

**It's
Real Estate
Section
Thursday!**

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Photo by Maureen Jennison

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all the wonderful and caring people who helped us through the loss of our brother Johnny Pinches. So many cards, letters and phone calls. Sometimes just a shoulder to cry on. It was there. Everything our family needed to get us through this last two weeks of sorrow.

The Johnny Pinches Memorial on July 26 at the Rodeo Grounds in Laytonville was unbelievable. So many people enjoying good food, drinks, friendship, and lots of stories. This is something Johnny loved to see happen, especially at the Rodeo Grounds, a dream he made come true!

A special thanks to all the folks who put the memorial together – we love you! Johnny Pinches won't walk by our side anymore, but he will be on our minds and in our hearts forever.

As something like this comes to a close, it makes one realize to appreciate what we have today. It may not be here tomorrow. Thanks again. All our love to you!

The Pinches Family, June Sizemore, Jimmy Pinches, Laytonville

Willits Pool open through October 3

To the Editor:

Many thanks to Mattie Owen (pool manager) and the City of Willits for extending the Willits pool activities from August 15 to October 3.

We are very fortunate to have this facility which addresses the needs of many in our community.

Our children benefit by the recreation and by learning to swim. For our adults, water therapy helps with lowering blood pressure and maintaining a healthy weight. It is rehabilitation after orthopedic surgery, helps build muscle, stamina and flexibility. It can relieve chronic pain and is a beautiful way to exercise without injuring our bodies. Bottom line, it is just fun, especially on a hot day.

Also, a thank you to our ever-present lifeguards (like Evie), and Nicole, our fantastic aqua aerobics instructor, and the maintenance men who keep the pool running and clean.

Again, we who use the pool are very appreciative for this necessary and vital asset in our community.

The new schedule is available at the pool ... and they have added Sundays! See page 12 of this week's Willits Weekly for the poster announcing details of the Fall Pool Schedule.

Lena Hofmaister, Willits

Golf course misinformation

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the recent public comments made by Brooktrails staff member Tom Sims regarding the Brooktrails Golf Course and its operator – my son, Marcus Newby. Unfortunately, many of Sims' remarks were both misleading and inaccurate.

Sims claimed he has golfed at Brooktrails for 35 years and

stated he was "pretty horrified" by the current condition of the course. He also criticized the lack of food service failing to note that the Grill is routinely closed on Thursdays, a slower day, and open Friday through Monday to meet demand during our busier periods.

He further alleged that Marcus is neglecting the course and is rarely present. These claims are simply untrue. Marcus has been operating the Brooktrails Golf Course for nearly a decade, and despite facing significant medical challenges over the past year, he has remained deeply committed to the course's maintenance and operations. My husband, Carl Newby, has also taken on an active role in maintaining the grounds, and his efforts have earned regular praise from golfers.

The course is in excellent condition and continues to receive positive feedback from both locals and visitors alike. Recently, a group from the Northern California Golf Association played the course and expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation for its quality. We receive very few complaints – if any – regarding its appearance or upkeep.

As someone who has volunteered at the course for the past five years, I can also speak to Sims' claim of being a "regular golfer." In nearly six years, I do not recall ever checking him in for a round until very recently – perhaps twice in the past couple of months. This hardly supports his assertion of regular patronage.

Sims also referenced needed updates to the sprinklers and bridges– issues that have been reported to the Brooktrails Township for over two years without resolution. It's important to note that these items fall under the jurisdiction of the property owner, not the course operator.

It is deeply troubling to see a public employee use a community platform to spread misinformation. This not only undermines the hard work of those who have sustained and improved the course, but it also misrepresents the true condition of a valuable community asset.

The Brooktrails Golf Course is a labor of love. It is well-maintained, welcoming, and a reflection of the integrity and dedication of the family behind it. Marcus, Jaclyn, Carl, Donna, and I have poured our time, energy, and passion into this business. It means a great deal to us, and we are proud of what it represents. My father was an avid golfer, and I know he would be proud of what we've accomplished.

Janie Newby, Willits

Mendocino County launches Health Summit series to address upcoming changes to programs and services

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

August 13 – Mendocino County CEO Darcie Antle is launching a three-part Health Summit series to bring together local health care providers, public agencies, and community stakeholders to discuss the potential impacts from the proposed financial changes to health-related programs and services.

The initial meeting of the series will explore how the first round of changes may affect various sectors of health care in Mendocino County, including hospitals, clinics, and county-provided programs. The goal is to foster open dialogue, share information, and develop collaborative strategies to respond to anticipated challenges.

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 10, from 9 am to 12 pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Building in Ukiah. Meetings two and three will follow in fall 2025 and spring 2026.

Urgent plea for dog fosters from Ukiah Shelter

Posted by Mendocino County Animal Care Services

August 6 – Our hearts are heavy as we share this with you. We are completely out of space at the Mendocino County Animal Care Services shelter in Ukiah.

Every kennel, every crate, every corner of our shelter is full. We are overflowing with dogs who want nothing more than a chance – a chance to live, to be loved, and to have a family of their own.

We never want to give up on any of them. Every wagging tail, every hopeful pair of eyes – they all deserve a fighting chance. But we cannot do this alone.

We are begging for fosters. Even opening your home to one dog can save a life. It gives us the space to take in another who is desperate and waiting. It gives that dog a chance to decompress, to feel safe, and to be seen by potential adopters.

The situation is dire, but we believe in the power of community. Together, we can ensure that every homeless pet has hope.

Please, if you've ever considered fostering – now is the time. These dogs need you. We need you.

Help us keep saving lives. Be their lifeline.

To find out more about Mendocino County Animal Care Services Foster program, visit www.mendoanimalshelter.com/programs-events/foster-program

You can also drop by the Shelter at 298 Plant Road, Ukiah, during open hours Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 am to 5 pm; Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm, Or call 707-467-6453 or email Shelter Director Amy Campbell at campbella@mendocinocounty.gov

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, August 14: Blue Zones Inspired: Greek Salad

Friday, August 15: Italian Sub Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

Monday, August 18: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

Tuesday, August 19: Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich w/Loaded Potatoes

Wednesday, August 20: Chile Relleno Casserole, Rice, Beans

Thursday, August 21: Roasted Pork Loin Sandwich w/Cole Slaw

Friday, August 22: Chili Colorado, Rice, Beans

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.



‘Then and Now’

Founders of the WCA display their art from two decades ago alongside more recent works

The opening night of the "WCA Founder's Exhibition: Then and Now" at the Willits Center for the Arts, last Saturday, served as both an art show, featuring many of the one-time local artists of the area, and also as a reunion of old friends and colleagues, several of whom were instrumental in the establishment, planning and operation of this venerable Willits institution, which has been situated in its current location for over 20 years.

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Nancy McHone's statement read: "I consider myself to be part of a group of artists called Mendocino County Ruralist – urban people whose art chronicles their relocation to Northern California as part of the back-to-the-land movement. For me, the origin date for the Art Center will always be 1/22/1992, when the Little Lake Arts Project, started by myself, Mark Rawitsky, Mary Porter, and Larry Melious [a name that comes up often in the history of the WCA], was approved by the Willits City Council."

Doug Volz, whose work has a touch of whimsy with underlying messages, wrote: "When my wife, Meridy, and I arrived in Willits in the '70s from San Francisco, we were surprised to find ourselves in a world of Tribal Family, where art, music, dance, theater and spirituality were cherished and delighted in by all."

From John Hofmeister: "The year was 1993 when Larry [Melious], a member on the Willits Cultural Arts Commission, contacted me and asked if I would be interested in helping to renovate the old Woman's Improvement Center and transform it into a community art center." Donna d'Terra, a well-known local artist and herbalist wrote: "This is an Art Center by the people and for the people. WCA is truly a gem in our community."

Read the rest of Founders | Over on page 9



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- 1952 Allis-Chalmers HD-20 tractor

Free passenger steam train rides

with the Bluestone Mining & Smeltering Heisler locomotive from 10 am to 4 pm both days.

The Famous BBQ & auction

is happening in the Rec Grove on Saturday, September 6, starting around 4 pm. Tickets on sale at the event.

Steam Roller Printing at the Park

11 am to 3 pm On Saturday!

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Willits Weekly's
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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!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Auto manufacturer
4. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Member of indigenous people in Asia
11. Airborne (abbr.)
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Plants of the arum family
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Rorschach test
23. Monetary units
24. Art
25. Cardinal number
26. Dueling sword
27. Hates
30. Fixed in one place
34. Pie ____ mode
35. Moved on foot
36. Passenger's spot on a motorcycle
41. A way through
45. 'Rule, Britannia' composer
46. Leader

47. Flowing

50. Common greetings in Arabic countries
54. Solution for all difficulties
55. Soft clothing fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. Skin color
62. Wreath
63. Nevertheless
64. They ____
65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Helps little firms
6. References
7. Takes down
8. Facilitates
9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
13. Engine additive

14. Chemistry solution
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Coming after all others
22. No (slang)
27. Government lawyers
28. Super Bowl winner Manning
29. Small amount
31. A way to save for your future
32. A way to travel behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Loud lawn insect
39. Actress Hathaway
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Nursemaid in India
43. Marketable
44. Tinier
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
49. Oneness
51. Bitter compound
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

July 28 to August 3
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported 59 incidents in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 28

1:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of McKinley Street and West San Francisco Avenue.

