

A Willits Weekly Special Section

Thursday, August 6, 2026



Willits FFA is off to the Fair!

Willits FFA members smile with their market animals which will be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction at 10 am on Saturday, August 8 at the Redwood Empire Fair



Aliciana Davila, 15, with Tow Truck



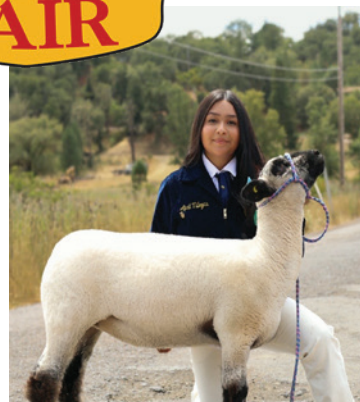
Alieah Barragan, 16, with Grant



Alissa Randrup, 14, with Rosita



Angelina Leyva, 17, with Benito



April Villegas, 16, with Honey Teapot



Arabella Mondo, 16, with Kim K



Bayleigh Maughs, 15, with Ace



Caden Kelsay, 15, with Vienna



Cailin Kelsay, 14, with Thor



Cameron Lindsey, 15, with June



Cole Simpson, 15, with Theodore



Courtney Grooms, 15, with Darla



Dana Arkelian, 14, with Cash Money



Danielle Estrada, 18, with Black Jack



Davin Swensen, 15, with Tank



Ella Randrup, 14, with Stacy



Emma DeFranco, 14, with Elvis



Emma Hulse, 16, with Charlotte



Ivan Estrada, 17, with Daisy



Kaydance Lopez, 15, with Turbo



Madison Lawrence, 15, with Dolly



Malayna Lavenduskey, 17, with Dolly



Marcos Davila, 17, with Moolah



Mia Chavez, 16, with Toby Keith



Orion Novoa, 15, with Cupcake



Peyton Shull, 14, with Rio



Savana Hoaglen, 18, with Oakley Mae



Sophie Chavez, 14, with Gabriella



Tessa Klee, 14, with Princess



Tessa Simpson, 17, with Earl



Wyatt Klee, 17, with Tiger



Zoeanna Gallups, 17, with Appy

Wishing all of our hardworking 4-H and FFA members the very best at this year's fair! Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and for choosing to shop local during fair season. We hope you have a safe, successful, and memorable fair!

- The JD Redhouse Family & Crew



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MON-SAT

11AM-4PM

459-1434

10 Wood Street - Willits



CHICKEN WINGS

9 FLAVORS

BONELESS OR BONE-IN

HAWAIIAN SHAVED ICE

20+ FLAVORS

DYE FREE & SUGAR-FREE

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

HAND PRESSED LEMONADE

10 FLAVOR OPTIONS

207 S MAIN STREET

IN AL'S REDWOOD ROOM PARKING LOT

THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY

11AM
6PM



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GOOD FOOD.
GOOD VIBES.
SEE YOU SOON!



Willits 4-H Club President
Arya Allenbrand Sizemore, 14, with Gerald



Willits 4-H Club 1st Vice President
Landyn Martin Lundgren, 14, with Harry and Lloyd



Willits 4-H Club 2nd Vice President
Grady Fonsen, 14, with Starshine



Willits 4-H Club Reporter
Brian Spackman, 14, with Bubbles



Willits 4-H Club Treasurer
Kelsey Escobedo, 12, with George



Willits 4-H Club Historian
Aybrie Whitehurst, 13, with Millie



Willits 4-H Club Sergeant at Arms
Richard "Champ" Bolton, 13, with Brown-Knee "Brownie"



Willits 4-H Club Quartermaster
Charlie Pinon, 11, with Noodles

Raising local livestock teaches responsibility, finances, and compassion, all while shining a light on where our food comes from and the circle of life. Treating the animals well who provide us food, is an important lesson learned.

