatoes) don't seem to care.

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

Redwood Empire Spring Fair, June 5-7

Come on down to the Fairgrounds this weekend, 1055 North State Street, Ukiah, to experience the Redwood Empire Spring Fair. Free admission; Carnival needs wristbands, and Grandstand shows need tickets. Friday, June 5, features Monster Trucks & Mudd Boggs, show starts at 6 pm, with live music. Saturday, June 6 features Monster Trucks, Mudd Boggs, and Boat Races, show starts at 6 pm, with live music. Sunday, June 7 is Live Music Night, from 6 to 10 pm. Fair Gates open 3 pm on Friday, and noon on Saturday and Sunday. Parking \$10. Don't forget the carnival food! Visit www.redwoodempirefair.com for more details.

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June 24: Marbled Paper Grey Whales

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(PG) 13 2H 12min
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BACKROOMS
(R) 1H 45min
Fri: 4:30, 7:15
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Wed/Thurs: 4:30, 7:15

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MATINEE PRICES ALL WEEK
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Wed/Thurs: 4:45, 7:30

Open Caption Wednesdays
This means that, when available, every show on Wednesdays will have subtitles on the screen.

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FRIDAY JUNE 5
MONSTER TRUCKS & MUDD BOGGS 6:00pm
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SATURDAY JUNE 6
MONSTER TRUCKS & MUDD BOGGS & BOAT RACES
6:00pm
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Survivor
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SUNDAY JUNE 7
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Banda Pacifica
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Photos by Alex Herron

Above: Pro disc golfer Bradley Williams has just taken a shot, with a backdrop of redwoods. At right: Calvin Heimburg, the third ranked disc golfer in the world, gets ready to take a shot at the OTB Pro Skins match at Brooktrails Golf Course.



Above: Pro disc golfers with Brooktrails Golf owners Alex and Kimberly Herron stand under the iconic sign. Below: Disc golfers, friends and observers at the May 26 match at Brooktrails Golf Course.



OBITUARY |

Ellen Walker

Ellen Jane Walker was born in Willits on June 9, 1932 to Myrtle Mack Walker and Clifford Walker Sr. She passed away after a long illness on March 9, 2026. She worked at Redwood Manor (in Willits), taking care of people, and then worked at Microfor (in Willits), and when she retired, she lived at Baechtel Creek Village Apartments.

Ellen enjoyed gardening, cooking and oil painting. She painted amazing paintings of the local redwoods, lakes and scenery. She also always helped others in need, feeding the homeless people often and buying others food. She will always be remembered for having a generous heart.

Her family is daughter Cheryl Abney (Willits) and daughter Laurie Murphy (August 19, 2066 – July 22, 2022, AZ); granddaughters Alexis Anderson (Santa Rosa) and Tanya Williams (AZ); and nephews Zander Brown (USAF) and Gavin Brown (AZ).

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at Rec Grove Park, at 3:30 pm. Singer Neocole Aguilar will stop by at 4 pm to sing a few songs. Please come to help us celebrate Ellen's life!



Emmy and William Good Memorial, June 7

In loving memory of Emmy and William Good, on Sunday, June 7 from 1 to 3 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

'Only the Best' Pro Disc Golf match comes to Brooktrails

Submitted by Alex Herron

The OTB Pro Skins Match at Brooktrails Golf on May 26 was an incredible day of disc golf, community, and competition. With a beautiful course and an electric atmosphere, fans were treated to top-tier play from some of the sport's best.

Fans got to play and mingle with the pros, and then a fierce competition of 18-hole skins match of our professionals ensued. Make sure to check out the full coverage of the event on YouTube at the BradleyDiscGolf page.

A huge thank you to Joseph Haggard, Shawn Holub, and Mark McKey for helping bring this event to life – your hard work and dedication made it all possible.

We also want to recognize our amazing business

sponsors: Emerald Spirit, Botanicals, Farm Cut, Karkar's Deli, Shanachie Pub, and ProtoPipe. Your support helps grow the game and create unforgettable experiences like this.

A special thank you to the professional disc golfers Calvin Heimburg, Bradley Williams, Zach Arlinghaus, and Clay Edwards for putting on an outstanding show and engaging with the community.

And of course, thank you to GK Pro event organizer Luke Humphries for coordinating and delivering another fantastic event.

Brooktrails continues to shine as a premier destination for disc golf – and we look forward to our big Fourth of July Bash.