July 29

7:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

10:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:09 pm: ELROD Jr., Darrell David Jr. (56) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of threatening crime with intent to terrorize and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 30

8:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

July 31

10:53 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

2:09 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of North Marin Street and State Street.

6:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:19 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Monroe Street and issued a citation.

10:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

August 1

7:23 am: FULLER, Chadwick Richard (54) of Penngrove was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting an officer.

8:09 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of West Valley Street and issued a warning.

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of Fairfield. The other two bids were from construction companies from Kelseyville and Chico.

"I'm pretty excited," said Willits Library Branch Manager Denise Jessie, who told Willits Weekly that a Solano County Roofing crew was at the Library Wednesday morning, taking the tarps off the roof and doing other pre-demolition tasks.

"It will be a process," Jessie said, "and it's going to at times cause inconvenience to library patrons, and I apologize for that, we try to keep the library a comfortable,

"The Willits Branch Library may experience noise, heat, dust, parking lot closure, and may need to be temporarily closed during construction."

Specific details of the project include:

- Inspecting and removing damaged sheathing, fascia, eaves, and rafter tails as necessary.
- Disconnecting and removing existing mechanical equipment and roof hatch, which will be stored and reinstalled to match existing conditions.
- Installing a new insulation system over the entire area with a fully adhered PVC roofing system at low slope areas and parapet walls.

Adding color-matched flashing and trim pieces as part of the new roofing installation.

- Ensuring all work complies with specified standards for waterproofing and durability.

The Mendocino County Library reports the project "may take several weeks." The agreement signed between the County of Mendocino and Solano County Roofing,

8:19 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 600 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

10:35 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

10:50 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Brookside Drive and Hawthorn Lane and issued a warning.

1:08 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Walnut Street and issued a citation.

10:51 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Elm Lane and Muir Mill Road and issued a citation.

11:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Walnut Street and issued a citation.

11:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Haehl Creek Drive.

August 2

7:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:15 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

9:59 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

12:31 pm: BELL, Robert Wayne (42) of Laytonville was contacted in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of trespassing with refusal to leave and contempt of court (disobeying a court order).

4:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

9:04 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

August 3

5:49 pm: ALLEN, Dustin Alonzo (35) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Hawthorn Court following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

10:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.



Above, from left: Michealle Havenhill is back after a hiatus of several months and is working with the juice and scraping the used dishes. This breakfaster chose to have their eggs over easy with a biscuit and bacon, rather than the pancakes. Jules Gregory coordinates the kitchen and works on the biscuits and gravy. A bowl of fresh fruit comes with every breakfast. At left: Today's volunteer staff gathers for a group photo prior to opening the doors for their hungry breakfast customers. Below: The monthly breakfast at the Senior Center is a time for families to get together or to have a meal with old friends. At bottom, left: Laure Mondo gets a breakfast to go for a client. At bottom, right: Gane Jackson, of Smokey's Barbecue, is an expert at bacon and sausage.



Senior Center
Breakfast

All-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, eggs, biscuits and gravy and more served at monthly event

It takes a village. Well, at least a lot of volunteers, to feed the hungry morning diners at the once-a-month Willits Senior Center Breakfast – volunteers to cook and clean, volunteers to take orders and serve the meals. The only entity getting paid is the Senior Center itself, which uses the funds to provide much-needed services to the older population of the area. The services include meals, information, housing, transportation, free medical equipment, and much more.

The breakfast is not only about the food. It is a place to catch up with old friends or have quality family time.

"I've been volunteering here for about 13 years," said Jules Gregory, as she was scooping out several dozen biscuits. "We're going to be serving scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy. We're going to do an endless stack of pancakes. We have Peet's Coffee that we serve. Peet's is a great brand. A lot of our customers have asked for it. We do all the beverages on the cart. We have orange juice, apple juice. We have milk. They usually have a fruit up here that goes with the meal. It's freshly cut and it's a variety every month. We never know what we're going to get.

"Right now, we're just doing scrambled eggs, but if it's requested, we'll do specials, fried eggs," said Gregory. "That's custom, but we're trying to phase that away eventually. It slows down our output and we never know, month to month, how many volunteers we're going to have. We can get up to 15 or 20 volunteers, sometimes as little as seven people. We've had as many as 150 breakfast patrons, sometimes as little as 70."

"I am the Sunday breakfast supervisor," said Virginia Jorge. "I try to get all the volunteers. We do the set up on Saturday, which takes approximately two-and-a-half to three hours. We sanitize all the tables. We take everything off the tables, wash the turntables [in the middle of all the tables], wash the containers that are on the tables, wash the tables. Lately, I've been putting tablecloths. We do between a 100 and 125.

"We just want to welcome everybody down to the Senior Center for breakfast," said Jorge. "It's a great price, \$13 for adults, \$12 for members, \$8 for children. Right now, we have all-you-can-eat pancakes. I don't care if it's 20 pancakes. We have a choice of either two slices of bacon, or one Fat Boy. The Fat Boy is a sausage and it's big and round. It's not a little brown and serve. Then we have biscuits and gravy, served with scrambled eggs. The gravy comes with sausage already in the mix and then we chop up some of the Fat Boys and put them in there. Extra meat is \$2 for bacon or for sausage."

In the kitchen, Gane Jackson of Smokey's BBQ looks after the bacon and the sausage. Pancake master Chuck Sensor stirs the mixture. Jules scoops out the biscuits. Swingman Mike does whatever needs to be done to get the food out. Carolyn Ponikvar takes care of the juice cart.

"I've been volunteering here about three and a half years," explained Ponikvar. "It's fun and fulfilling. You get to meet a lot of people. When I came up here, I didn't know anybody. I came here for a couple of breakfasts, and they said that they could use some help, and I said I could. I'm not doing anything. I say 'good morning and welcome, and how's your breakfast.'"

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Thursday, August 14

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at City Park with vendors along State Street for the freshest produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot and cold food, and tasty treats from local businesses, plus 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.

A Bit and a Bite at the Museum: Enjoy a casual lunch and some local history as Maria Bates and Marie Steffan share stories about their family history. All are welcome to this donation-based event held on August 14 at 12:30 pm at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, Willits.

Community Song Circle at Inner Earth Tea House: This month's Song Circle will be on Thursday, August 14 at 5:30pm. Bring your songs and share and sing together. All levels. All voices. Donation based. Inner Earth Tea House, 48 East San Francisco Street, Willits.

Friday, August 15

Herbal Wellness Consultations and Medicine-Making Workshop: The Mendocino Community Wellness Collective presents Herbal Abundance, five Fridays of herb talks and medicine-making workshops beginning this Friday, August 15, with the last workshop on September 12. The Herbal Wellness Wagon will also be there to offer consultations and herbal remedies from 3 to 6 pm, and the Workshop will be from 4:30 to 6 pm. This is free to attend, though donations are accepted. More info: mendocwc@gmail.com or (707) 234-0113. Green Uprising Farm, 2301 East Hill Road, Willits.

Crimson Revival at Shanachie: It's gonna be a rock n' roll dance party with newly formed local group Crimson Revival! This Classic Rock and Blues cover band performs favorites from the '60s through the '90s. Saturday, August 15 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, Willits.

Eel River Dam Removal Comment Writing Workshop: Friends of the Eel River invites the public to learn about the Eel River dam removal process and voice your support for timely removal of these ancient barriers. Join us for a social with the Sierra Club Redwood Chapter, meet the Redwood Chapter's new director Alicia Bales, enjoy refreshments, and participate in a comment writing workshop. August 15 from 4 to 7 pm at the Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street, Willits. For more information visit Friends of the Eel River on Facebook.

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 August 15, from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 Commercial Street. More info: www.mendolibrary.org or (707) 459-5908.

Saturday, August 16

F.O.W.L. Book Sale: The Friends of the Willits Library are hosting a pop-up book sale from Saturday, August 16 through Saturday, August 23. Stop in during open hours, Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am to 7 am. and Friday, 10 am to 6 pm to find some great deals, support your library, and check out all the wonderful things the Willits Library offers. All Books \$1. Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

TPA Band at Shanachie: The TPA Band brings to the stage a high-energy journey combining Italian sound traditions with the energy and rhythm of American music, creating a unique mix rooted in folk music and ballads. Show begins at 8 pm, Saturday, August 16 at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, Willits.

Once in a Blues Moon Fundraiser at the Museum: Come join us for a powerhouse performance by Tommy Castro & the Painkillers, known for their electrifying blend of blues, rock, and soul. This event supports the Mendocino County Museum and Roots Of Motive Power and will feature curated food, beverages and craft cocktails by local vendors and bartenders. Doors open at 6 pm with music until 11 pm in the Museum courtyard on Saturday, August 16. Get tickets online at Eventbrite, Moon Lady in Willits or at the door. 400 East Commercial Street, Willits.

42nd annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival: A free family event with over 30 artisan vendors offering crafts and food, Mendocino wine tasting, children's activities and an art show. Opening ceremony begins at 10 am followed by live music from Jimmy Durali, Dusty O'Ferrall, Sheila Fetzer and many more. Saturday, August 16 from 10 am to 6 pm and continuing on Sunday, August 17 at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo.



festival featuring food, crafts and live music from Steven Daniel Hayes, CoveloLocalove, Ukulalas, and more. Opening Ceremony begins at 10 am followed by the Round Valley Feather Dancers. There will also be a car and motorcycle show with awards given out at 2:45 pm. Round Valley festival grounds, Covelo. For more info see August 16 listing.

