

Councilmember Stranske said the reason for the postponement was that Financial Director Manuel Orozco would not be ready by July 16 to provide the budget numbers - the unaudited fund balances for all enterprise funds and the general fund - that Councilmember Bruce Burton had said the council would need for a workshop on the 2025/26 budget.



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

**Thank you**

To the Editor:

Jennifer and Maureen: I just wanted to say how much I appreciate you both for being such strong supporters of the arts in our community. Thanks to people like you, the Willits Center for the Arts is able to keep Art Talks going, a series that brings real depth and inspiration to Willits.

The lectures are such a gift; five professors from notable colleges are lined up to speak, and the series runs through May 2026. These talks aren't just educational – they spark conversation, curiosity, and connection. It's one of the best things we do.

Thanks again for being a part of it. You make a difference.

Gary Martin, Willits

*Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor.*

### 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

**Thursday, July 17:** Asian Honey Garlic Chicken

**Friday, July 18:** Beef Stroganoff, Veggies, Roll

**Monday, July 21:** Blue Zones Inspired: Whole Grain Pasta w/Red Sauce

**Tuesday, July 22:** Grilled Chicken Cordon Blu, Veggies, Roll

**Wednesday, July 23:** Italian Sub Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

**Thursday, July 24:** Taco Salad (low carb)

**Friday, July 25:** Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Veggies, Roll

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

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

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### John Pinches Memorial July 26

Please join the family and friends of John Pinches for a memorial celebrating his life and many accomplishments. John's memorial will be held on Saturday, July 26 at the Laytonville Rodeo Grounds. Gates open at 1 pm, and the memorial gets underway around 2 pm.

Please bring a potluck dish, photos, stories, and memories of John to share. The Laytonville Rodeo Association will host a 21+ older bar, so if you plan to raise a glass of brew for John, bring some bucks to toss to the Rodeo, something John started.

For more information, please call June @ (707) 272-1260. John's family would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love and support. We hope to see you there!

– June Sizemore

### State budget includes funds to begin transition of seasonal firefighters to full-time status

*Submitted by the Office of Mike McGuire, Senate President pro Tempore*

Sacramento – As wildfire season intensifies across the state, California is investing more resources in CAL FIRE than ever before thanks to critical funding secured by California's Democratic leadership in this year's state budget.

This year's historic investment begins the landmark transition of CAL FIRE'S antiquated seasonal firefighter staffing plan to a modern-day staffing model, which will eventually transition all 3,000 seasonal CAL FIRE firefighters to full-time status, 365 days per year.

The 2025-26 state budget includes funding to begin the transition of hundreds of seasonal firefighters, who will officially be on the fire lines full-time early next year.

Facing longer and more destructive fire seasons each year, the investments builds on massive efforts by Democratic leaders over the past decade, which have nearly doubled the ranks of CAL FIRE firefighters from 6,700 to over 12,000 today. Another 2,100 CAL FIRE firefighters will be hired over the next 48 months thanks to a previous budget agreement championed by state Democrats.

"January's LA firestorm was a painful reminder that wildfire season is now year round in the Golden State," said Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (D-North Coast).

"We know that firefighters have been facing deteriorating conditions, longer and hotter fire seasons, and overwhelming fatigue as they battle the largest mega fires in American history.

"This year's budget is a historic first that will pivot away from an antiquated seasonal staffing model and implement what our communities need right now – an all-hands-on-deck approach with every CAL FIRE firefighter full-time and prepared to respond 24 hours per day, 365 days a year."

The Golden State and the entire West are burning at historic rates and have presented firefighters with new challenges, devastating conditions, and long, grueling hours. Eight of the most destructive wildfires in California history have hit over the past five years, with two of the deadliest wildfires burning over 16,000 homes and businesses in Los Angeles County this January.

Across California, more than \$4 billion has been allocated in vegetation management projects to reduce ongoing wildfire risks. This includes hazardous fuel reduction projects, vegetation management, defensible space programs, and cutting-edge technology to prevent devastating wildfires.

Read the rest of McGuire Over on page 4

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### Jackson Demonstration State Forest seeks applicants for advisory group

*Submitted by CAL FIRE MEU*

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Jackson Demonstration State Forest invites public involvement in the management of JDSF through participation on its Jackson Advisory Group. The JAG advises CAL FIRE and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on forest management at JDSF.

CAL FIRE is seeking two JAG members to provide expertise in one or more of the following forest management categories identified in the JAG Charter:

- Licensed Timber Operator
- Botanist and/or Ecologist
- Physical Scientist (e.g. hydrology, geology, etc.)
- Forest Conservation

Interested persons should apply by submitting a letter of interest and resume by Tuesday, September 2, 2025 (dated and/or postmarked). Applications should be sent to: Jackson Demonstration State Forest Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, 802 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 9543.

Inquiries can be made at (707) 964-5674 or JDSF@fire.ca.gov

### Background

JDSF, the largest of 14 Demonstration State Forests in California, is in Mendocino County. The 48,652-acre forest fills a unique niche to advance research, demonstration, and education on sustainable forestry practices to help maintain California's leading role as an innovator in solutions to difficult resource management challenges.

The Jackson Advisory Group provides advice to CAL FIRE and the board on management of the forest. It also is intended that interactions among the advisory group, the department, the board, and the public will help to ensure transparency and create trust regarding JDSF management.