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The rest of **Council** From page 1

council would instead take a vote on the original item as agendaized to set up the ad hoc committee. Councilmember Burton so moved, Gonzalez seconded, and then there was a 5 to 0 vote not to set up the committee, to applause from the audience.

The council then moved on to the next item, without hearing the staff presentation on the proposed ad hoc, and after most of the crowd made a noisy exit.

At one point during the earlier discussion Allman said he believed the agenda item was about getting more parking downtown, not bike lanes per se, but Greta Kanne, co-owner of The Book Juggler, disagreed:

"My husband, Chris, and I own The Book Juggler, a store that next year will mark 40 years of holding down the corner of Main and Wood streets. As a small business owner who has weathered the highway bypass, the relinquishment construction, the pandemic, and the collapse of the cannabis economy – and as a former councilmember and mayor – I have a lot of opinions on what the city can do to help our Main Street businesses. And I can say without hesitation that forming an ad hoc committee to review parking, striping, and traffic flow isn't it.

"When the council that Mr. Burton and Mr. Stranske sat on approved the Main Street Plan prior to the bypass in late 2016, the city spent a lot of money, man-hours, and effort on reviewing those things and on projecting how that might change in the wake of the bypass. 348 members of the public filled out your surveys and attended your meetings and made clear their wishes for a walkable, bikeable downtown. Rather than revisit the questions that have already been answered, I respectfully ask that you return to your Main Street Plan, I think Dusty has a copy of it, and work to implement the many components that remain uncompleted. I've provided a couple of pages from that plan to remind you of the community input the city received. The bike lanes, the bricks, and the trees were a good start. Please now help our community move forward, not backward. Thank you."

City of Willits employee Nikki Caldwell told councilmembers she wasn't for the bike lanes when the plan was approved. "I didn't like that they were taking away the turning lane. I didn't like how that affected the parking spaces, but now it's done. My grandson is now 13, he's at the age where he's riding his bike, he's taking his bike to school. When I drop off kids in the morning, I see teachers on their bikes, I see kids on their bikes. For me it would be a bigger issue trying to undo all this, what we paid for to get done. Again, I'm not for it, though I understand why it's there.... I wouldn't want to pay for something that we just paid to have done. It just doesn't make much sense."

When Allman asked if anyone was at the meeting to support setting up an ad hoc committee to look at downtown striping, parking and circulation configurations, there was silence in response.

The rest of **Water** From page 1

Tamara Alaniz gave a brief report and cited that Lake Emily has recently stopped spilling. She stated: "This is concerning and means that moving forward we are going to have to be diligent about our water use restrictions. We will have to send out restrictor notices to customers who use more than the 9,000 gallons per month."

Continuing, she said: "With the dry March, barely wet April, and now the dry May.... Last year, just for context purposes, the lake was spilling into July. Because we haven't had that much water either from precipitation or runoff, that's what contributed to our early algae bloom in the past couple of weeks. We've been treating it for about two weeks now, and we've been going through the system, flushing it. We've treated the lake, and we've been in constant contact with our State Water Resources Control Board representative in Santa Rosa to make sure that they are up to speed with what we have done. There have been taste and smell issues, but the water has been safe and treated.

"We've had a lot of calls, a lot of public engagement," Alaniz continued, "and we've tried to address them and let them know what we do, how we deal with situations like this. It's part of this overall picture that I want to start talking about which is dry years. It's been 10 years since we've seen a real water shortage here. I'm concerned about that. I'm concerned about water quality issues. Water testing is done every day at our water treatment plant. We want the public to know that we are concerned and we are working on it.

"Everyone in this community is, obviously, used to having a pristine drinking water source," Alaniz said, "and we want that as well. We are pretty close to being back to that, but we

had the taste and odor issue because of that algae bloom."

Rounding out her comments regarding the water problem, Alaniz said, "This is a bigger picture issue, and we will be talking about it more in the future."

Then, she shifted gears saying: "This is something I just heard about today. Over the last several years we've not been notified by the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding whether or not they were stocking Lake Emily or when they were stocking it. We received a call, out of the blue, from Fish and Wildlife that they are going to come this week to stock Lake Emily."

Director Rick Williams said, "It's been years, hasn't it? Alaniz said: "We were surprised to hear that and wanted the board to know as soon as we could."

Then the meeting began with public comments. There were a number of Brooktrails residents in the audience, that spoke about issues they were very concerned about. Tyler-O'Shea pointed out that public comments were for items that were not on the agenda.

