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JDSF prescribed burn set for this weekend

Submitted by CAL FIRE MEU

Mendocino County – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. This prescribed burn will treat approximately 150 acres of timber slash and timber understory in the Thompson Gulch area of Jackson Demonstration State Forest, creating a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned habitat.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest is located on State Highway 20 between the towns of Willits and Fort Bragg.

Burning will begin on Thursday, October 29, 2026, and continue through Saturday, October 31, 2026.

Burning will start at approximately 10 am and conclude at approximately 3 pm daily. This project burn will be conducted under strictly controlled weather and fuel conditions. Smoke and aircraft may be visible in the area.

This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction

California cities pull the plug on data centers

By Katherine Ortiz, CalMatters

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October 22, 2026 – Despite seven new statewide laws regulating data centers, at least 26 resolutions, moratoriums, or bans on data centers have been passed or proposed in California since June.

Although California lawmakers recently passed a suite of laws intended to bring transparency to the development of new data centers, local communities across the state are signaling that disclosure isn't enough.

California currently ranks third among U.S. states in overall data center density, according to independent trackers like the US Data

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Above, from left: Mayte Sanchez, left, and Anya Jindrich of the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County came to speak at the Party in Pink about the non-profit, as well as do some Zumba. Anne Hammond smiled with heart-shaped glasses. Donna Raibley, of Grass Valley, smiles with her daughter Amy Bozzo, of Willits, who helped spearhead the first annual Party in Pink fundraiser for breast cancer. Below: Attendees gather together at the Little Lake Grange to dance, celebrate, and fundraise for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Party in Pink

Breast cancer awareness fundraiser earns \$4,000 for Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County with Zumba, food and raffles

The Little Lake Grange was turned into a sea of pink when over 100 community members came to dance and donate for a great cause last Friday night.

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The Party in Pink was held as a fundraiser for breast cancer care through the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County, and was spearheaded by local Zumba instructor, Amy Bozzo.

"We were so pleased with the turnout of this first annual Party in Pink," said Bozzo. "We weren't sure what to expect, a few hundred bucks hopefully? But we were amazed when the total of raised donations came in at around \$4,000!"

Bozzo, along with a group of volunteers, and her mom, Donna Raibley, who lent some event planning expertise, were inspired to hold the event as October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Zumba corporate also encourages local teachers to hold Pink Parties around the globe to raise money for help and treatment. Bozzo noted that her own grandmother passed away from breast cancer, so all the pieces were in place to let 2026 be the year when it all came together, and the team held their first event locally.

Bozzo teaches Zumba at Flourish and Flow and started holding

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Zumba

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From top: A special local goodies basket had its own raffle pricing. Willits High School seniors Bella Glenn, left, and Kassidy Noonan sold raffle tickets and welcomed attendees. Instructors led the room in Zumba moves.



At top, from left: Mimi Smith bought tickets for the numerous selection of raffle items. Clad in various shades of pink, dancers moved to the choreography of the on-stage Zumba instructors. Three prize-filled tables displayed various winnings available to ticket purchasers. Above, from left: Cici Winiger of Adventist Health stands by the table out front which offered games and prizes, all themed in pink. Kristen Eschleman, left, stands with Sharmila Bimal Patel, both holding plates of Gelatinas de Mosaico (Mosaic Strawberry Jell-o's) from Dulce Antojo by Wendy. This bust, titled "Together We Can" was a lovely art piece made by Donna Baibley, and added some additional fun decoration to the event. Below, from left: Zumba instructors gathered together for a photo op before the dancing began. Dana Kocher, left, smiles with Lori Agnew, as they show off their additions to the honoring Dedication Wall where tributes were given to those currently facing cancer, for those who have survived, and those who have passed.



Go vote on November 3

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It's time to vote, if you haven't cast your ballot already. It may be too late to put your ballot in the mail to ensure it will be received on time. "We recommend mailing it at least 7 days before Election Day," advised California's top elections official Shirley Weber. "If you mail it closer to Election Day, take it to a United States Post Office and ask a postal employee for a manual postmark."