The Advisory Group will meet four to six times in 2026 on dates yet to be determined. Meetings are generally from 9 am to 4 pm, either in Fort Bragg, Ukiah, or at the forest. Additional preparation time between meetings will typically be necessary. There is no compensation for service on the Jackson Advisory Group.

JAG members represent a range of local, regional, and state interests and areas of technical expertise such as forestry research, forest conservation, ecology, environmental education, environmental protection, fisheries, forest management, physical sciences, recreation, timber operations, and wildlife.

Members are to represent the public. Meetings of the advisory group are public and subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

New appointees will serve a term of three years. Interviews for these three positions will be conducted in September/October. The director's appointees are subject to the approval of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

General Information regarding JDSF can be found on our website here: [www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demonstration-state-forests/jackson-demonstration-state-forest](http://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demonstration-state-forests/jackson-demonstration-state-forest)

The Charter for the JDSF Advisory Group is available on the CAL FIRE website at: Jackson Advisory Group Charter.

General Forest Management Plan is available on the CAL FIRE website at: General Forest Management Plan



## Big Time

### A big crowd at the Sherwood Valley Tribe's celebration enjoyed Native dancing, singing, and crafts, grilled salmon, and community

"Big Time" to Native Americans refers to a social gathering where Native American traditions, culture, and community are honored and shared. The events involve traditional dancing, singing, and the sharing of food and crafts. They are a way to celebrate Native American heritage and build community connections.

At the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians' Big Time every year, there are booths housing organizations that offer methods for improving the lives of the people. Traditional arts and jewelry, abalone and silver and turquoise, were colorfully offered to the attendees by Indian artisans, many of whom travel the country to show at Big Times that are occurring at many of the reservations annually.

This year's Big Time, the 32nd annual, was hosted last Saturday by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians. The celebration was well-attended, with all the parking lots filled to capacity, despite the 90 degree heat. There was plenty of shade and even a cooling tent.

The center of the event was a large circle, ringed with bales of hay to sit on and to demarcate the edges of the circle. In the center was a sacred flame, which was kept burning throughout the day. Several bands and tribes participated in the traditional dances that occurred at various intervals, accompanied by drums and chanting.

Although the event was mostly a gathering of the indigenous population, everyone was welcome to partake in the joyous and spiritual happening. Generous portions of commodities (foods distributed by the USDA), beans, fry bread, fresh grilled salmon, hamburgers and hot dogs, and more were offered to anyone, for free. Vendors also had fry breads and drinks and desserts that could be purchased.

In between the dancing, each vendor was invited to donate a valuable item to be raffled off. The grand prize was a 72 inch flat-screen TV, provided by the casino. Plenty of free swag was offered to

Read the rest of Big Time Over on page 9

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**Show Tribal I.D. to receive three Free Entries.**

### Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

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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!

FOOD GARDEN WORD SEARCH

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BEANS	FRESH	PICK	STRAWBERRIES
BROCCOLI	HEALTHY	POTATOES	THYME
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CLUES ACROSS

- Resorts
- One point south of southwest
- Musical performances
- Matched
- Four-footed animal part
- Express severe disapproval of
- Type of leaf
- Preparatory
- Walk heavily
- Succulent plants
- Rectangle of grass
- Lump in yarn
- Too
- Foot (Latin)
- Afflicts
- Smoothed
- Mind (Greek)
- Tampa ballclub
- Semitic language
- Sheltered sides
- Ocean
- Electronic point of sale

- Thrust a knife into
- 12th month (abbr.)
- Ringworm
- Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
- Fighting back
- Cease to exist
- Insects in adult stage
- Freestanding sculpture
- Caps
- Repents
- Brown and Wallace are two
- Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

- Goes bad
- Yard structure
- They \_\_
- Marine invertebrate
- European river
- Office supplies firm
- Physically abused
- Service stations in Australia
- Kills
- Liquid body substances

- Particular to a given individual
- Brave or noble act
- Sicilian city
- Conqueror
- Elected officials
- Type of "pig"
- Drop of viscous substance
- Monetary unit of Spain
- Guarantees
- Coloring materials
- Reddish browns
- Square measure
- Will not
- Canned fish
- Appeared
- Six (Spanish)
- Took off
- Negligible amount
- Posts in a Greek temple
- Witnesses
- Phil \_\_, former CIA
- Places to park
- Guns
- Dance to pop music

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

June 30 to July 6

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **72 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 30

6:44 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

July 1

8:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Main Street and Franklin Avenue.

9:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

July 2

3:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

5:14 pm: FRYMAN, Jason Luke (40) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of driving under the influence with prior convictions and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license (revoked for DUI) and failure to appear.

7:49 pm: MAPLE, Ronald Dean (61) of Covelo was contacted near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Blosser Lane. He was arrested on felony charges of disobeying a court order and on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order and contempt of court.

9:36 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of South Lenore Avenue.

July 3

5:04 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

10:15 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

12:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

July 4

2:30 am: PHILLIPS, Shannon Lee (52) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of

disorderly conduct (intoxicated with drugs and alcohol) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

4:19 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

12:18 pm: CURTIS, Rickie Allen (51) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol), resisting an officer, and failure to appear.