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Many exhibitors raise an animal for the fair as a summer job, and use the proceeds for schooling, vehicles, or even putting funds back into building their own herd, improving bloodlines, updating fencing, or paying off feed bills!



Alayna Folsom, 13, with Armin



Aliyah Duley, 13, with Chicken Nugget 1 & 2



Bailey Baker, 12, with America



Brooklynn Potter, 9, with Junior



Charlie Leek, 10, with Tootsie Roll



Cheyenne Newell, 12, with Poncho, Lefty, and Luchenbach Texas



Clayton Lawson, 9, with Hank



Daniel Hosford, 11, with Daisy



Eva Pinon, 11, with Black Jack



Iziah Folsom, 14, with Alfred



Jace Nunnemaker, 11, with Chubs



Joe Arkelian, 12, with Buddy



Justin Rountree, 13, with Black Beard



Kyla Duncan, 12, with Pigaletta



Leighton Rose Tolman, 10, with Pepper



Macy Lawrence, 11, with Lambo



Makayla Brinkerhoff, 12, with Curly



Malia Niesen, 10, with Pua



Maycee DeFranco, 12, with Woody



Rheagan O'Farrell, 10, with Dot



Saoirse Scott, 10, with Lucky and Star



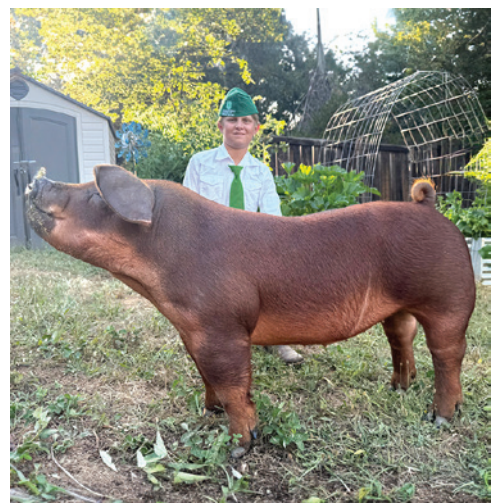
Sterling Scott, 16, with Yankee



Thomas Gallups 3, 12, with Conrad



Tinley Logan, 14, with Snickerdoodles



Trenton O'Farrell, 11, with Fancy



Wade Hosford, 12, with Pepper



Wyatt Escobedo, 15, with KFC and Popeye

Ever thought about being a Junior Livestock Auction buyer?

Posted by Carrie Lambert, REF

We've challenged every one of our Redwood Empire Fair Junior Livestock Auction families to bring ONE NEW BUYER to the 2026 sale – and that new buyer could be YOU! The 2026 Redwood Empire Fair Junior Livestock Auction takes place Saturday, August 8, at 10 am.

Never bought at a junior livestock auction before? Here's why it's easier (and more rewarding) than you think:

- Your purchase directly supports local youth. Every animal in the sale ring was raised by a Mendocino County 4-H or FFA member – your bid funds their savings, education, and future projects.
- You don't have to buy alone. Split a purchase with family, friends, or coworkers and share the cost – and the meat!

- Custom cut and wrap. You choose exactly how you want your meat – cuts, sizes, packaging, all tailored to your family.
- Beef jerky and smoked pork sausage options, too!

Fill your freezer with locally raised meat, and invest in a young person's future while you're at it. There's no better way to buy.

Want to learn more or to register as a buyer? Ask any exhibitor family, they'd love to show you the ropes, or reach out to us directly at the Redwood Empire Fair office: 707-462-3884 or info@redwoodempirefair.com. See you at the fair!

2026
REDWOOD EMPIRE FAIR
Celebrating 250 Years of American Heritage

CUSTOM CUT & WRAP

Let's talk cut & wrap ... if you are joining us for the first time here are some important things to know.

THE BEST THING ABOUT CUSTOM CUT & WRAP IS THAT IT'S EXACTLY THAT ... CUSTOM!