In the Third District, there's a mail-ballot drop-off box in Willits, outside Willits City Hall at 111 East Commercial Street. There aren't drop-off boxes in Laytonville or Covelo. Voters can always drop off their ballots at the Mendocino County Registrar of Voters Office, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020, in Ukiah; open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm; 707-234-6819. The county voter office will also be open on Saturday, October 31, from 9 am to 3 pm to assist voters.

On Election Day, November 3, polling places are open 7 am to 8 pm. In the Third District, there are polling places at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street; at the Brooktrails Community

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Grant funds for Brooktrails, Sherwood no-cost home hardening

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If you're a resident of Brooktrails or the Sherwood Road corridor, it's time to consider applying for no-cost home hardening upgrades to your home through the Wildfire Community Resilience Project. Applications are now being accepted through December 15 at <https://owlcheck.net/forms/> <https://owlcheck.net/forms/>

This is a no-obligation application, to express interest in the program, as part of Phase 1. Phase 2 of the project will be when mitigations are planned to happen.

"The home hardening, fuel reduction grant is a great opportunity for the Brooktrails / Sherwood Road area to create a safer community," said Third District Supervisor John Haschak. "This FEMA money has had too many twists and turns, but we are moving forward with Phase 1. I encourage residents in these areas to apply and see if they are eligible."

This project was funded

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Hardening
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you to Marcia Kennedy

To the Editor:

The Willits Senior Center would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Marcia Kennedy for her many years of dedicated service as our Monday Meals on Wheels driver. For years, Marcia has been a dependable and caring presence in the lives of our Meals on Wheels clients. Through rain or shine, she faithfully delivered meals, smiles, and meaningful connections to seniors throughout our community. Her kindness, compassion, and commitment have touched countless lives, and her contributions to the Meals on Wheels program have been truly invaluable. Marcia's dedication has meant so much to our clients, their families, and all of us at the Senior Center. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and heart she has shared with our community. Thank you, Marcia, for making a difference one meal, one visit, and one person at a time. You will be greatly missed in this role.

As Marcia steps down, we are now seeking a volunteer to fill this important Monday delivery route. If you've ever considered volunteering, we invite you to schedule a ride-along and experience firsthand the impact of the Meals on Wheels program. You'll quickly see that delivering meals is about so much more than food. For many recipients, that brief visit may be the highlight of their day, offering not only nourishment but also companionship, reassurance, and a connection to the community. The gratitude you'll receive from clients is rewarding, but the greatest reward comes at the end of the route, knowing you've helped your neighbors remain healthy, independent, and cared for. Having delivered meals myself over the years, I can honestly say there are few volunteer experiences as meaningful and fulfilling as Meals on Wheels.

Interested in learning more?

Contact Juliana at (707) 459-6826, ext. 6 to schedule a ride-along and see whether this volunteer opportunity is right for you.

Just a few hours of your time can make a lasting difference in someone's life.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Senior Center										Michaeli Allen, Willits	
Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)											
location	Mon Oct 19	Tue Oct 20	Wed Oct 21	Thur Oct 22	Fri Oct 23	Sat Oct 24	Sun Oct 25	weekly total	rainfall since 01Oct26		
Northbrook Way	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.43	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.46	0.46		
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.47		
Valley Rd	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.20	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.22	0.22		
Canyon Rd	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.17	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.19		
Pine Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.34	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.40	0.40		
South Main @ East Oak	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.46	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.48		
average	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.35	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.37	0.37		

data compiled from weatherunderground (<https://www.wunderground.com>)

Willits Rain Box

The first rainfall for the 2026-2027 California rain year arrived in the Little Lake Valley on the cusp of October 22. The gentle rain brought an average of 0.37" of precipitation across the valley, most of that falling on the 22nd.

This much-appreciated rainfall was the first in the area in 49 days, but is well below typical October accumulations. Rainfall the past three Octobers averages 1.75", including 2.65" in 2025. With just a few days remaining this October, and no substantial rain in the forecast, the monthly total accumulation will likely be less than 0.5".