3:17 pm: VILLAGRANA, Blanca Estela Delgado (40) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. She was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear.

July 5

9:19 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a citation.

2:36 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East Mendocino Avenue and issued a warning.

4:53 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Holly Street and issued a warning.

7:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:01 pm: SCARBERRY, Angela Marie (45) of Willits was contacted in the 1600 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of forging or altering vehicle registration and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 6

2:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

8:16 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:27 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Baechtel Road and South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:06 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

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Video

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this incident, the decedent was identified as Nicholas Bakewell, a 36-year-old male from Willits.

YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/MendocinoSheriff>

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBzx08v3s7U>

Editor's Note: As per the disclaimer on the MCSO video: "A word of caution: The images and information you're about to see may be disturbing. When a deputy uses force to arrest a suspect or defend against an attack, it can be graphic and difficult to watch. In addition, strong language may be used by those shown in the video. Viewer discretion is advised, especially for young children and sensitive viewers."

Willits Weekly published the original MCSO press release on the June 5, 2025 Taser incident in the June 12, 2025 edition, which can be read here: [https://willitsweekly.com/documents/WillitsWeekly\\_06122025\\_APages.pdf](https://willitsweekly.com/documents/WillitsWeekly_06122025_APages.pdf)

The rest of  
McGuire

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And recently passed legislation includes CEQA exemptions for wildfire fuel breaks, shad fuel breaks, roadside fuel breaks, and prescribed burns. This new state law will significantly speed up wildfire mitigation projects and help make communities across the Golden State more fire safe.

"The conditions CAL FIRE firefighters are facing is like nothing we've ever seen before, and we needed the state to have our backs so that we can keep fighting these blazes morning, noon and night, every season of the year," said Tim Edwards, President of CAL FIRE Local 2881.

"I'm so grateful for the leadership of Sen. McGuire, who's been fighting to fix the CAL FIRE firefighter shortage for years. While we have more work ahead, the progress we're making is remarkable. This year's budget action – and the expanded resources over the last several years – are game changers to make the Golden State more wildfire safe," Edwards said.

"The fires that ravaged LA earlier this year were a devastating reminder that firefighters are stretched thin, and their health and safety must be a priority," said Senator Tim Grayson (D-Concord). "We rely on them to protect our communities and our families, and we want them to know they can rely on the state for the resources they desperately need to do their jobs."

"A promise made is a promise kept," said Chief Lewis Broschard of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. "I was grateful to meet and work with Pro Tem McGuire and Senator Grayson, along with fire service leadership across the state, on these important and commonsense measures to expedite wildfire mitigation projects."

"They have followed through on their commitment to deliver for our communities, and now we can get to work on making California, and our residents, safer from wildfire thanks to their efforts," Broschard said.

Mike McGuire is President pro Tempore of the California Senate. He represents the North Coast of California, which stretches from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border, including Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin counties. Visit the website of Senate Leader McGuire here: <https://sd02.senate.ca.gov/>



Above, from left: One of the zanier moments from "Improvalooza": The WCT team eked out a win against the visiting UPT team. Jeff Shipp recites his lines from "A Midsummer's Night Drink" from the Mosaic Series. Schuler Marcier referees a contest of Shakespearean insults involving audience members Crispin Cain and Dayle Deer. At far left: Michealle Havenhill, Amythyst Romero, and Jeff Shipp are keeping the theater going smoothly along with multiple volunteers. At left: Dayle and Michael Deer, patrons of the Willits Community Theatre, recently provided funding for a much-needed air conditioning and heating system. Below: The newly refurbished patio at WCT affords an opportunity to mingle between acts or before or after the show. Further below: Schuyler Marcier, an actor much seen on the WCT stage, participated in the recent "Improvalooza." At bottom: Michealle Havenhill and Amythyst Romero take care of reservations and make sure all is going smoothly outside the stage.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Keepin' It Cool

Willits Community Theatre celebrates all who keep the theater going – including donors who bought the new air conditioning unit

The Willits Community Theatre is cool, really cool. Not just because of their stellar entertainment offerings, but due to their new heating and cooling system, generously donated by Michael and Dayle Deer and expeditiously installed by

All In Heating and Cooling of Ukiah, who performed the installation in two days, between performance dates and just in time for Improvalooza.

"Our air conditioner just went down, out of the blue," explained Amythyst Romero, managing director of the theater. "It was working fine and then it wasn't. We didn't know what we were going to do. It was a very expensive project. It was 30 years old, so they had to replace it. We received three bids and chose All In One.

"They're replacing everything, all the ducting," Romero continued. "They added more vent drops. The whole system is way more efficient. It's quieter, and we had donors who stepped up and paid for the whole thing, Michael and Dayle Deer. They have been beloved patrons of the theater for as long as I've been here. Their generosity saved the season." Additionally, Bobby Brumback has stepped forward to cover any costs over the Deers' donation.

"We had planned on leaving the theater money in our will when we passed away anyhow," said Dayle Deer. "So, why not give it to them now, because there is a current need. One of the great things about Willits is those who can give to causes they believe in, do give to causes they believe in. Either give money or give of yourself."

"Dayle and I feel blessed that we were able to write a check," explained Michael Deer. "We wrote a check and gave it to Amythyst right away, because once you have it in your hand, it becomes real.