Monday, August 18

Willits Gem & Mineral Society Live Demonstration: An inspiring talk and demonstration by local glassblower Suzanne Rateliff, aka Cool Hand Suuze, as she explores the fascinating differences between man-made glass and naturally forming crystals. Don't miss this opportunity to see art and science come to life! We will meet Monday, August 18, at 7 pm at the Grange 291 School Street, and then walk or carpool to the demonstration site.

Wednesday, August 20
The Singing on Streetcorners Choir: Join us on Wednesday, August 20 at 5 pm under the big sequoias at Bud Snider City Park. From there, we will wander through town, filling the streetcorners of Willits with joyful harmonies.



Sunday, August 17

Ecstatic Dance at The Muse: Come be free to dance how you want without judgement or limitation on August 17 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Cost is on a sliding scale starting at \$20. The Muse, 30 A East San Francisco Avenue, Willits. More info: call The Muse at (707) 354-2475.

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: Final day of the festival featuring food, crafts and live music from Steven Daniel Hayes, CoveloLocalove, Ukulalas, and more. Opening Ceremony begins at 10 am followed by the Round Valley Feather Dancers. There will also be a car and motorcycle show with awards given out at 2:45 pm. Round Valley festival grounds, Covelo. For more info see August 16 listing.

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Friday, August 22

Food Not Bombs Free Meal: Food Not Bombs Willits presents a free meal, zines and supplies every first and third Fridays around 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Usually in the Rec Grove, but the August 22 meal will be served in the Willits Library parking lot, 390 East Commercial Street, due to a private event bpped for the Rec Grove.

Thursday, August 21

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30pm at the Willits Farmers Market at City Park, with vendors along State Street on the north end of the park. For the freshest produce available, local meat, tasty treats, crafts, the new edition of the Willits Weekly and much more. The market honors EBT

Herbal Wellness Consultations and Medicine-Making Workshop: The Mendocino Community Wellness Collective presents Herbal Abundance, five Fridays of herb talks and medicine-making workshops. The Herbal Wellness Wagon will be there to offer consultations and herbal remedies from 3 to 6 pm, and the Workshop will be from 4:30 to 6pm. The workshops are free to attend. Green Uprising Farm, 2301 East Hill Road. For more information see August 15 listing.



WFD Jrs. Dinner and a Movie: Enjoy a drive-thru taco dinner prepared by Taqueria Ramirez followed by the movie '8 Seconds'. Presented by Willits Frontier Days Jrs. Dinner pick-up starts at 6 pm and the movie at 8 pm. Bring a chair or blanket as there is limited picnic table seating. \$15 buys 3 tacos, rice, beans, chips and salsa. To ensure you get dinner, please purchase in advance by calling Hailey at (707) 272-1088 or Marcy at (707) 272-5395. This event will be held August 22 at the Rodeo Grounds on East Commercial Street.



Those Guys at Shanachie: Michael Canavos and Chris Rovetti blend rock, country, blues, and folk influences into a sound that is distinctly their own. Show begins at 8 pm on Friday, August 22 at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, Willits.

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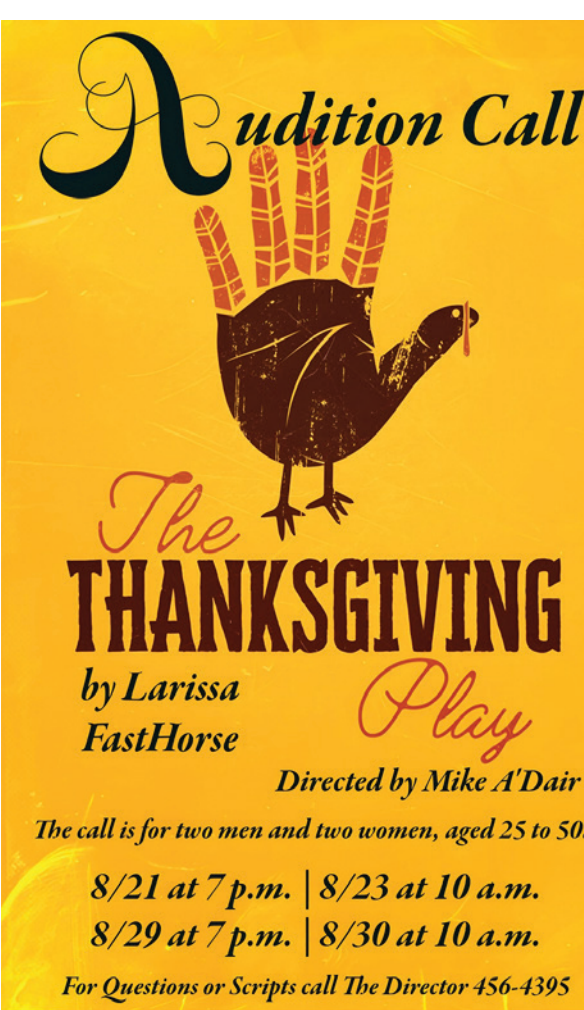
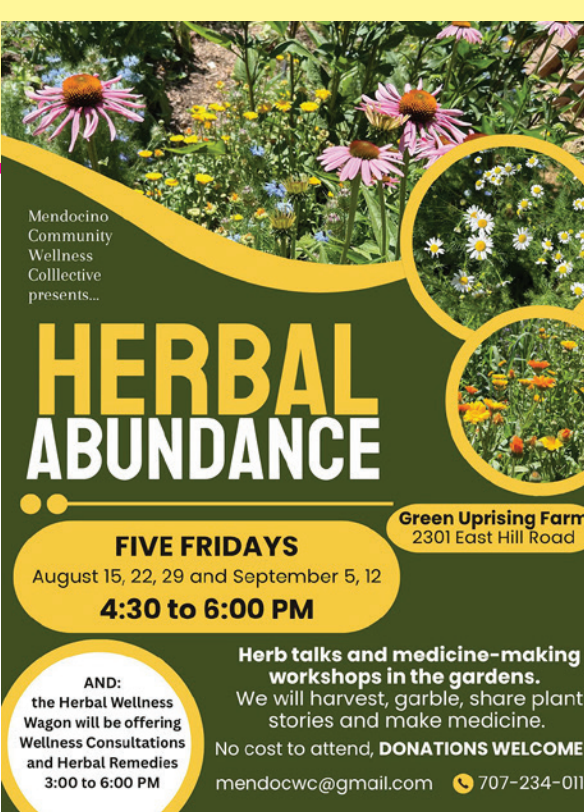
Nectar at Shanachie: With a mix of country, blues and old-school rock, Nectar brings a high energy performance to groove and dance to Saturday at 8 pm, Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, Willits.



F.O.W.L. Book Sale at the Library: Last day of the sale so be sure to stop in during the Library's open hours today, from 10 am to 5 pm to get some great books for \$1 each. For more info see August 16 listing. Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

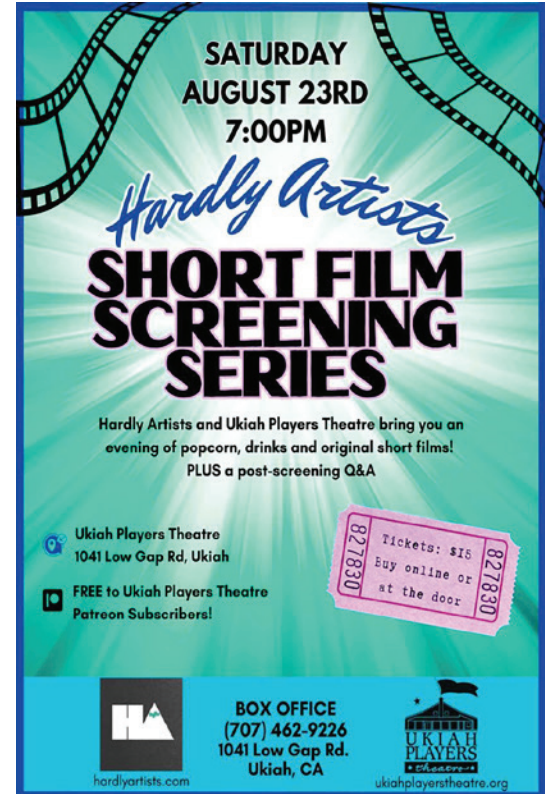
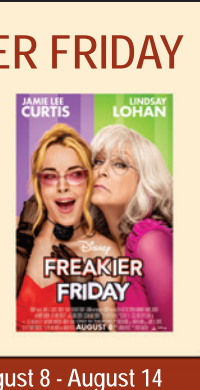
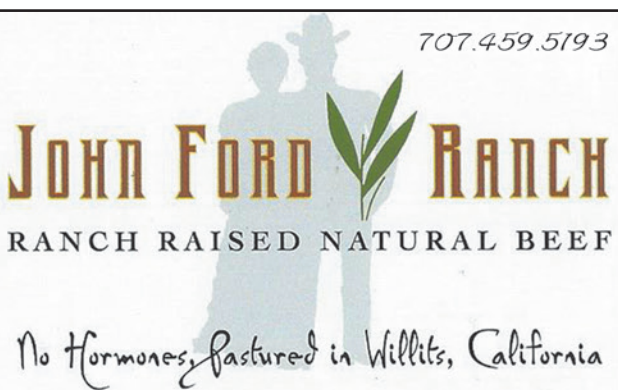
Sunday, August 24

Grange Pancake Breakfast: All you can eat of our "scratch" pancakes (sourdough, wholegrain, Hank's famous buttermilk, or gluten-free) plus organic, local farm-fresh scrambled eggs, Beeler's Quality bacon, real butter, juice and organic coffee or tea for only \$12! (\$11 for



Auditions for The Thanksgiving Play at WCT

Auditions will be held at the Willits Community Center playhouse on Thursday, August 21 at 7 pm; Saturday, August 23 at 10 am, Friday, August 29 at 7 pm, and Saturday, August 30 at 10 am. The call is for two men and two women, aged 25 to 50. The show rehearses in October and runs from November 21 through December 7. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. More info: call Mike A'Dair at 707-456-4395.