Eric Hart, candidate for Third District Supervisor, spoke and said: "Now that we are in the fire season, it's time for you to do your hardening work. I'll be honest with you – I'm behind on it myself. Don't feel bad, just get it done. The second thing is we are all citizens here. We all vote, and Election Day is next Tuesday. It doesn't matter who you vote for. Just please, please do vote. Thank you."

Following Hart, there were some very interesting and articulate commenters who had some good, solid points to share. Due to space constraints this coverage will need to be continued until the next edition of Willits Weekly.

The rest of **Election** From page 1

told Willits Weekly her office's next priority was to get a "Ballots Left to Count" report out to everyone. "We have a lot of ballots to sort out and organize," she said. "We are just beginning to sort them. I wish I had more news [but] we were busy all day and into the night last night with voters who needed assistance and with making sure the ballot boxes were emptied at least every two hours."

Judge Patrick Pekin won 77.15 percent of the vote reported so far in his reelection bid for Judge of the Superior Court, Room 3, with challenger Colby Friend drawing 22.85 percent.

For California Assembly District 2, Democratic incumbent Chris Rogers currently has 64.2 percent of the vote districtwide, with GOP challenger Michael Greer at 35.8 percent.

For U.S. House District 1, districtwide results show Republican James Gallagher in first place, with 47.2 percent of the vote. Democrat Mike McGuire is currently at 37.5 percent, with Democrat Audrey Denney at 13.4 percent. The top two candidates in this race will go on to the November election.

For U.S. House District 2, districtwide results show Democrat Rep. Jared Huffman winning strongly with 50.4 percent of the vote, with second-place finisher Republican Robin Littau at 12.7 percent.

Statewide election results in the governor's race currently show Republican Steve Hilton in first place with 27.8 percent of the vote, Democrat Xavier Becerra in second place at 25.4 percent, and Democrat Tom Steyer bringing up a somewhat distant third place with 19.6 percent. The top two candidates in the open primary for governor will go on to the November election.

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 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.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAYS
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At top, from left: Heather Miya displays some of the items that go into the Christmas boxes, including hats that she crochets every year. Heather Miya's daughter made most of the tempting cookies. Tami Rempel loves to help children around the world enjoy their Christmas. Above, left: Customers at the St. John's Lutheran Church's bake sale find much to discuss. Above, right: St. John's congregants Tami Rempel, Alex Miya, Jaime Harden, and Heather Miya, gave up their Saturday to raise money for the Operation Christmas Child. Below, left: This photo was included in the Christmas boxes last year to say hello to the recipients from their U.S. supporters. Photo courtesy of St. John's. Below, right: Saint John's Lutheran Church at 25 Mill Creek Drive hosts a small but caring congregation.



Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: From left, Willits Police Department's Field Training Ofc. Angeli, Chief Brian Fay, Ofc. Dendy, and Field Training Ofc. Gale pictured at Ofc. Dendy's graduation from police academy.

Congrats to WPD's new Ofc. Dendy

Posted by WPD

On Friday, May 29, we at Willits Police Department had the pleasure of swearing in our newest officer, Ofc. Dendy. Ofc. Dendy started at Willits PD in 2024 as a Community Services Officer. Ofc. Dendy wished to progress his career in law enforcement and has successfully completed the police academy. He will now begin his training as our newest police officer. Congratulations, Ofc. Dendy!

Goodies for a Good Cause

St. John's Church bake sale raises funds for annual Operation Christmas Child boxes

Too early to start thinking about Christmas? Not for the good people of the congregation of Saint John's Lutheran Church. Being involved with the Operation Christmas Child, they have to work on the project pretty much all year to gather items for the shoe boxes that are sent all over the planet, chock full of both necessary and fun items.

In order to pay for the shipping (\$10 a box), they need to raise money from their donors and from bake sales, which they very much enjoy doing. Not only do they raise funds selling their cookies, cakes, and fudge, but they get to interact with the public in a joyful and friendly manner, as they did last Saturday, on the southern corner outside of Safeway with colorful handmade signs and charts showing the progression of constructing and sending the boxes, as well as showing all the myriad of items that can be found in the boxes.

"We're doing our Operation Christmas Child," explained Heather Miya. "It's wonderful that multiple churches in our area are picking up this project, because it helps kids worldwide. It's so important. We don't know where the boxes are going until later.