As is true with most theaters, whether a grand opera house or a small-town venue, WCT requires generous donations and volunteers to continue to produce plays, music, poetry, or other forms of entertainment.

"We've been really fortunate this year," continued Romero. "The support that we've gotten has been amazing. We have benefited from a grant from the Community

Foundation of Mendocino County. Penserra Group helped pay for the new roof. We also received grant funding from Reza and Deb Ghannadan through Vanguard Charitable which was significant."

Along with a new and dynamic board of directors who oversee all aspects of the theater, a management team sees to the day-to-day operations. Managing Director Romero has created several innovations and is an excellent grant writer.

"I oversee the daily operations," she explained. "I do a lot of donor relations and grant-writing, pay the bills, and do financial reports, anything else that is needed. We're a volunteer-based organization. I've been in the tech booth. I've been a stage manager. I've been on multiple committees."

Multi-faceted Jeff Shipp is the production manager at WCT. "Everything we do, whether it's a play or a concert or an improv show or a dance, there is usually a director, or someone involved artistically, that is guiding it," said Shipp. "I help that person get all the things they need, whether it's getting the set painted, getting it built, getting the auditions together, doing all the scheduling, the PR, basically their right-hand man to make sure everything gets done and their artistic vision is seen by the public. I am overwhelmed by the number of people that volunteer all the time. It's very exciting to be surrounded by people that want to give their time to art."

Michealle Havenhill is the house manager. "I'm in charge of everything in the front of the house," explained Havenhill. "I maintain the inventory of our alcohol as well as coffees. I make reservations. I submit reports to the board of directors, on how well we did as far as concessions and that kind of thing, to keep them informed."

Being a small theater in a small town, WCT can be adaptable. When the staff realized a scheduled play was not able to be cast due to certain complexities, they were able to come up with a series of substitutions

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### Thursday, July 17

**Willits Farmers Market:** Join your neighbors on Thursdays, from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Willits Farmers Market at City Park, with vendors along State Street on the north end of the park. Featuring the freshest produce available, local meat and eggs, hot food and cold from small, local businesses, many of them sourcing ingredients from local farms. Crafts, live music, and the new copy of Willits Weekly. The market honors EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits with Market Match, to double your food dollars.

### Friday, July 18

**Hillshaker at Shanachie:** Formerly known as the Clay Hawkins Duo, Hillshaker blends rapid-fire fingerstyle slide guitar and honest, heartfelt songwriting. Creating his own unique brand of acoustic rock, Clay Hawkins with his long time co-conspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass play what some call, "Late Night, Boot-Stomping, Road Music from the Heart," or as the duo calls it, "Mountain House." Friday, July 18 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



**Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library:** This monthly discussion group meets every third Friday. Come talk about books, authors, and genres this month on July 18 from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 Commercial Street. Visit [www.mendolibrary.org](http://www.mendolibrary.org) or call (707) 459-5908 for more information.

### Saturday, July 19

**Miller's Wheel at Shanachie:** This Northern California trio combines acoustic and electric to play a soft and sultry mix of folk, soul, jazz, western swing and blues with original music written by Megan Miller on guitar, violin and vocals. The Ukiah band includes Jean-Francois Buy on lead guitar and drums, and Anthony Esserman-Melville on bass and drums. Saturday, July 19 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

### Sunday, July 20

**Flourish and Flow Yoga in the Park:** Classes held every Sunday in Rec Grove Park on South Lenore Street from 10 to 11 am with rotating instructors each week. All levels are welcome and each session ends with crystal bowl sound healing. Bring a mat and some water. Children are welcome, with an adult to supervise. Classes are donation based and through the month of July all donations will be given to the Willits Food Bank.

### Thursday, July 24

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### Friday, July 25

**Frankie and the Lost Souls at Shanachie:** This indie folk-rock band founded by wife and husband duo Erica and Sebastian has been performing Erica's folk- and country-inspired original music since 2009. The addition of lead guitarist Lynkse has elevated the group's sound with melodic riffs that hint at a nostalgia for a 90s and early 00s pop-rock soundscape that enrich narrative-driven lyrics exploring heartbreak, love, mental health, conflict, and the overall unresolved nature of the human condition. Friday, July 25 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Visit [www.frankieandthelostsouls.com](http://www.frankieandthelostsouls.com).



**School!** Enjoy live music, dunk tank, art vendors, face painting, hula hooping, raffles, and more! Hosted by our amazing MC, Billy Hetherington, this is a full day of fun for all ages. Saturday, July 26, noon to 9 pm, Rec Grove Park, South Lenore Avenue.

**Bryan Bielanski at Shanachie:** this critically-acclaimed, globetrotting acoustic rock singer-songwriter has been touring the U.S. and the world for the past 10 years. Inspired by greats like Tom Petty and CCR, he has a distinct musical style with catchy songs and lyrics that make you think while bringing a fun, upbeat energy. Saturday, July 26 at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Visit [bryanssuperhappyfuntime.com](http://bryanssuperhappyfuntime.com).