Martini and the Shakers August 30 at John's Bar

Come enjoy this live rock and roll show presented by Hot August Nites, Saturday, August 30 at 9 pm. There is no cover charge to attend but you must be 21 years or older. John's Bar, 377 South Main Street, Willits.

Claws for a Cause Fundraiser August 30 at Ridgewood Ranch

Save the date as the Willits Rotary Club and the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center are gearing up for their annual "Claws for a Cause" fundraiser to be held Saturday, August 30 at Ridgewood Ranch. Enjoy an evening of fine dining including Maine lobster, prime rib and dessert, and live music provided by The Back Porch Trio. Individual tickets and table sponsorships are available. For more info please call 707-354-0714 or email seabiscuitridingcenter@gmail.com.

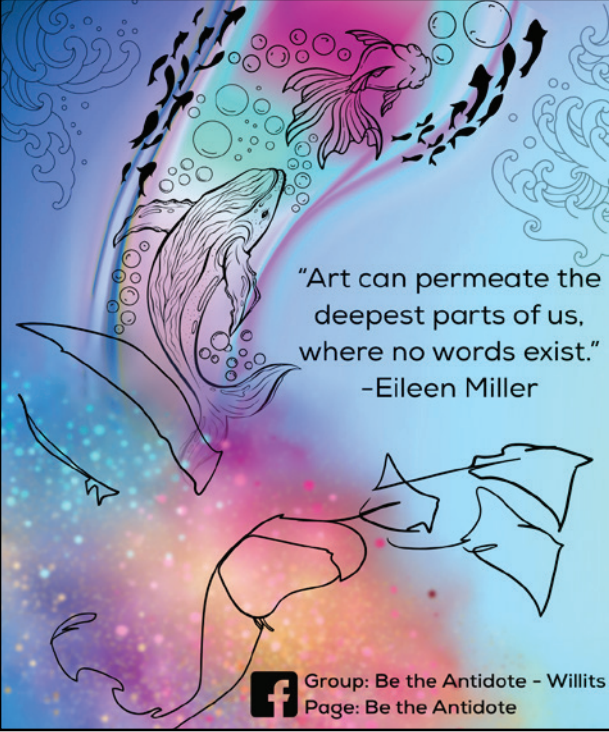


City of Willits Swimming Pool Fall Schedule

Beginning August 18 and continuing through October 3, the pool will be open Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 am for Lap Swim (\$5) Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and Sunday at 10 am for Aqua Aerobics (\$7, Seniors \$6). 299 North Main Street. More info: (707) 459-5778.



At right: The atmosphere aboard the Highball Express is upbeat and lively, offering a one-of-a-kind experience in the redwoods. At far right: Riders on the Highball Express can enjoy a selection of local spirits, wines, and craft beers along their two-hour journey through the redwoods of Mendocino County. At bottom: A 45-minute stop at scenic Crowley offers a chance to stretch your legs, explore the peaceful forest surroundings, and relax by the fire pits. It's the perfect spot to roast s'mores and enjoy the twinkling lights before the return trip.



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Highball Express: Party in the redwoods departs out of Willits Depot

Submitted by Mendocino Railway

This summer, California's most iconic railroad is turning up the heat and the adventure with an unforgettable new offering out of the Willits Depot: the Highball Express.

If you're looking to ride through the redwoods with a drink in hand, this just-launched Skunk Train experience – leaving the Willits depot at 5 pm on Saturdays, including August 16, 23 and 30 – is elevating what it means to ride the rails.

For those craving more energy with their redwoods, the Highball Express, launching from Willits, is the perfect pairing. This two-hour journey climbs to the highest elevation along the Skunk Train route, winds through Tunnel #2, and descends into the wild beauty of the Noyo River Canyon.

On board, the atmosphere is upbeat and lively. Guests can purchase a selection of local spirits, wines, craft beers, and snackables while enjoying the ride. A 45-minute stop at scenic Crowley offers a chance to stretch your legs, explore the peaceful forest surroundings, and relax by the fire pits. It's the perfect spot to roast s'mores and enjoy the twinkling lights before the return trip.

The Highball Express, now booking out of Willits, is ideal for date nights, weekend plans, or anyone seeking a refreshing mix of nature and celebration. The Skunk Train continues to reimagine rail travel for the modern explorer, while honoring its deep Mendocino County roots.

Spots are limited. Don't wait to experience this standout new journey through the redwoods. Visit www.skunktrain.com/highball-express/ to see available dates and buy



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- Inn at Baechtel Creek <https://www.baechtelcreekinn.com/> | Use promo code: HIGHBALL

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train, located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County, is a heritage railroad that has been operating both freight and passenger service since 1885. Initially used to move redwood logs to the Mendocino Coast sawmills from the rugged backcountry, the Skunk Train has become a beloved institution touted as one of the "10 Best Rail Tours in the Country" (USA Today), and a "Top 10 Family Activity in California" (National Geographic Traveler). The Skunk Train journey covers 40 miles of scenic delights and 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm – minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded its arrival. Operating year-round, this multi-generational experience welcomes passengers to bring along their families and even their dog, ensuring a memorable and inclusive adventure.



Saturdays & Sundays from 11 am - 10 pm

21 Lucky Winners
\$20 to \$75 Free Play

SHERWOOD VALLEY CASINO

LEGAL NOTICES

WW549

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0319

The following person or persons are doing business as Barnes Bookkeeping, 245A South Humboldt Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Stylist of Willits, Inc., 245A South Humboldt Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

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

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 15, 2025.

/s/ Nicole Aguilar Barnes

Publication Dates: July 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 2025

WW550

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0332

The following person or persons are doing business as Mary Me Mendo, 20110 Hanson Road, Fort Bragg, CA; 707-357-8019.

Registered owner: Monica Edman Kirby, 20110 Hanson Road, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 17, 2025.

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

/s/ Monica Edman Kirby

Publication Dates: July 31, August 7, 14, and 21, 2025

WW551

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0324

The following person or persons are doing business as T&T Salvage and Storage, 277 North Lenore Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Forest Wayne Hunt, 285 North Lenore Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 3, 2000.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 18, 2025.

/s/ Forest Wayne Hunt

Publication Dates: August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025

WW552

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0337

The following person or persons are doing business as The Stylist, Barnes Bookkeeping, 245A South Humboldt Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Stylist of Willits, Inc., 245A South Humboldt Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 28, 2025.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 28, 2025.

/s/ Nicole Aguilar Barnes

Publication Dates: August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025

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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

‘Freakier Friday’

The Story: Disney comedy sequel to 2003's "Freaky Friday" starring several members of the same cast, especially Lindsay Lohan (Anna) and Jamie Lee Curtis (as Anna's elderly mother Tess). In that first movie, Anna and Tess switch bodies. Teenage Anna finds herself in grownup Tess's body, and Tess finds herself in her teenage daughter Anna's body. Very freaky!

But now, in this revisiting of the trope, there's more switching going on; hence the Freakier-ness! You moviegoers might be asking: how are all these switcheroos coming about? The answer is simple: Magic! And then, who is switching bodies with whom? Well, Anna is now a single mom with a daughter named Harper and is about to marry Michael, the father of Harper's too perfect and too beautiful high school nemesis Ella.

Eventually, it seems, all the important women in the story will be exchanging minds and bodies with all the other women. More or less. Hilarity ensues! (as screenwriters with confidence and moxie will attest) And then finally (spoiler, no spoiler), identities and bodies are properly sorted, and romantic love and familial affection set everything aright.

My Thoughts: I watched the movie twice. I confess to having had trouble remembering who had switched with whom. And still, at the end, the love that the characters shared with each other spilled over into me. Some flicks, even good ones, leave me feeling empty. At the end of "Freakier Friday" I left the movie theater happy, and I was full of good feeling. And that's something I think others will feel too.

Parents: The flick is definitely for teens and adults.

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

The rest of **Breakfast** | From page 5

The dining room also serves as a venue for parties, celebrations of life, and other get-togethers. It is for rent either with or without the kitchen. "We're upgrading our dining room," Jorge stated. "We got new chairs already. The old chairs are for sale at the Thrift Store. We're taking all the carpeting off the walls. We're painting. We're resurfacing the floor. We're leaving the travertine tile but we're restoring them with a surface on it like a hospital uses that won't be marred by traffic. Then, we're going to do soundproofing in here. We're trying to attract groups to rent the dining room as a venue for events, baby showers, weddings, celebrations, for the young as well as the old. We want our Senior Center out in the public as a great venue. The price varies as to what they want to utilize. We have a kitchen, the dining room, a patio, or just the dining room."

For anyone who would like to volunteer at the Senior Center, they can contact the volunteer coordinator, Joliana Rosado, at 459-6826 or Virginia Jorge for the breakfasts at 707-495-5323.