- Does your family go through tons of hamburger? Great, get fewer roasts or steaks and more burger.
- Won't use hams? Okay, get more sausage – select between ground and links, or get a combination of both. Don't forget bacon.
- Choose your cut and wrap location on auction day and they will walk you through making your selections and answer any of your questions.
- Specialty items like beef jerky and smoked sausage are available too!

BEEF	Whole	Half	Quarter	H/W
Rib / Ribeye Steak	_____	_____	_____	_____
T-bone / N.Y. Steak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sirloin Steak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Round Tip Steak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chuck Cube Steak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chuck	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brisket / Whole / Half	_____	_____	_____	_____
Steak Meal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ground Beef	_____	_____	_____	_____
Its Fatness	4:1	3:1	2:1	_____



At left, top: Annette Pinon, left, and her daughter, Mattie Owen of Flowers by Annette, show off the beautiful flowers they provided for the winning bidders at the 2025 Junior Livestock Auction. At left, below: The spotters do an amazing job of finding the bidders in the dense crowd.



At right, top: Chuck Persico took the place of his brother, Lee, as a spotter in last year's auction. The 2025 auction was run by Joe Stephanoni, Rex Williams and Drew McElfresh.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Flowers by Annette

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Good luck to the 4-H and FFA exhibitors

Additional sponsorship by Erlyne Schmidbauer and Bob and Linda Colvig

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Above: 4-H officers who attended the lunch at Willits Rotary, including, from left: Arya Allenbrand, President; Grady Fonsen, 2nd Vice President; Landyn Martin Lundgren, 1st Vice President; Richard “Champ” Bolton, Sergeant at Arms; Kelsey Escobedo, Treasurer; Charlie Pinon, Quarter Master; Clove Leaf, Primary member Sarah Fonsen; and Aybrie Whitehurst, Historian. Not pictured: Brian Spackman, Reporter; and Maddison Lawrence, Secretary.

Willits 4-H visits Willits Rotary

Submitted by Willits 4-H

The officers from the Willits 4-H Club recently presented to the Willits Rotary Club at their weekly lunch at the Senior Center. Officers discussed their club’s contributions to the community and activities this year. They invited Rotary members to visit the fair to see their culminating projects in the Juniors Arts Building and Animal Projects. They also invited them to the Livestock Auction on August 8, 2026 at 10 am.

4-H is a youth-run organization supported by adult volunteers. We have 13 leaders who have worked tirelessly in supporting our youth to prepare for the upcoming Redwood Empire Fair: Ellen Bartholomew, Dairy Cow Group; Maddie Noel, Horse and Beef Groups; Annette Pinon and Lisa Burgess, Floral Group; Freyja Scott and Mary Fonsen, Poultry Group; Kathy Lundgren, Arts and Crafts and Sewing Groups; Lilah Schmid, Sheep Group; Morgan Riley, Goat Group; Melissa Arana, Baking Group; Kara Garmen, Canning Group, Courtney Figg-Hoblyn, Nigerian and Pigmy, and Primary Groups; and Mary Colvig, Community Leader and Leadership Group. Our youth members have grown and matured so much with the support of these important volunteers and community members.

In the spirit of the youth-led aspect of 4-H, below are the speeches our Club President and Club Historian gave at the Willits Rotary Lunch. Their voices capture the highlights of our club and our invite to our Willits community to come and support our members at the Fair.

Arya Allenbrand Sizemore, Club President:

“Good afternoon everyone, my name is Arya Allenbrand Sizemore, and I am honored to serve as the Willits 4-H Club’s President. I am 14 years old, and I have been a member of the Willits 4-H Club for nine years. This year I am going to be showing a registered spot market hog named Gerald at the Redwood Empire Fair. Willits 4-H is such an amazing group of young individuals. We have done a number of fun activities and volunteer work where we make lifelong friendships and memories. This year I am proud to say our youth members have participated in our local Wreaths Across America, Toys for Tots, Canned Food Drive, Hometown Celebration, Claws for Cause, Light

Up The Park, and some of our group participated in the 4-H Presentation Day. Our club represents more than just showing an animal at the Redwood Empire Fair. It represents a sense of community, belonging, support, and friendship. Every single person in the Willits 4-H Club is a friendly face, and I am honored to belong to and be the president of such a wonderful group and community.”