– Tim Hanna, Willits Rain Box

The Rules: **LETTERS**

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Willits Weekly prints letters and commentaries about Willits and Third District issues, activities, events, and people. We print letters to the editor from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

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

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Bobcat hunting should not be considered

To the Editor:

Concerning the California Bobcat Conservation and Management Plan: Humans are the most incredibly stupid animal on this planet. They refuse to see they are "animals" and somehow evolved an enormous ego – not intelligence – that somehow they equate with their right and privilege to own and control anything and everything they can get their greedy hands on.

What is it with humans wanting to manage and control everything? What I would like to see managed and controlled is pit bulls and those tiny vicious yippy yappy attack dogs called emotional support animals - which does not necessarily apply to highly intelligent chihuahuas, who are – along with wolves – the earliest of known dogs, who were, of course, wild.

Bobcats are no danger to humans, do not attack humans, but go about minding their own business. I lived in Big Sur for several years and was office manager at Big Sur River Inn. A bobcat made babies with my landlord's cat, one of which became mine. I did not name him some stupid human name. I called him "Cat." His dad, Bob Cat, used to come visit now and then, causing no trouble at all.

Bobcats are a part of nature, not meant to be managed and controlled. Humans, however, do need to be. Bobcats should be the least of human worries; as civilized humans ravage and destroy all nature on their precious planet. Not monetarily precious, but precious to life and health of everything. Why are men so quick to want to hunt down and kill everything, including themselves with their constant war-waging "everywhere" for control and domination – management of everything?

These are bobcats, not "Lions, and tigers and bears! Oh my." Bobcats are not much different than housecats or feral cats. Just a little larger and beefier and wilder. Wildlife cannot be wild if humans are "regulating" and "managing" all aspects of it.

Animals of the wild are not meant to control, but are part of nature, without which "all will perish." Hopefully humans first, which might leave nature time to repair herself. Everything modern humans do is for actual benefit of no one and nothing. Ego so big they think their god is an anthropo-morph, sitting on a throne, loving his minions. And the devil is anything which questions that stance. But, life is so much bigger than they will allow or even try to imagine.

Bobcat hunting should absolutely NOT be considered

Senior Center menu for the week of October 29 to November 6

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. To-go lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, in the lobby of the senior center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Due to increasing food costs, dine-in and to-go meals are now \$9.

- Thursday, October 29:** Linguica peppers & onions over rice
- Friday, October 30:** Turkey w/ stuffing & gravy
- Monday, November 2:** Hot open faced turkey sandwich
- Tuesday, November 3:** Chicken bacon ranch penne pasta
- Wednesday, November 4:** Lasagna w/ meat sauce
- Thursday, November 5:** French dip sandwich
- Friday, November 6:** Cheese burger mac & cheese

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

Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday at the Willits Senior Center, on Sunday, November 8 this month, 8 to 11:30. Menu Choices: All You Can Eat Pancakes or Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Coffee, Orange Juice or Milk; Breakfast Special TBD. \$13 adults; \$12 Senior Center members; \$8 children. 1501 Baechtel Road.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday, excepting holidays. To sign up call Juliana 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 459-6826 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.

Willits Unified seeks substitute teachers

Submitted by WUSD

Looking for flexible work? Become a substitute teacher with Willits Unified School District! The holidays are right around the corner, and WUSD is looking for substitute teachers!

Do you have a college student coming home for the holidays who is looking to earn some extra money? Have a bachelor's degree and want to put it to use? Or are you looking for flexible, part-time work to supplement your income?

Substitute teaching could be the perfect fit!

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- \$180 per day for a 7.5-hour workday
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- A flexible schedule that works around your availability
- An opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local students

Who qualifies? Individuals with a bachelor's degree, or students currently enrolled in an accredited four-year university who have completed at least 90 semester units may also be eligible.