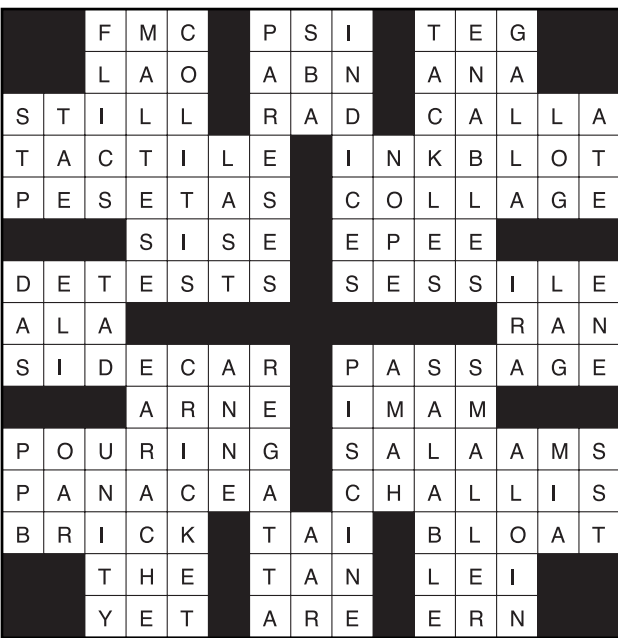
For more information about the Willits Harrah Senior Center, located at 1501 Baechtel Road, call 459-6826 or visit www.willitsseiorcenter.com/.

HELP WANTED:

Casino Controller at Sherwood Valley Casino

Benefits, Salary: \$98K - \$110K

The Casino Controller directs the cashing, vault, drop and count areas in a manner that safeguards the assets of the Sherwood Valley Casino, while establishing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures and internal controls and assures all external and internal regulations are met. Has direct supervision of Cage/Vault, Drop, and Count Supervisors. Exercises management responsibility for all activities of the Accounting/Finance Department. Activities include direct hands-on oversight of audit, accounting, general ledger, reporting, payroll, purchasing, cashing, and count room operations. Responsible for the company's overall operating and capital budgets, internal control policies, insurance and risk management programs, and relationships with financial institutions, casino's compliance with provisions of the State Compact, NIGC, Tribal ordinances, Gaming Commission regulations, cash transactions reporting, and IRS withholding and reporting requirements. Contact the General Manager at mftzgerai@svrcasino.com or 707-459-7350.



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3 bed 2 ba Single Family Home, small pet OK. \$1500 plus Deposit. Lincoln Realty 707-459-4599

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Commercial Warehouse with office and roll up doors. 1100 to 1200 square feet. Starting at \$1100 plus Deposit. Lincoln Realty 707-459-4599

For Rent

Furnished room and share home for rent in Willits. A/C. Laundry in home. Park has pool and rec room. Deposit is negotiable. \$1100 rent and utilities. 707-548-9100.

Indoor Yard Sale

Giant Indoor Yard Sale – Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Brollier). Saturday, August 23 – 8 am to 4 pm

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 Arkellian @ 459-5049.

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/tp>

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: kikibtattoos.com

The rest of **Founders** | From page 3

Larry River, who works in fine gold jewelry, wrote: "My years coordinating the Holiday Crafts Faire for the Willits Center for the Arts was my way to create a venue to help artists make a living from their work. Art is food for the soul."

Sulin Bell's bio read: "The things I do have other meanings. I use the art to peak behind the veil of human conditioning. The dragonflies, for example, are about transformation. They inspire people to look at their limitations and travel in their consciousness, so to speak. This one is called 'Soul Birds,' and they are flying into the bamboo, which is refuge." She also creates paintings on silk. "We envisioned the fulfillment of a real need in the Willits community," said Bell.

Larry Melious had a gallery where Imagination Station is now situated, called The Darkroom. It was a meeting place for some of the creatives of the area. "I was the person who got the ball rolling on the art center, me and Mary Porter and Nancy McHone," Melious related. "We were all artists. We got talking. This building was empty. It was the Wick Building. Mary and Nancy and I went to a city council meeting and asked them if they would allow us to use the empty building as an art center. They kind of hemmed and hawed. They didn't know what we were talking about. They were debating it and we were sitting there and going 'for Pete's sake.' Then, through the doors burst Tom Lucier, and said, 'I was watching the city councilmen at home, on my TV.' I thought to myself, 'somebody sits at home and watches city council on TV?' He came through and said, 'I can't believe you people are balking at this. These people are offering to take over that empty building that's just sitting there.' The council finally said OK."

And the rest is history. Throughout the night, these artists related their experiences of the forming of the WCA and the people who lent their talents and efforts to creating a space where talent and creativity can flourish and encourage others to allow themselves to unleash their passions.

The exhibit will be up through August 31. The galleries are open from 11 am to 5 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 11 East Commercial Street. Visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org for more info.



HIGHBALL EXPRESS

DEPARTING THE WILLITS SKUNK TRAIN DEPOT AUGUST 16, 23, 30 & SEPTEMBER 27

Stay the night and make it a getaway! As a Highball Express guest, you can receive exclusive discounts at these three lodging locations in Willits:

The Woodrose | Use promo code: HIGHBALL2025

Creekside Inn & Suites | Use promo code: HIGHBALL2025

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The Highball Express offers a unique blend of natural beauty and festive atmosphere, a perfect getaway for both nature lovers and party enthusiasts. As the train winds through the towering redwoods you can indulge in local sips and noshes, available for purchase.

We'll make a stop at Crowley, giving you plenty of time to explore the grounds, soak in the outdoors, and immerse yourself in nature.

The evening comes alive with energetic vibes, making it a memorable journey through nature and flavor.

TASTY BITES IN TOWN

BRICKHOUSE COFFEE - Willits
3 South Main Street - 707-680-0188 - facebook.com/brickhousewillits
Coffee, espresso, house-made pastries, breakfast sandwiches, lunch wraps, salads and much more. **HIGHBALL RIDER SPECIAL:** Show us your skunk train ticket to get 50% off one drink of your choice and 10% off one piece of art from our gallery

J.D. REDHOUSE & CO. - Willits
212 South Main Street - 707-459-1214 - jdredhouse.com
Coffee, espresso, ice cream, handmade fudge, smoothies, breakfast and lunch sandwiches and paninis, salads, and more. **HIGHBALL RIDER SPECIAL:** Buy 1 straus organic soft serve, get 1 free! Must show ticket for train to get special deal! Offer valid Friday-Sunday.

KEMMY'S PIES - Willits
299 East Commercial Street - 707-367-5498 - facebook.com/kemmypies
Coffee, sweet and savory pies sold whole or by the slice, quiche, tarts, sweet treats and more. **HIGHBALL RIDER SPECIAL:** 15% off with ticket!

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10 Wood Street - 707-459-1343 - loosecaboosecafe.com
Coffee, espresso, milkshakes, famous hot sandwiches, soups, hot dogs, salads, daily specials and more. **HIGHBALL RIDER SPECIAL:** Sandwich or specialty salad, fountain drink, chips and specialty coffee, dine-in, or take it to-go for \$20. Must show ticket for train to get special deal!

NORTHSPUR BREWING - Willits
101 North Main Street - 707-518-4208 - northspurbrewing.com
Craft brews, wine, cider, sliders, sandwiches, salads, and hot dogs.

SCOOPS ICE CREAM & DELI - Willits
110 North Main Street - 707-272-9646 - jdredhouse.com
Coffee, espresso, ice cream, smoothies, sandwiches, and more.

THE WHISTLE STOP - Willits
280 East Commercial Street - 707-841-3033 - whistlestopwillits.com
Ice cream, sandwiches, salads, grab-and-go case, desserts and more.

TICKETS & INFO: SkunkTrain.com

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TOWN-WIDE ONGOING EVENTS

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Every Saturday at 1 pm sack lunches are served by local churches, community organizations, and families at Bud Sinider City Park on East Commercial. Come at 1 pm to be assured a lunch!

Flourish and Flow Yoga in the Park: Classes will be 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 if supervised and with an adult. Classes are donation based and donations received in the month of August will benefit the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County.

Willits Food Bank Donations: Our Willits Food Bank is in dire need of non-perishable food and toiletries! Donation bins (Sponsored by Willits Indivisible) have been placed at the following locations: Brickhouse Coffee, Mendo Mill, Willits Branch Library and the Senior Center (and now the Little Lake Grange). Please drop off whatever you can, whenever you are able as donations will be picked up weekly.

Willits Indivisible Democracy Vigil: Come join Willits Indivisible every Friday from 5 to 6 pm at Babcock Park on South Main Street. For more information visit "Willits Indivisible" on Facebook.

Farmstand at the Commonwealth Garden: Come by the Commonwealth Garden's weekly Farmstand on Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm for farm-fresh produce and treats. Get there early, some things sell out fast! The garden is located on the right-hand side of Haehl Creek Drive, past the new Howard Memorial Hospital building complex. For more information call the Howard Foundation at 707-459-2777.

Lunch to Live Music at Brickhouse Coffee: every Wednesday from noon to 2:00 pm featuring various artists. Corner of South Main and East Commercial Streets, Willits. For more information on upcoming musicians visit Brickhouse Coffee on Facebook.

Open Mic Night every Friday from 5 to 8 pm at Inner Earth Tea House: Bring your songs, poems, stand-up comedy, instruments, etc. to this family-friendly event. Admission is \$12 and includes unlimited tea. 48 East San Francisco Street.