Aybrie Whitehurst, Club Historian:

“Hi, my name is Aybrie Whitehurst. I am 13 years old and this is my fourth year in the Willits 4-H group and my first year in the Leadership group, which is who we have here today. I’m in the swine group, canning group, and baking group.

Today I’m going to be speaking about Leadership, the swine group, and Presentation Day. Leadership is a small group of 4-H members who are responsible for organizing and operating monthly meetings as well as deciding which events we participate in and how we spend our funds.

This year four members of our officer team participated in the County Presentation Day. Charlie Pinon received a blue at the county level. Champ, Arya and I received gold. Arya and I went on to participate in the regional and state competitions earning a gold at both for our presentation on “How to Select a Market Hog.”

The swine group is one of many groups offered in the Willits 4-H and gives members the opportunity to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction. Members raise a market hog for roughly four to five months, and then show and sell that hog at the Fair. Members can also participate by exhibiting breeding stock as well. This year our swine group has 17 market hogs going to the fair, as well as eight breeding gilts. We kicked off the year with a fun Holiday Wreath Making event and are wrapping up our year on Saturday, August 8 at the Junior Livestock Auction.

For anyone who is interested in supporting our local 4-H members, but doesn’t want to purchase a market animal, there is an option to make an add-on at the conclusion of the auction. Additionally, if you cannot make it and would like to bid on an animal, arrangements can be made ahead of time with the Fair Office.

Below: 4-H Leader Mary Colvig, left, stands with 4-Hers as they present to Rotary, including, from left: Arya Allenbrand Sizemore, Grady Fonsen, Landyn Martin Lundgren, Richard “Champ” Bolton, Kelsey Escobedo, Charlie Pinon, and Aybrie Whitehurst.



REDWOOD EMPIRE FAIR • UKIAH, CALIFORNIA			
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday, August 6, 2026			
	8:00 a.m.	Swine Market and Breeding: 4-H, FFA & Independent	Racine Pavilion
	8:00 a.m.	Sheep Showmanship, Market and Breeding: 4-H, FFA & Independent	Junior Show Ring
	5:00 p.m.	Beef Showmanship, Market and Breeding: 4-H, FFA & Independent	Racine Pavilion
Friday, August 7, 2026			
	8:00 a.m.	Swine Showmanship: 4-H, FFA & Independent	Racine Pavilion
	1:00 p.m.	Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest	Racine Pavilion
	2:00 p.m.	Pygmy Goat Show: 4-H, FFA & Independent	Junior Show Ring
	4:00 p.m.	Large Animal - Round Robin Showmanship (Horse, Swine, Beef, Sheep, Goats)	Racine Pavilion
	7:00 p.m.	Small Animal - Round Robin Showmanship (Rabbit, Cavy, Dogs, Pygmy Goats)	Racine Pavilion
Saturday, August 8, 2026			
	8:00 a.m.	Junior Livestock Auction Breakfast	Willow Tree Stage
	10:00 a.m.	Junior Livestock Auction	Racine Pavilion
Sunday, August 9, 2026			
	Must be completed before Awards Program	Pen/Stall Clean Up	Livestock Barns
	8:00 a.m.	Junior Livestock Exhibitor Breakfast provided by Ukiah Rotary	Willow Tree Stage
	10:00 a.m.	Junior Awards Program	Willow Tree Stage
	Immediately following Awards Program	Livestock Exhibits Released	
LIVESTOCK BARNs CLOSE AT EXHIBITOR CURFEW - 11:00 p.m.			