**Sustainable Willits Series "Water Wise" at the Library:** Join us for Part Two of this discussion with three speakers whose topics include learning about our local water sources, and exploring practical solutions for water conservation in our homes, gardens and community. This is a free event presented by the Willits Branch Library and W.E.L.L. (Willits Economic Localization) and will include Q&A, audience participation, and refreshments. Saturday, July 26 from 3 to 5 pm in the meeting room of the Willits Branch Library, 390 Commercial Street. For more information visit [www.mendolibrary.org](http://www.mendolibrary.org) or contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.



and Saturday July 16 at 7 pm; Sunday July 27 at 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Doors open an hour before the show. For adults only 21+ and up.

### Saturday, July 26

**Willits Music Fest:** Join us for the first-ever FREE music and arts festival benefiting Willits Elementary Charter School and Willits Charter

#### COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES



Dan Essman  
Columnist

may not remember, they are "rival" reporters at the same newspaper, The Daily Planet. They have to keep their affair on the down low. Clark has never told Lois that he loves her, but he most certainly does.

So, you might think, we have the beginning of Superman the Rom-Com, but no. More than cutesy love tangles are at stake, because the evil billionaire weapons-maker Lex Luthor has secret and cruel plans to destroy Superman's goody-goody, truth-justice-and-the-American-way reputation.

But way more than smearing the Man of Steel's image (who is, after all, a suspicious alien from another planet), Lex Luthor wants Superman Dead! Dead! Dead! As all of this is going on, there's a new character who shows up. It's adorable Krypto the Superdog.

And though Krypto is not the most obedient of canines, still he's loyal and true, and he's got a strong, wildly random part to play in the Superman-

The Story: How things stand as the movie begins: Lois Lane is in love with Clark Kent, but doesn't say it. And since you

At right: Members of "the Seven Sisters". Front row, from left: Elizabeth Raybee, Esther Siegel, and Laura Fogg. Back row, from left: Carolyn Bakewell, Nan Trichler, Julie Beardsley, and Nancy Simpson

### Willits artists part of 'Seven Sisters' at Corner Gallery

The Corner Gallery's front windows are overflowing with art this month. Usually featuring the work of one or two individuals, in July, the Ukiah space is packed with a creative, eclectic, and unthemed show by seven artists, collectively known as the Seven Sisters.

These seven women from Willits, Redwood Valley, and Ukiah first shared the gallery space at the Willits Center for the Arts in 2017. They are Elizabeth Raybee, Esther Siegel, Nancy Simpson, Nan Trichler, Julie Beardsley, Carolyn Bakewell, and Laura Fogg. From that very successful experience they forged a lasting and collaborative friendship. They have since put together three more shows in Ukiah and Willits.

The "Seven Sisters" show is open at the Corner Gallery, 201 South State Street in Ukiah. Through July 26. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm.

### Willits Branch Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street (707) 459-5908  
Tuesday - Thursday: 10 AM-7 PM, Friday: 10 AM-6 PM, Saturday: 10AM-5PM, Sunday-Monday: Closed

#### Special Events

**Lunch at the Library: Tues-Fri, 12-1 PM**  
We've partnered with W.U.S.D to bring free lunch to the library. Join us for lunch, books, and a fun activity. All children 18 & under receive a free meal. Lunch at the Library begins on June 10th and continues through Aug. 8th, 2025.

**St-N-Sue: 2nd Saturday, 1-5 PM**  
Drop-in and enjoy the company. Bring your sewing project and have fun.

**Nature Joe: Saturdays, July 12, 2:00 PM**  
Joe's Critter Cart brings live animals, big and small, for you to meet and learn about at the library. This free event is part of the Summer Reading Program.

**Stomp Club: Wednesday, July 16, 5-6 PM**  
Bring your collection and enjoy time persuing stamps. Refreshments provided.

**Book Lovers Discussion Group: Friday, July 18, 12-1 PM**  
This group will meet monthly to discuss books, authors and genres. Come talk about why you love books!

**Sustainable Willits: Saturday, July 26, 3-5 PM**  
Join us to learn about our local water sources, their challenges, and practical solutions for water conservation.

#### Weekly Library Events

**Tuesdays: LEOP'S Club: 4-6:30 PM**  
It is Lego time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building.

**Wednesdays: Penny University/Coffee Klatch: 2-4 PM**  
We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a cup of joe.

**Thursdays: Look for the Library BiblioBike at the Farmers Market: 3-4:30 PM**  
Keep an eye out for the Willits Branch Library's BiblioBike at the Willits Farmers Market! We will have information about library services and events—maybe even some free books!

**Saturdays (June - August): Story & Playtime in the Park: 11-12 PM**  
Start your morning listening to a children's story in Rec Grove Park, then join us for a short play-time.