Summer Evenings at The Munchery: Join us most Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 5 to 8 pm through the month of August for nightly patio parties featuring cornhole, darts and ping pong along with our new Small Bites menu. There will be some nights we are closed for private events, so keep an eye on our calendar and posts! The Munchery, 1797 South Main Street, Willits.

Pickleball: Meets Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 5 pm and Saturdays at 9 am at the Willits High School tennis courts. All levels welcome, free to play.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every week on Mondays, 6 pm, at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7 pm. 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: The mobile shower trailer will be in Willits on Mondays and Tuesdays each week from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, in the parking lot in back of St. Francis Church at the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. Toiletries, towels and washcloths are provided. One of the rooms has a ramp to the door, but there is no room inside for a wheelchair, so those with disabilities may need to bring a helper. Sack dinners are served from 4:30 to 5:30 by Willits Daily Bread.

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events
Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

Saturday Sessions at Shanachie: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, Tommy G will host an open jam at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main street. "You're invited to bring any instrument, meet new musicians, discover new genres, and explore your creativity!"

Bluegrass String Jam: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm – welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which members from out of the area may drop in!"

Wednesday Open Mic Night: Shanachie Pub presents its popular Open Mic Night every Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world. Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7 pm, you can be entered into the lottery. Lottery determines order from which you pick your 20 minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm.

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library
Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.
Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908. **Open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Closed Sunday and Monday.**

Teen Game Night: Meet up, hang out, and crush your friends playing cards and board games every Thursday from 5 to 6:30 pm in the Willits Library Conference Room. Light refreshments will be provided. Open to teens ages 13 to 17. Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm. We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe."

LEGO Club: Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm: Tech Help Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm. Is your computer on the fritz? Can't figure out how to open your email? Want to install a new app on your system? Bring your questions here.

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm; Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm.

Mural by Bakewell and Wiecek

Willits Food Train

Sponsored by Willits Indivisibles

Our Willits Food Bank is in dire need.
We have placed donation bins to accept non-perishable food and toiletries at the following locations:

**Brickhouse
Mendo Mill
Library
Sr. Center**

Many thanks to these establishments for their help in this endeavor.
This is an ongoing effort...Please drop off whatever you can, whenever you are able, and we will deliver to the food bank on a weekly basis.

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

vegetation fire on Hansen Ranch Road, east of Piercy date was held to around 5 acres by air and ground attack that day.

Mendocino County has had slow fire seasons the last few years, but historically, August has been a month with bigger fires in the county. The 2020 Lightning Complex fire started the evening of August 16 2020, after lightning strikes in the Mendocino National Forest.

The fire spread to 1,032,648 acres in seven counties: Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, Tehama, Glenn, Lake, Colusa, and was not contained until 87 days later.

The August Complex fire is still the largest wildfire in California history. You can learn more at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1a0a88e8782de48919831793fd496b814>

2020 was also the year of the Oak Fire that started September 7, northwest of Willits, the smoke from which turned Willits as dark as midnight at 3 pm in the afternoon. You can see a time lapse video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDSTCY2obZg>

So, what do you do if you hear planes flying overhead, and you're worried there's a local fire? I check flightradar24.com, which shows air traffic "live." If you click on a plane or helicopter icon on the map, it'll show its route, and a popup will ID it, if it's a firefighting air resource. If there's multiple aircraft circling a spot, you can be sure they're responding to a fire.

Next, check your messages for any Everbridge or Nixle notifications from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, including evacuation warnings and orders. To sign up for alerts , go to the Mendocino Sheriff's Office website at <https://mendocinosheriff.org/> and scroll down to "Alerts" to find signup links. Or you can check the "Mendocino Sheriff" page on Facebook for evacuation information.

The Mendocino Action News site on Facebook often has early news about a wildfire – and often is the first to post the cancellation of resources that indicates that those currently on scene fighting the fire have a handle on it. Proprietor Danilla Sands posts information direct from the emergency scanner. Sands also is one of the WatchDuty.org reporters for our area. WatchDuty is a great resource, posting and updating information from multiple sources about fires in California.

If you want to hear the scanner yourself, check out broadcastify.com, where you can hear live audio feeds of emergency responses. Keep in mind: the dispatchers and first responders are still trying to figure out the situation themselves, so the information you hear on the scanner might change or be difficult to interpret if you're not familiar with the area or the lingo.

The CAL FIRE incidents page <https://www.fire.ca.gov/> incidents is a good place for official information for any local fires 10 acres or more, including reports on damage or threat of damage to structures, and injuries or fatalities of firefighters or residents.

CAK FIRE Mendocino Unit also puts up informational posts on social media.

**THURSDAY
Trivia Night!**

**FRIDAY
Open mic night at 6
and DJ Smokin' Joe
at 9**

**SATURDAY
open at 5**

SMOKIN BEATS

**SMALL BITES, FULL BAR, PATIO GAMES,
GOOD VIBES ALL WEEKEND
AUGUST 14 - 16!**

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

Deputies arrived and initiated a coroner's investigation. Deputies located evidence that the female traveled alone from out of the area to intentionally end her life. The decedent had injuries consistent with a great fall, and criminal conduct is not suspected at this stage of the investigation. The official cause and manner of death will be determined after an autopsy is performed.

The identity of the decedent is being withheld, pending the identification and notification of the decedent's legal next of kin. Additional information related to this investigation will be released as it becomes available. Anyone with information regarding this ongoing coroner's investigation is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 707-463-4086 (option 1). Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting the non-emergency tip-line at 707-234-2100.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, across the United States. 988 is available via call or text, and online chat through their website <https://www.988california.org/>

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

"Great to be in Willits with the amazing team from Mendocino College!," McGuire posted on Facebook. "Exciting things ahead for the North County Center in Willits – the next phase of improvements will house first responder programs from fire science, EMT/paramedic certification, a construction academy, and more."

"It was a pleasure to meet with Senator Mike McGuire last week to discuss Phase II of the Mendocino College North County Center in Willits," Mendocino College posted on Facebook while sharing McGuire's post. "This exciting expansion will strengthen our fire science and construction programs and broaden educational opportunities for North County residents."

Members of the Mendocino College Foundation Board of Directors were told earlier this year that the North County Center project was #1 on the priority list of all community college projects recommended for Proposition 2 funding.

California voters approved Proposition 2, a new education facilities bond, in November 2024, providing \$1.5 billion for facilities at California Community Colleges around the state.

The final 2025/26 budget and associated bills, as signed by the governor at the end of June, funds 29 community college capital-outlay projects, equaling \$55 million in FY 2025-26.

FREE food
at the Ukiah Branch Library

PRODUCE & PANTRY SHARE

Community members are invited to bring surplus homegrown produce or non-perishable pantry items to the library.

Everyone is invited to visit the library during the event to pick up free produce and food to take home!

Last Saturday of the Month
August 30th
September 27th
October 25th
2:00pm-4:00pm

Ukiah Branch Library
105 N. Main St

For more info:
707-463-4490

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PRODUCTOS Y DESPENSA COMPARTIDA

Se invita a los miembros de la comunidad a traer excedentes de productos locales o artículos de despensa no perecederos a la biblioteca.

¡Todos están invitados a visitar la biblioteca durante el evento para recoger productos y alimentos gratis para llevar a casa!

Último sábado del mes
30 de agosto
27 de septiembre
25 de octubre
2:00pm-4:00pm

Ukiah Branch Library
105 N. Main St

Para más información:
707-463-4490

Adventist Health welcomes new graduate registered nurses to Willits and Ukiah

Submitted by Shelby White for Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Adventist Health is proud to welcome a new cohort of talented, compassionate, and dedicated graduate Registered Nurses to our teams at Adventist Health Howard Memorial and Adventist Health Ukiah Valley.

These newly licensed RNs represent the future of healthcare — bringing with them a passion for patient care, a heart for service, and a commitment to learning and growth. As they begin their professional journeys, we are honored to support them every step of the way.

The addition of these bright healthcare professionals underscores our continued investment in developing the next generation of nursing leaders and ensuring high-quality care for our patients.

To our new graduate RNs we welcome to the team. Their journey in healthcare starts here, and we're so glad to be part of it.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks as we introduce these exceptional individuals to our community on our Facebook account at Adventist Health Howard Memorial.



Above: New graduated registered nurses smile with instructors, including, back row, from left: Michelle Bozzoli; Ariel Nunez; Caryn Fisher; Kirstin Johnson; Maia Blundell; Reilly Waddington; Christian Eril Udarbe; Emmanuel Villegas; Lola (Angelica) De Los Santos; Ibette Garcia; and Quyen Bui. Front row, from left: Stephanie Deharo; Syndia Gradek; Alexandra Gil; Kayla Schnitzuis; Sara Patten, RN Educator at AHUV; Amanda Watkins, RN Educator at AHUV; Crystal Yanez; Aurora Lazaro-Lopez; Liliana Barrera Lemos; and Taylor Sasso Not pictured: Holly North Tilley – RN Educator at AHM.

The Whistle Stop is proud to celebrate our first wonderful year of serving our community. Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and for making us a part of your day. We look forward to many more years of good food and great moments together.

280 E. Commercial St. Willits, Ca 95490
707-841-3033

Delicious Paninis

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CITY OF WILLITS SWIMMING POOL 2025 FALL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 18TH TO OCTOBER 3RD

MONDAY- THURSDAY
6:00AM-8AM LAP SWIM

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
5:30PM-6:30PM AQUA AEROBICS

SUNDAY
10AM AQUA AEROBICS

ADMISSION PRICE

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AQUA AEROBICS \$7
SENIOR DISCOUNT \$6

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (707) 459-5778

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At Adventist Health Howard Memorial, we're more than just your caregivers — we're your neighbors, your biggest supporters and your partners in wellness. We're dedicated to providing exceptional care for every stage of life throughout Mendocino County. Because when you feel your best, you can make every moment count.