Whether you're home from college, looking for a rewarding side gig, or simply interested in making a difference in your community, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Amy Adams at amyadams@willitsunified.com for more information, or schedule a time to meet and get the process started using this link: <https://calendly.com/amyadams-willitsunified/one-on-one-1-hour>

For more information about Willits Unified, visit our job posting at EdJoin: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/2284795>

Come join the WUSD team and help make a difference, one school day at a time!



Above, from left: The Sherwood School Fall Festival was visited by three Powerpuff Girls. After dinner, all the classes sang three songs for the parents, beginning with "We Will Rock You." Jill Walton fits right in with the anatomy artwork. At right: Asha, the barista, is happy to serve a variety of parent-donated desserts. Far right: This little firefighter was fascinated with the pachinko ball making its way through the maze of pegs. Below, left: Willits Unified Superintendent of Schools, John Baker, attended the Sherwood Fall Fest with Jeanne King, president of the Willits school board. Below, right: A zombie cheerleader dares to traverse the haunted maze at Sherwood School's Fall Festival.



Spooky Fun

Friends of Sherwood School's annual Fall Festival raises funds for student programs

The almost full moon, shining brightly down on Sherwood School on Friday, added a sense of macabre to the annual Fall Festival that was echoed in the decorations and the costumes.

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In addition to all the spookiness, Sherwood's Fall Festival featured a lasagna dinner, with several types of lasagna, donated by school parents, staff, and members of Friends of Sherwood School Incorporated, aka FOSSI. Tauna Decker, vice-president of FOSSI, pointed out the dessert table with donated treats. "We have a dessert auction and also a raffle that is being drawn tonight," Decker said, "with items from businesses that have contributed to the raffle to raise money for the school. The kids have been selling tickets for the last month."

Some of the raffle prizes include a donation from McNab Winery, stay at a seaside resort in Fort Bragg, a Skunk Train trip. Local businesses have donated gift certificates. "Everybody has been rallying to get money for the school," Decker said. The funds raised support school programs, student activities, and field trips.

Kids get to win prizes too at the Fall Festival. "These are all the prizes that the kids will win when they win their game tickets," Decker said. "They go to the game room in Miss Savannah's room. They buy their little tickets. Each child gets 10 tickets to start. There's a whole game room in Miss Savannah's room. They play their games. They earn tickets, come back to choose their prizes with the tickets they win. It's up to them, how many tickets they win. We make the games very easy for the kids. It's all very fun for the kids. Everybody wins."

Each year, the school holds its Fall Festival, a Halloween-themed celebration, with supporters and kids, many in colorful costumes showing their interest in current and archaic icons. Among notable costumes this year were a Michael Jackson, a grown-up Little Red Riding Hood, several skeletons, a jellyfish, a few princesses or fairies, ninjas, ghouls, ghosts, and three color-coordinated Powder Puff Girls.

Waldo was found holding a book about him (her) and accompanied by a Jedi knight, Dracula, a few witches, and Miss Frizzle from The Magic School Bus were in attendance, and other favorite TV and cultural icons posed for parents' photos, climbed on the playground equipment, and generally cavorted the way kindergarteners through fifth-graders do.

After dinner, all the grades joined together to entertain the parents. They stomped in to Queen's "We Will Rock You," in a synopacted mighty beat. They performed two more songs to loud appreciative applause, accompanied by many cellphone cameras recording the event.

Behind the buildings there was a haunted walkway with colored smoke, ghosts, ghouls in a box, and spooky sounds. Several of the kids had their parents accompany them through the scary path, for moral support. Brilliantly carved pumpkins, one in the shape of a B-17 bomber, were lined up on the far side of the last building. Everywhere there were creative projects and art from the students, lending an air of play to the scene.

Not all local residents are aware of the quality education for grade-school kids that Sherwood School offers as the "necessary small school" – not a charter school, not a private school - for the Willits Unified School District. The school is up Sherwood Road, all the way past Third Gate – out of sight, out of mind. However, there is a small but cohesive community of teachers, administrators, parents, students, and past students who know about the fun and the creative educational approach that the school offers, with classrooms filled with colorful and stimulating educational items, mostly created by the kids, that indicate young minds being challenged and rewarded.