**Saturdays: Tech Help: 1-1:12 PM**  
Bring your computer questions here to get help.

**Spinning & Knitting: 1-4:30 PM**  
All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1-2, Knitting circle 2-4:30

**Literacy Volunteers at Willits**  
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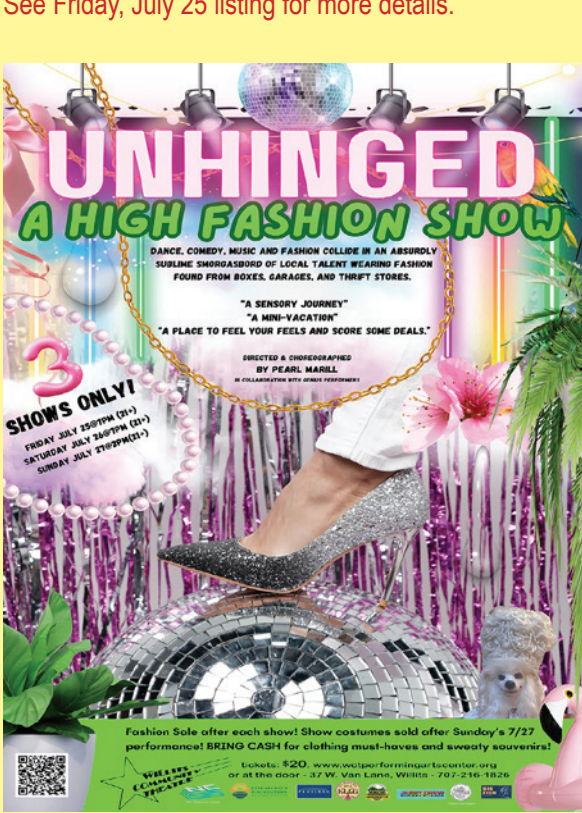
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### Sunday July 27

**Flourish and Flow Yoga in the Park:** Classes are held every Sunday in Rec Grove Park from 10 am to 11 am with rotating instructors each week. All levels are welcome and each session ends with crystal bowl sound healing. Bring a mat and some water. Children are welcome if supervised and with an adult. Classes are donation based and through the month of July all donations will be given to the Willits Food Bank.



**"UNHINGED!! A High Fashion Show":** Directed and choreographed by Pearl Marill in collaboration with a gorgeous bevy of local talent. 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Doors open at 1 pm. For adults only 21+ and up. See Friday, July 25 listing for more details.



### 42nd annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival

Save the date for the 42nd annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival, coming up August 16 and 17, Our Master of Ceremonies Mickey will kick things off at 10 am on both days. The festival runs through 6 pm on Saturday and 5 pm on Sunday with over 30 artisan vendors offering their crafts and food, Mendocino wine tasting, and live music both days. Children's activities promise fun for the entire family.

Come join the community for this family event and enjoy an art show in the Round Valley Library Commons adjacent to the festival grounds and a car and motorcycle show on Sunday.

Visit our website at [www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com](http://www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com) and join us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RoundValleyBlackberryFestival](http://www.facebook.com/RoundValleyBlackberryFestival)

### Willits Branch Library

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Location: Saint Francis Church

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When: Monday & Tuesdays

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Who: Men, Female, Families (all in need)

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The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from 9:30 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays (closed for lunch each day from 1 to 1:30 pm). Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at [www.mendocinoshelter.com](http://www.mendocinoshelter.com). Call 707-463-4427 for more information.

## Loyal Wrangler

Meet Wrangler, a small dog with a big personality! Wrangler, currently living at a foster home, is 6.5 years old and weighs 15.8 pounds! Once you earn his trust, he'll be your loyal sidekick for life, showering you with affection and always by your side. Wrangler's perfect for someone who understands that even the tiniest dogs need a little time to warm up before showing their soft side. Wrangler's adoption fees are fully sponsored.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website: [www.mendocinohumane.org](http://www.mendocinohumane.org), on our Facebook page, and on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).



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To learn more about Bianco, or to view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://www.milofoundation.org) or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 707-459-4900.



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## OBITUARY |

# James Caine

James Caine was born February 12, 1957 in Bellflower, CA. James lost his long hard battle with cancer on June 8, 2025 at the age of 68 at his home in Willits.

James is preceded in death by his grandparents, Claude and Mildred Swendener; parents, Jim and Carol Caine; brothers, Stevie and Joseph Caine; and sisters, Denise and Treana Caine-Jones.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Caine, and children, Jaclyn Caine and Andy, Patricia Caine, Samantha Caine and Wayne. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Sierra Caine, Aidan McKinnon, McKensie Caine, and Alanna Ybanez, and his nieces.

James worked at Remco Hydraulics for many years until they closed down. He then went to work for Retch and, then, finally became an exterminator for many years before retiring in 2008 due to an injury. He had many clients/friends that absolutely loved him and enjoyed his company when he would come exterminate their homes.

James spent most of his time with his family barbecuing which was his passion, and building some of the best 4-wheel drive vehicles including his Truck Pulls truck, Candyass. He loved taking trips over to Fort Bragg and staying for a few days.

James loved his dogs as he treated them like they were humans. James had many friends and was quite known for his tricked out vehicles. James graduated from Willits High School in 1975. There will be a celebration of life in the future.



## The rest of Garden | From page 1

Garden is making extra efforts to provide fresh produce to the food bank, while still being able to spread the wealth around to the rest of the community through the farmstand, and also by providing produce to the Roots Restaurant inside Adventist Health Howard Memorial.

"We just took the first batch of tomatoes over to Roots," said Bouley. "We're expecting to have some golden cherry tomatoes hopefully for this week's farmstand, as well as more lettuce, new kinds of potatoes, large red and yellow bulb onions, and the shishito peppers are hopefully going to be ready, too."