Learn more at [AdventistHealthHowardMemorial.org](https://www.adventisthealthhowardmemorial.org)





Above: Principal Michelle Hutchins.
Below: Vice Principal Lorenzo Sandoval.



A letter from ...

The Principal of Baechtel Grove Middle School Michelle Hutchins

Dear Baechtel Grove Families,
Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I am honored to introduce myself as the new Principal of Baechtel Grove Middle School and excited to join this vibrant school community. With deep gratitude for the warm welcome I've already received, I look forward to working closely with you to ensure our students grow into confident, curious, and compassionate learners.

This year, we are making a significant change aimed at increasing student safety and academic focus: **Baechtel Grove will now operate as a closed campus during lunch.** This means students will remain on school grounds throughout the school day, including lunch periods. We believe this change will enhance our sense of community, reduce distractions, and better support student well-being. Our cafeteria will continue to provide nutritious, appealing meal options, and we will ensure all students have a safe and positive lunchtime experience on campus.

- As we prepare for the start of school, here are a few helpful tips to support your student's smooth return:
- **Establish a consistent sleep schedule** to help your child feel rested and focused.
 - **Review and discuss school expectations** including respectful behavior, attendance, and technology use.

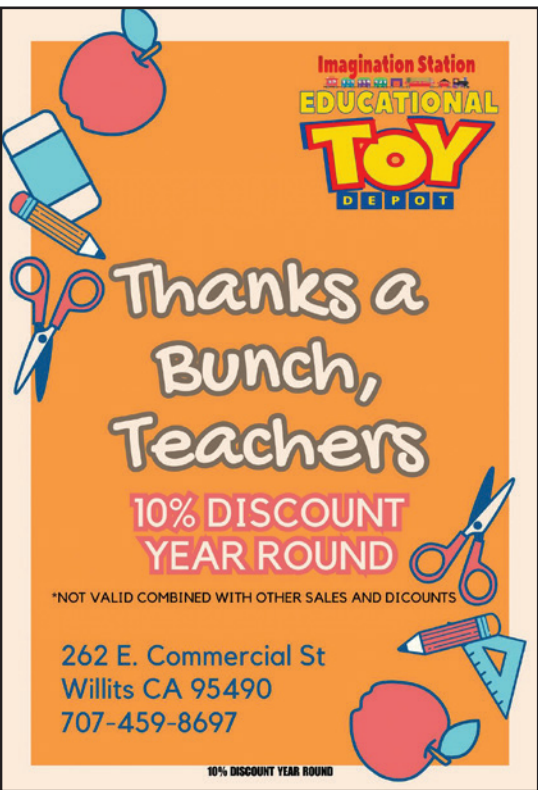
• **Create a designated homework space** at home where your student can work with minimal distractions.

• **Encourage independence** – have students organize their backpacks, prepare their materials, and practice time management.

• **Stay connected** with our school through ParentSquare, our school website, www.willitsunified.com/o/baechtel, and upcoming events like Back-to-School Night.

We are committed to creating a positive, engaging, and inclusive school climate where every student feels seen, supported, and challenged. I invite you to reach out, get involved, and partner with us in making this a successful year for your child.

Thank you for entrusting us with your student's education. I look forward to a fantastic year ahead!



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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH	PINER	PINER	JV 4:30 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH	UPPER LAKE*	HOME (WILLITS)	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH	HEALDSBURG	HOME (WILLITS)	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH	MIDDLETOWN*	MIDDLETOWN	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD	LOWER LAKE*	LOWER LAKE	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH	CLEAR LAKE* HOMECOMING	HOME (WILLITS)	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH	KELSEYVILLE *	KELSEYVILLE	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH	CLOVERDALE*	HOME (WILLITS)	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST	ST. HELENA	ST. HELENA	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH	FORT BRAGG*	HOME (WILLITS) SENIOR NIGHT	JV 5:00 VARSITY 7:00



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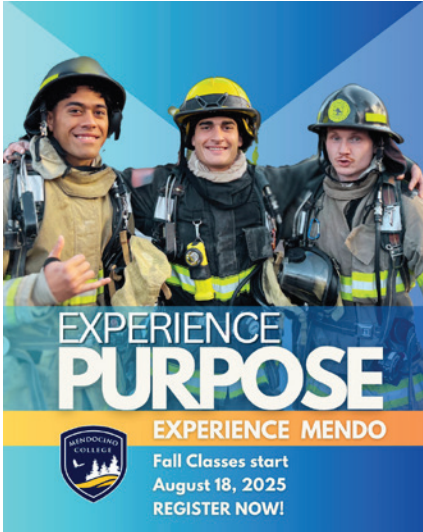


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A letter from ...

The Principal of Blosser Lane Elementary School Margaret Duran

BLES Families, Welcome to the start of the school year!

Blosser Lane is excited to welcome back students and families for the new school year. Starting on Monday, August 18, campus will open its gates for students at 7:40 am. The bells will ring at 7:50 am. The summer has been busy getting ready to ensure students and staff have a great first day and an amazing school year. The school has been abuzz with preparations to ensure a smooth transition and an engaging learning experience for all.

Over the summer, our maintenance, grounds, and custodial teams worked tirelessly to update and improve the classrooms and other areas. Thanks to their efforts, the school is ready to welcome students and kick off another amazing year.

At Blosser, we are focused on enhancing both our academic and social-emotional programs. We are always looking for ways to meet the needs of our students. To help with this, we are asking parents to get involved by volunteering. Please do this by joining our Parent-Teacher Organization and Site Council, which was a big part of our success last year. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to Paren Square! We will not be using DOJO this year, and your student's teacher will reach out to you within the coming week.

Our staff is committed to providing an excellent education and supporting students every day. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at margaretduran@willitsunified.com or 707-459-3232. Our BLES community is ready to make this school year one of the best. Go Blosser Bears!



Above: Principal Margaret Duran.

A letter from ...

The Principal of Brookside Elementary School Diane Johnson

Dear Willits Community:

The staff at Brookside Elementary is gearing up for another big year of learning and growing! We are preparing for about 400 students, including preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades, and are eager to meet their smiling faces on August 18.

As many of you know, in June we wished our past principal, Dr. Crossman, a happy retirement after nine years of dedicated service. It is with great excitement and deep gratitude that I introduce myself as the new principal of this outstanding school.

For the past four years, I've had the privilege of serving as Brookside's reading specialist. In that role, I worked closely with students, teachers, and families, helping our young readers grow and succeed. That experience gave me a front-row seat to what makes this school so special: a strong sense of community, dedicated educators, and families who truly care. Stepping into the principal role, I'm committed to continuing the work we've done together while supporting every student, every staff member, and every family.

My focus will remain on providing a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment where children feel seen, challenged, and supported. This year, our goals include academic success in literacy skills, building strong number sense in math, and continuing to support the social-emotional

development of every student.

As someone who already knows and loves this school, I step into this role with a strong sense of continuity and a fresh vision for the future. You'll see me in classrooms, at pickup, and at community events – always eager to connect. I welcome your ideas, feedback, and involvement as we move forward together.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me. If you'd like to connect, please feel free to email me at dianejohnson@willitsunified.com or call the school office to schedule a time. We'll also continue sharing updates through ParentSquare, so if you have a student at Brookside, be sure to accept your teacher's invitation to stay informed. I look forward to the journey ahead – and to all the ways we'll grow together this year.



Above: Principal Diane Johnson.

Bus 1 Willits High School & Sherwood Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM 8:00am	PM 2:30pm/3:05pm	Tuesday 1:30pm/1:55pm	
6:40 Leave Bus Yard	2:30 Sherwood School	1:30 Sherwood School	
6:46 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:48 Third Gate	1:48 Third Gate	
6:47 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:52 Golf Course	1:52 Golf Course	
6:49 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	3:05 Blosser	2:05 Blosser	
6:51 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	3:12 BGMS	2:12 BGMS	
6:52 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	3:05 WHS	2:20 WHS	
6:55 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	3:14 BGMS	2:30 BGMS	
6:57 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:20 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	2:34 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	
6:58 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	3:23 Holland's Lane North	2:37 Holland's Lane North	
7:00 Golf Course	3:24 Holland's Lane South	2:38 Holland's Lane South	
7:10 Brookside	3:27 Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	2:40 Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	
7:15 Blosser	3:30 Top of Sandy	2:42 Top of Sandy	
7:18 BGMS	3:34 East Hill Rd (Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley)	2:45 East Hill Rd (Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley)	
7:21 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	3:35 Lois Ln	2:46 Lois Ln	
7:23 Hollands Lane North	3:39 Mitomkai Way	2:50 Mitomkai Way	
7:24 Hollands Lane South	3:42 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:53 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:26 Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	3:59 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	3:00 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	
7:30 Top of Sandy	4:00 Intersection of Daphne Way & Lupine	3:01 Intersection of Daphne Way & Lupine	
7:33 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	4:01 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	3:04 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	
7:34 Lois Ln	4:05 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	3:07 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	
7:37 Mitomkai Way	4:06 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	3:08 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	
7:42 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	4:08 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	3:10 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	
7:50 WHS	4:09 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:15 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	
8:00 Golf Course	4:10 Golf Course	3:18 Golf Course	
8:15 Third Gate	4:20 Bus Barn	3:25 Bus Barn	
8:20 Sherwood School			
7/29/25			