"Samaritan's Purse is the international umbrella organization for the project," Miya continued. "They are in Boone, North Carolina. It's related to the Billy Graham Evangelists. People like us from all over the United States, they do the shopping and the packing of the boxes. Then it goes to a processing center where they check all the boxes, just to make sure that everything in them is safe and appropriate. There are certain things that we're not allowed to send, like any toys related to war or violence. The kids probably have enough of that in their lives. No guns, no tank toys, no ammunition.

"We send toys. We send hygiene supplies. Soap and toothbrushes, wash cloths, school supplies. A lot of kids in the world can't go to school without their own supplies. So, it enables their education. We send them to the distribution center and from there, to wherever it goes," Miya said.

"It's a group effort," said Steve Hajik, president of the congregation. "We are part of the group of churches that participate. I believe Agape and the Calvary Temple are involved as well. It's a shoebox that they pack and gets sent out in November. Our church's boxes went to the Philippines last year. We average over 100 boxes each year."

The tables at the bake sale were full of cookies, made by Miya's daughter, cakes from Tami Rempel, and other tasty items contributed by other congregants. It was difficult to resist the tempting treats which were sold by donation. "Five to seven of us made all of these baked goods. I made peanut butter cookies, banana bread, and chocolate-

The rest of Trivia

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doing this game in March," said Button. "We started doing it once a month but now that summer has kicked in, we'll do it every other week. We're trying to be on the off weeks from Northspur. Flying Dog is not typically open on Mondays, but they open every other Monday for trivia."

The night that Willits Weekly attended trivia at the pizza place, there was a fundraiser for the Willits Area Cyclists who spend time and energy restoring and creating trails in Brooktrails. They created a trail called the "Misnomer Trail" due to its garden gnomes which add a sense of fun to the path. Lately, someone has been pilfering the gnomes, and a portion of the evening's receipts were to be donated by Flying Dog Pizza to purchase new ones.

Even though all of the game nights are run slightly differently, the basic tenets are very similar. People join or bring teams of friends to answer the questions, typically 20 to 30 questions, some of which follow a theme, some visual, or some musical. At The Munchery, Martin passes out papers with the answer numbers, then calls out the questions, which are projected on a screen. The teams then fill in the blanks. In the other two games, the sheets that are distributed have the questions printed on them. At the end of each round, the teams pass their pages to an adjoining table to be graded. Prizes vary at each location, from a large box of Goldfish crackers (Northspur) to bicycle printed socks (Flying Dog), to gift certificates (The Munchery).

Many of the participants attend Trivia Nights in more than one location. The teams come up with fanciful names, such as Paul's Excellent Adventure (winners at Flying Dog), The Homebrew Association (won the night at Northspur), or the Thunder Chickens (winners at The Munchery). Some are experienced, and some are attending for the first time. All have fun. Trivia nights are a great way to spend an evening with friends and family, eat some food and have a libation, and laugh a lot.

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.

Willits Library Ongoing Events

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

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Wednesdays, 2 to 4 pm, in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe."

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!

The rest of Goodies

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covered pretzels," explained Rempel. Even young Alex, Heather Miya's son, enjoyed working the sale. "This is a very fun activity, and it all goes to a good cause. I enjoy doing it. Seeing new people every day is always a good thing," said the young Miya.

Rempel shows her devotion to the cause by crocheting hats each year, one for every box, 100 to 110 hats, which she works on all year.

Saint John's Lutheran Church is a small (under 40 members) congregation, but they feel as though they are a family, working and worshipping together. They are small but mighty in their devotion to doing good work for the community.

"In addition, we participate in the Brown Bag Lunch program. We also do a Fall Soup and Dessert luncheon, to raise money for our guild. Money from that goes to support a charity project which we choose each year. We have

donated money to the Food Bank, to the Seabiscuit Therapy Center, the Girls and Boys Club. We've done hurricane relief. We try to give back to the local community and people who are in need in general."

Although they are called Saint John's, the fundamental religion does not have saints. "It's called Saint John's because John was an apostle who followed Jesus when he was alive for three years with the Gospel. We're like the Catholic faith, but we don't have a pope. We don't have saints. We have a vicar, Cory Payne. We have elders. Rob Rempalo is the head elder."

"It's a very open, loving church, which is what I like about it the most," said Heather Miya. "Anybody is welcome, regardless of their background. Someone could walk off the street as a homeless person, and we will welcome them with loving arms. That is what it is all about."

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The goods are described as: Furniture, misc totes, grow supplies, exercise equipment.