To celebrate the return of the market, Bouley and the crew held a raffle for several items including braids of garlic which were won by the Jennison family and Nola Marshal; a bouquet of fresh flowers which was won by Linda Barnes; Indian Blood peach trees donated by Laytonville's "Mark Peachseed" that were won by Lincoln Nass, Julie Harris and Bruce Cartwright. A flat of lettuce starts was also won by Nola Marshal; and Kathleen Ferri Taylor, Ron, and Lincoln Nass each won a potted cactus. Dried lavender bouquets were also made by Tasha White and handed out for free to shoppers to enjoy.

"We wanted to do the raffle and the lavender giveaways just as a little extra fun thing to celebrate the return of the stand, and get everyone back into the spirit," explained Bouley. "We look forward to seeing everyone from 10 am to 1 pm on Fridays. Just another reminder, please make sure to bring your own bag or box to take things home in, and we're always happy to have the vases returned, too!"

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Registered owners: David N. Weigt and Deborah M. Weigt, 18950 Walker Road, Willits, CA 95490.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 1, 2024.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 23, 2025.

/s/ Deborah M. Weigt and David N. Weigt

Publication Dates: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

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## Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0266

The following person or persons are doing business as 3 Pronged Attack, 3PA, 32 Fort Bragg Road, Willits, CA 95490; 707-731-7562.

Registered owner: Omar Sisemore, 32 Fort Bragg Road, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 10, 2020.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 4, 2025.

/s/ Omar Sisemore

Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2025

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## Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0258

The following person or persons are doing business as Greenwood Gardening, 43 Alameda Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owners: Deanne Ledebuhr, 162 East Mendocino Avenue, Apt. B, Willits, CA 95490, and Garrett Moore-Zachary, 43 Alameda Avenue, Willits, CA 95490

This business is conducted by copartners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 20, 2025.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on May 23, 2025.

/s/ Garrett Moore-Zachary

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known as "the Mosaic Series," simple to produce, high-concept entertainment weekends, that didn't require royalties or elaborate sets, for the most part. The first was "A Midsummer's Night Drink," a spoof on an evening of Shakespeare's greatest hits, including Garrett Moore channeling Hamlet's To Be or Not To Be soliloquy in the guise of a surfer boy.

The second weekend was an improv show called Improvapalooza, the first night of which was a competition between WTC and the Ukiah Players Theatre, won by the home team. Coming up on the weekend of July 25, 26 and 27, is the wildly popular, creative, colorful, and zany return of Pearl Marill's fashion show, "Unhinged." All three performances are liable to sell out.

The Willits Community Theatre offers a Patreon subscription for \$10 per month, which enables the subscriber to attend any performance at the venue, be it a play, poetry reading, or music performance, anything that happens on the stage.

And don't worry about the top rows that used to gather the heat in the theater. The new system has new vents that evenly cool the auditorium for maximum comfort during performances.

Coming on September 21, the theater is having its annual gala, "Hearts for the Arts," with performances by Willits' own Malakai Schindell, catering by the Lions Club, and a live auction by Rachel Britten. Tickets are on sale now at [www.wctperformingartscenter.org/](http://www.wctperformingartscenter.org/). Call 707-216-1826 for more info.

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## The rest of Big Time | From page 3

people who came by the informational and medical booths, including small fans that were extremely welcome in the heat.

The booths that ringed a portion of the grounds were mostly informational in nature, with pamphlets and discussions of many of the challenges of indigenous life, including reminders of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement.

Winter Fawn Piñedo could be found at the Indian Child Welfare Act booth. "It pertains to Native children," explained Piñedo. "We work beside CPS. We assist in being able to keep our Native children either in the home or with close relatives. My job is either to find the closest relative or someone of their descent to place the child with. I'm the child's voice when it comes to the court. I speak on behalf of the child. I'm an ICWA advocate."

Emiliano Peres is the water technician for the Sherwood Valley Tribal Environmental Program. "I'm monitoring all the water, the creeks, the streams," said Peres. "We're looking into restoring them more with native plants."

"This year's focus," Perez continued, "is outreach for our youth campout that we're going to be putting on. Then, we're encouraging people to learn more about composting for their gardens. It's environmental protection which is stewarding the waterways and the lands of Sherwood."

Trina Fitzgerald advocates for the Mending Basket Resource Center in Willits. "It's part of the Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.," said Fitzgerald. "We're a family violence prevention program. We assist families with re-education, strengthen families through cultural teachings. Fatherhood and motherhood is sacred, linking generations by strengthening relationships, addressing family violence and abuse. Suicide prevention workshops are offered online and in person. They help people who might have domestic violence, anger management, addiction, suicide ideation. Anybody can come. It's a safe, encouraging, and uplifting circle to be a part of." Visit <https://itcinc.org/the-mending-basket-resource-center/> to learn more.

"I work for the Inter-Tribal Council of California, and this is the Family Violence Prevention Program," said Raylene Shepherd. "We've worked with the Wellness Center and the Mending Basket and the childcare program for Inter-Tribal. and I'm a domestic violence advocate. I can put women in a shelter or a hotel. I can buy food. As long as they're a Native American family. They don't have to be federally recognized.... We have advocates throughout the state. One of us will be able to help wherever they are located."

Big Time is about the indigenous community gathering to enjoy the company of their fellow Native people, celebrating their culture, learning about ways to better their lives and health, eating traditional foods, and just having a good time with their friends and family.