Bus 5 Blosser Lane Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM 8:00am	PM 2:40pm	Tuesday 1:20pm	
6:33 Leave Bus Yard	2:30 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside (Kids Club Only)	1:10 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside (Kids Club Only)	
6:40 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:53 Blosser Drop off Kids Club Students	1:32 Blosser Drop off Kids Club Students	
6:43 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:53 Catholic Church***	1:32 Catholic Church***	
6:44 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord**	2:55 Brookside	1:36 Brookside	
6:47 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	3:04 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	1:44 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	
6:48 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	3:05 Hollands Lane S***	1:46 Hollands Lane S***	
6:50 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	3:07 Walker Road	1:49 Walker Road	
6:52 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:10 Top of Sandy	1:52 Top of Sandy	
6:53 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	3:11 Howard Hospital	1:53 Howard Hospital	
6:56 Golf Course	3:12 Sanhedrin dr	1:54 Sanhedrin dr	
7:06 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	3:15 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	1:56 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	
7:08 Hollands Lane S***	3:17 Lois Ln	1:58 Lois Ln	
7:10 Walker Rd	3:18 Intersection of easthill & eastside***	2:00 Intersection of easthill & eastside***	
7:12 Berry Hill Court	3:19 Mitomkai Way	2:01 Mitomkai Way	
7:14 Top of Sandy	3:20 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:02 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:17 Howard Hospital	3:25 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	2:07 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	
7:20 Sanhedrin dr	3:27 Alameda & Central ***	2:09 Alameda & Central ***	
7:22 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	3:37 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:19 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	
7:24 Lois Ln	3:39 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:21 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	
7:27 Intersection of easthill & eastside***	3:40 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	2:23 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	
7:30 Mitomkai Way	3:41 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	2:24 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	
7:35 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	3:42 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	2:25 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	
7:39 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	3:47 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	2:30 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	
7:40 Alameda & Central***	3:50 Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr	2:33 Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr	
7:43 Brookside	3:54 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:37 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	
7:45 Catholic Church***	3:55 Intersection of Robin & Primrose ***	2:38 Intersection of Robin & Primrose ***	
7:50 Blosser Lane	3:57 Golf Course	2:40 Golf Course	
8:00 Bus Barn	4:05 Bus Barn	2:50 Bus Barn	
7/29/25			

Bus 9 BGMS Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
8:00am		2:45pm	1:10 pm/1:13pm
6:45 Leave Bus Yard	2:25 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside (Imagination Station Student only)	1:05 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside (Imagination Station Student only)	
6:50 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:40 Imagination Station	1:15 Imagination Station	
6:52 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:45 BGMS	1:25 BGMS	
6:53 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	2:55 Elm Lane(Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	1:35 Elm Lane(Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	
6:55 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	3:00 Walker Road	1:40 Walker Road	
6:56 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	3:02 Holland's Lane N	1:43 Holland's Lane N	
6:57 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	3:05 Top Sandy	1:44 Top Sandy	
7:00 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:07 Howard Hospital	1:45 Howard Hospital	
7:01 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	3:09 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	1:45 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	
7:03 Golf Course	3:11 Lois Ln	1:48 Lois Ln	
7:08 Brookside	3:15 Mitomkai Way	1:50 Mitomkai Way	
7:10 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	3:18 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	1:53 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:11 Hollands Lane S***	3:23 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	2:00 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	
7:13 Walker Rd	3:28 Brookside	2:05 Brookside	
7:15 Berry Hill Court	3:35 WHS	2:10 WHS	
7:17 Top of Sandy	3:45 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:20 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	
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7:33 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	3:48 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	2:23 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	
7:36 Lois Ln	3:50 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	2:25 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	
7:40 Mitomkai Way	3:51 Intersection of Bear & Poppy Dr	2:28 Intersection of Bear & Poppy Dr	
7:42 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	3:52 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:29 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	
7:47 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	4:00 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	2:35 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	
8:00 WHS	4:01 Golf Course	2:36 Golf Course	
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6:42 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:35 Catholic Church***	1:25 Catholic Church***	
6:45 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:42 Blosser Lane	1:31 Blosser Lane	
6:46 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Hawk	2:46 BGMS	1:34 BGMS	
6:46 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	2:53 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	1:41 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	
6:48 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	2:56 Hollands S	1:44 Hollands S	
6:51 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Perch	2:59 Walker Rd	1:48 Walker Rd	
6:55 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:03 Top of Sandy	1:52 Top of Sandy	
6:56 Intersection of Robin & Primrose ***	3:04 Howard Hospital	1:53 Howard Hospital	
6:58 Golf Course	3:05 Sanhedrin dr	1:54 Sanhedrin dr	
7:05 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	3:07 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	1:56 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	
7:08 Alameda & Central***	3:10 Lois Ln	1:59 Lois Ln	
7:11 Baechtel Grove	3:13 Mitomkai Way	2:02 Mitomkai Way	
7:14 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor way & Elm Lane)	3:15 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:05 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:16 Walker Rd	3:20 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	2:10 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	
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7:50 Catholic Church	3:50 Golf Course	2:32 Golf Course	
7:55 Brookside	4:00 Bus Barn	2:45 Bus Barn	
8:00 Bus Barn			



These graduates of Imagination Station are headed out to transitional kindergarten and kindergarten including, back row, from left: Karma, Aubree, Hayden, Violet, Alexander, Rowan, and Uriah. Middle row, from left: Liam, Alaina, Lily, Caitalaya, Hudson, Arianna, Kallie and Roman. Front row, from left: Kyler, Anthony, Thyri, Torryn, Cora, Alina, and Olivia. At left: Maia will also be a part of the 2025 graduate class.

Imagination Station Preschool celebrates learning, growth, and new beginnings

Submitted by Imagination Station Preschool

This summer, Imagination Station Preschool & Child Care Center in Willits is celebrating a special milestone. Our preschoolers are graduating and taking their next big step into kindergarten. It is a joyful reminder of why we do what we do, helping children grow, explore, and discover their unique potential.

At Imagination Station, we believe learning should be both engaging and meaningful. Our play-based curriculum blends academic readiness with hands-on experiences, fostering creativity, problem solving skills, and a love of learning.

We serve children from 12 months through entry to first grade and offer year round care that meets the needs of modern families. Families can choose from full time preschool or part time schedules, all within

a safe, nurturing environment. Our central downtown location at 11 North Marin Street in Willits, right across from the park, makes us a familiar and accessible part of the community.

Graduation is more than a ceremony. It is a celebration of friendships, skills, and the confidence to take on new challenges. We are proud of our graduates, who leave us ready for school and ready to shine.

As we cheer them on, we also look forward to welcoming new families. Enrollment is now open for the upcoming school year.

Call us at 707-459-6543 to schedule a tour and see for yourself how every day is an adventure and every child is celebrated. You can also learn more at imaginationstationwillits.com.

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– Submitted by Lauren Lavine of First Steps



Above: Last year, these three were headed to transitional kindergarten; this year, they're off to kindergarten: Mackenzie Vanderpool, left, Ellalee Lavine, and Genevieve Hincker, right. At left, top: Ellalee Lavine our COVID baby will be moving on to kindergarten this year – we are so proud, and so excited for the new school year. Her big sisters will be starting fifth grade, and sophomore year at the Willits High School. We will miss Ellalee at First Steps! At left: First Steps' Willits Rocks rock, painted by Laurie Bee.

Get ready for school with Long Valley Sports Physicals

Posted by Long Valley Health Center

Long Valley Health Center is offering Sports Physicals and School Prep on Saturday, August 16 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Long Valley Health Center in Laytonville, located at 50 Branscomb Road.

Get your kids ready for school and sports, all in one stop! Join us for a special Saturday clinic offering:

- Sports Physicals
- Well-Child Checks
- Immunizations

- Dental Screenings
 - Backpacks with school supplies
 - FREE goodies for kids
 - Family health & community resources
- Call or text 707-984-6131 to make an appointment; walk-ins welcome as space allows. All kids are welcome, no need to be an established patient.
- Let us help your child head into the new school year healthy, confident, and fully prepared!

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Ceramics with Nancy New

6 Thursdays 4-7pm starting Sept 18

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DEN OF DIRECTION NEWSLETTER

August

Did you know?

The Den of Direction is WUSD's College and Career Center located on WHS's campus. We are dedicated to empowering all students and families to make informed decisions about life after high school. Our primary purpose is to guide students in exploring post-secondary pathways and providing resources to ensure that all students have the knowledge, confidence, and skills they need to succeed.

Mark your Calendar

Upcoming in WUSD

08/14 - WHS Freshman Orientation

08/18 - First day of School

09/22-09/26 - WUSD College and Career Week

09/24 - Sonoma State Outreach presentation

09/25 - Mendocino College and Cal Poly Humboldt Outreach presentation

Deadlines And Other Dates

11/07 - Last Day of Trimester 1

10/01-11/30 - Application Window for UC and CSUs

12/04 - Senior Applications for California Community Colleges, done at WHS campus.

Resource of the Month:

Californiacolleges.edu is California's official college and career planning platform. Lessons and tools help students discover goals for life after high school, make plans to achieve them, and launch their futures. It's free for California 6th - 12th grade students, their parents, and educators.

Questions or Comments? Please contact the Den of Direction Holly Sanbeck or Christina Lawrence at dod@willitsunified.com