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Benjamin Lewis	603	Jacob Smith	275
Kolton Linde Carnes	135	Jorge Toste	227
Kasandra McCormick	466	Scott White	336
Kathleen Nelson	613	Phillip Winters	503
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Holding "the big check" for the Long Valley Health Center at the 100 Women Strong Inland event May 21 at Frey Vineyards. Photo courtesy Vince Martinez

100 Women Strong Inland awards \$10,000 to Long Valley Health Center

Posted by 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino

What a beautiful evening being able to give back \$17,000 to three local nonprofits that make huge impacts in our communities!

Congrats to Laytonville's Long Valley Health Center for being the recipient of the \$10,000.

And a huge thank you to everyone that donated and allowed us to give over \$3,500 to both of the other nonprofits, Medium Art Center and MCAVHN Care and Prevention Network, both of Ukiah.

It was such an honor to be a part of last night; see you again in the Fall!

Long Valley Health Center posted: "What an incredible evening celebrating community, connection, and the power of women coming together to support local nonprofits. Seeing so many people invest directly in the health and well-being of our communities was truly inspiring."

"Thank you to everyone who voted, donated, and continues to believe in our mission. Your support helps us continue providing vital care and services throughout our communities, and we are deeply grateful."

100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino is a local giving circle that magnifies the power of individual philanthropy by bringing women and their loved ones together to pool their contributions and make a collective impact. Community members are invited to contribute \$100 twice a year – once at the Spring event and once at the Fall event – to support nonprofits serving the region. To learn more, visit <https://communityfound.org/commaunity/community-initiatives/100-women-strong-inland-mendocino/> or follow "100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino" on Facebook.

Willits Community Theatre annual Black & White Gala

Saturday June 13

By Steve Hellman for WCT

Willits Community Theatre invites the community to a beautiful summer evening under the stars at our annual Black & White Gala, taking place on Saturday, June 13 from 5:30 to 10 pm at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits.

Guests will enjoy delicious food, hosted beer and wine, silent and live auctions, and an evening filled with music, dancing, and celebration in support of the performing arts in our community. The live auction will be hosted by Willits Mayor Tom Allman, and the evening will feature a debut performance from local dance band Mixed Bag, bringing together talented musicians from across Mendocino and Lake counties.

All proceeds from the Gala support WCT's local theater productions, the Gateway to the Stage youth programs, and improvements to the WCT Playhouse.

Guests are encouraged to dress in their best black and white attire and to come ready for an unforgettable night of music, laughter, community, and generosity that helps keep creativity alive in Willits year-round.

Tickets are \$125 per person, or \$700 for a table of 6, \$900 for table of 8. Tickets and information are available at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org. The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits.

Willits Community Theatre is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Sponsors for the event are Lions Club of Willits, The Howard Foundation, Mary Guibert, Michael and Dayle Deer, and the Willits Rotary Club.

B THE ANTIDOTE

Even the sun-clouds this morning cannot manage such skirts.
Nor the woman in the ambulance
Whose red heart blooms through her coat so astoundingly

A gift, a love gift
Utterly unasked for
By a sky

Palely and flamily
Igniting its carbon monoxides, by eyes
Dulled to a halt under bowlers.

O my God, what am I
That these late mouths should cry open
In a forest of frost, in a dawn of cornflowers.

-Sylvia Plath-

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Hosted Beer and Wine
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Purchase tickets on Eventbrite
www.wctperformingartscenter.org

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CONGRATULATIONS

Wyatt Smitty Klee

Wyatt we are so beyond proud of you and all your accomplishments throughout High School! From holding the Historian, Sentinel and Vice President positions for the Willits FFA Chapter, placing 4th at the sectional job interview competition and moving onto regionals, leading the FFA team and receiving 1st place at the sectional opening and closing competition, completing college level and advanced placement classes, earning your FFA Greenland degree as well as your state degree, getting accepted to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo as well Cal Poly Humboldt & Chico State all while spending most days playing hacky sack in the high school parking lot during lunch with your friends. There are so many other accomplishments you have achieved but I would run out of space. I know your future is bright and no matter where you're at or who you're with, you put a smile on everyone's face. We can't wait to watch you grow over the next four years at Cal Poly Humboldt while you achieve your Bachelors degree in Forestry. We will all miss you more than you know but will look forward to your weekend visits back home. Congratulations Wyatt! Love, Mom, Dad, Walker & Tessa.

P. S. No cutting class to go fishing

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