# CLASSIFIEDS

## Brown Bag Lunch Program

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

## Do you need food?

Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, new expanded distribution hours: 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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## Free Food for All Pop-Up

Mendocino Food Network presents food pop-ups with free food for all: Due to the impact of federal budget cuts, there will be only one monthly pop-up in Willits, on 1st Thursdays, from 10 to 11:30 am at 1250 Blosser Lane. In Laytonville, every 4th Thursday, 12 to 1 pm at 300 Cahto Drive. In Covelo, every 2nd Thursday, from 12 to 1 pm, at NEW ADDRESS: 24065 Rifle Road. In Leggett: Every 1st Tuesday from 12 to 1 pm at 65100 Drive-Thru Tree Road. Info: [Rachelle@mendofood.org](mailto:Rachelle@mendofood.org); 707-615-6654.

## Indoor Yard Sale

Giant Indoor Yard Sale – Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler). **Saturday, July 19** – 8 am to 2 pm (note shortened end time).

## John Ford Ranch Beef

John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkelian at 459-5049.

## Moving Sale

Date: Saturday, July 19th, 2025. Location: 1272 Locust St, Willits, CA 95490. Time: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Description: Moving sale to sell many items from home and yard. Items include artwork, furniture, equipment, garden pottery, fall fruit ladder, decorations, etc. Contact: Rick Hewett. Phone: 707-841-1139.

## RV/Trailer Space for Rent

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

## Tattoo Shop

Tattoo Shop in Downtown Willits! Clean, cute, and private shop with 10 years experience. Love to tattoo botanicals, cute critters, and sceneries! Appointments and bookings: [kikibatattoos.com](http://kikibatattoos.com)



At left: Winter Fawn Piñedo at her Indian Child Welfare Act booth at the Big Time, with her daughter, Aurora Little Fawn Bancho Piñedo, who helped with the booth. Above: Honhoya travels around the West to various Native events, selling his crafts from his home base in Arizona.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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**- THURSDAY, JULY 31st -**

**Kids (6-12yrs) & Seniors (65&over) Day - Free Admission until 6:00pm**

Sheep Showmanship, Market & Breeding Show	JS	8:00
Swine Market & Breeding Show	RP	8:00
<b>Welcome! Fair &amp; Carnival Opens</b>		<b>3:00</b>
Animals From Around The World	PH	3:00-10:00
Pony Rides	CIR	3:00
Petting Zoo	CIR	3:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	4:00
Watermelon Eating Contest	WTS	4:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	5:00
Beef Showmanship, Market & Breeding Show	RP	5:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	6:00
<b>DJ Ken Steely Playing Requests</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<b>Side-by-Sides, Motorcycles, &amp; Monster Trucks</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	7:00
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	8:00
<b>DJ Ken Steely Playing Requests</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>9:00</b>
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	9:00
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00

**- FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st -**

Swine Showmanship	RP	8:00
Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest	RP	9:30
Pygmy Goat Show	JS	2:00
<b>Welcome! Fair &amp; Carnival Opens</b>		<b>3:00</b>
Animals From Around The World	PH	3:00-10:00
Pony Rides	CIR	3:00
Petting Zoo	CIR	3:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	4:00
Round Robin Showmanship – Large Animals	RP	4:00
Pie Eating Contest	WTS	4:00
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	5:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	6:00
<b>Warehouse 21</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<b>Side-by-Sides, Motorcycles, Mudd Bogs</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>&amp; Monster Trucks</b>		
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	7:00
Round Robin Showmanship – Small Animals	JS	7:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	8:00
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00
<b>Warehouse 21</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>9:00</b>
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	9:00
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd  
COMMUNITY FIRST CREDIT UNION AG DAY

Junior Livestock Auction	RP	10:30
<b>Welcome! Fair &amp; Carnival Opens</b>		<b>12:00</b>
"Fair Themed Cupcakes"	HA	12:00-3:00
Animals From Around The World	PH	12:00-10:00
Pony Rides	CIR	12:00
Petting Zoo	CIR	12:00
Diaper Dash	WTS	3:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	3:00
Gunnie Sack Races	WTS	4:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	4:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	5:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	6:00
<b>Truck &amp; Tractor Pulls Competition</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<b>Black Horse Blues Band</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>6:00</b>
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	8:00
<b>Black Horse Blues Band</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>9:00</b>
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	9:00
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd -

Livestock Awards Ceremony	WTS	10:00
<b>Welcome! Fair &amp; Carnival Opens</b>		<b>12:00</b>
"Fair Themed Cookies"	HA	12:00-3:00
Animals From Around The World	PH	12:00-9:00
Pony Rides	CIR	12:00
Petting Zoo	CIR	12:00
<b>Ukiah Idols Finals "Little Idol &amp; Junior Idol"</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>1:00</b>
<b>Ukiah Idols Finals "Grand Finals"</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>2:00</b>
Arty Loon Show	FG	3:00
Hula Hoop Contest	WTS	4:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	4:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	5:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	6:00
<b>Boat Races &amp; Junior Mudd Boggs</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<b>Banda Pacifica, Elegancia RM, Marka LV,</b>	<b>WTS</b>	<b>6:00</b>
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Arty Loon Show	FG	8:00
Junior, Flower, Fine Arts & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	8:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	9:00
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	9:00

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