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th -			
Free Admission for Kids (6-12yrs) & Seniors (65 & over) Day and \$2.00 Rides until 6:00pm			
Sheep Showmanship, Market & Breeding Show	JS	8:00	
Swine Market & Breeding Show	RP	8:00	
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens		3:00	
Brad’s World Reptiles	PH	3:00-10:00	
Pony Rides	CIR	3:00	
Petting Zoo	CIR	3:00	
\$2.00 Rides from 3:00pm-6:00pm	FG	3:00-6:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	4:00	
Watermelon Eating Contest	WTS	4:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	5:00	
Beef Showmanship, Market & Breeding Show	RP	5:00	
Between Engagements	WTS	5:00-7:00	
Skip Banks	FG	5:30	
Side-by-Sides, Motorcycles & Monster Trucks	GS	7:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	7:00	
Skip Banks	FG	7:30	
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	8:00	
Skip Banks	FG	9:30	
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00	
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00	
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th -			
Swine Showmanship	RP	8:00	
Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest	RP	1:00	
Pygmy Goat Show	JS	2:00	
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens		3:00	
Brad’s World Reptiles	PH	3:00-10:00	
Pony Rides	CIR	3:00	
Petting Zoo	CIR	3:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	4:00	
Round Robin Showmanship – Large Animals	RP	4:00	
Pie Eating Contest	WTS	4:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	5:00	
Skip Banks	FG	5:30	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	6:00	
While We Are Young	WTS	6:00	
Side-by-Sides, Motorcycles, Mudd Boggs & Monster Trucks	GS	7:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	7:00	
Round Robin Showmanship – Small Animals	JS	7:00	
Skip Banks	FG	7:30	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	8:00	
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00	
While We Are Young	WTS	9:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	9:00	
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00	
Skip Banks	FG	9:30	
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00	

REDWOOD EMPIRE FAIR

AUGUST 6 – 9, 2026

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FAIR OPENS:
Thursday & Friday: 3 pm
Saturday & Sunday: 12 pm

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION:
starts at 10 am
on Saturday, August 8

GATE ADMISSION:
Adult: \$10
Kids (6 – 12) & Seniors (65+) \$8
Parking: \$10
Carnival Wristbands: \$38

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th -			
COMMUNITY FIRST CREDITUNION AG DAY			
Junior Livestock Auction	RP	10:00	
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens		12:00	
“Fair Themed Cupcakes”	HA	12:00-3:00	
Brad’s World Reptiles	PH	12:00-10:00	
Pony Rides	CIR	12:00	
Petting Zoo	CIR	12:00	
Diaper Derby	WTS	3:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	3:00	
Gunny Sack Races	WTS	4:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	4:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	5:00	
Skip Banks	FG	5:30	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	6:00	
Karaoke - Family Style with DJ Ken Steely	WTS	6:00	
Truck & Tractor Pulls Competition	GS	7:00	
Skip Banks	FG	7:30	
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	8:00	
Gunny Sack Races	WTS	8:30	
Karaoke - Family Style with DJ Ken Steely	WTS	9:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	9:00	
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00	
Skip Banks	FG	9:30	
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00	
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th -			
Livestock Awards Ceremony	WTS	10:00	
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens		12:00	
“Fair Themed Cookies”	HA	12:00-3:00	
Brad’s World Reptiles	PH	12:00-9:00	
Pony Rides	CIR	12:00	
Petting Zoo	CIR	12:00	
Ukiah Idols Finals “Little Idol & Junior Idol”	WTS	1:00	
Hula Hoop Contest	WTS	1:30	
Ukiah Idols Finals “Grand Finals”	WTS	2:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	3:00	
Hula Hoop Contest	WTS	4:00	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	4:00	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	FG	5:00	
Skip Banks	FG	5:30	
Jeremy “The Juggler”	FG	6:00	
Boat Races & Mudd Boggs	GS	6:00	
Banda Pacifica, Creativos DTC, Herencia de Reyes	WTS	6:00	
Skip Banks	FG	7:30	
Steve’s Fun Balloons	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	
Skip Banks	FG	9:30	