The modern incarnation of Sherwood School began in 1985 in a little red schoolhouse, which is now the administration office and has since expanded to three basic classroom buildings, with a couple of grades combined in each. "One of the really wonderful things about Sherwood is kids have the option of working higher-level classes if they are ready to learn more," Heather Miya, past secretary and registrar, said a couple years ago. "If a kid is having trouble with some of their skills, they can work with a class that best matches their level. We don't leave any student behind."

According to the FOSSI sign at the entrance to the event: "Sherwood School is a family-oriented learning community. It creates a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment for all students. The staff, in partnership with the parent, students, and the larger Willits community, encourages all individual students to reach their highest potential academically and socially to become confident, independent thinkers and responsible citizens."

To learn more, visit <https://sherwood.willitsunified.com/>

Above, left: Tilly, dressed as a grown-up Little Red Riding Hood, graduated from Sherwood School in 1985 and has been a part of the community since. Above, right: "Grandalf" – a combination of grandma and the wizard Gandalf – was brought to life by Nancy New. Below: There were at least 10 different lasagnas donated by families and friends. At bottom, left: Sherwood School principal Annapurna Steffen, in the guise of Miss Frizzle of The Magic School Bus, rings the dinner bell. At bottom, right: Tamara May Steffen is the president of Friends of Sherwood School Incorporated.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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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!

HEART HEALTH

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48. Poe's middle name

49. Japanese title

50. TV series installation (abbr.)

51. Beloved country singer

55. Single unit

57. Genuine

58. Develop

59. Traveled through the snow

22. No charge

25. Print errors

27. Professional drivers

28. Kiss box set

29. Short, fine fibers

30. Administers punishment

32. Czech city

34. Normal or sound powers of mind

35. The academic world

36. Crustacean

37. Currency

38. Pastoral people of Tanzania or Kenya

40. Cloth spread over a coffin

41. Grouped together

42. On land

43. Glistened

45. A type of extension

48. One who assists

51. College sports conference

52. Zero

53. Midway between northeast and east

54. Type of screen

56. The 13th letter of the Greek alphabet

18. Where golfers begin

CLUES DOWN

1. CLUES

2. Do again

3. Current unit

4. Neither

5. Corporate exec (abbr.)

6. Second sight

7. The absence of mental stress

8. Supplemented with difficulty

9. Stop for good

10. College dorm worker

11. Bones

12. Most supernatural

16. Spanish island

17. Unlimited

18. Where golfers begin

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

October 12 to October 18

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **87 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 12

6:08 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 600 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

7:05 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

7:31 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of West Commercial Street and issued a citation.

8:19 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of West Mendocino Street and Easy Street and issued a warning.

8:27 am: WIRTH, Shawntee Lane (43) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court. She was arrested on felony charges of domestic corporal injury and misdemeanor charges of violation of a court order.

9:55 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

6:39 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

October 13

8:25 am: JORDAN Jr., Michael Rebb (40) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of child cruelty.

11:51 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

12:04 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue.

October 14

3:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Railroad Avenue.

4:57 pm: MAXFIELD, Bradley Dale (32) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of a court order.

11:26 pm: WADE, Ben William (55) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Street and South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

October 15

2:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

7:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Coast Street.

October 16

9:12 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Madrone Street and issued a warning.

11:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

12:16 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Commercial Street and South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

1:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Mill Street.

7:43 pm: PATEREAU, Mark Richard (54) of Willits was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

October 17

12:42 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of Sout Main Street and issued a warning.

12:44 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of McKinley Street and issued a warning.

1:05 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:52 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

6:54 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Madrone Street and issued a warning.

12:07 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Madrone Street and Poplar Avenue and issued a warning.

12:42 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

October 18

10:05 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and West Mendocino Avenue and issued a warning.

10:45 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

1:04 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Mill Street and Pine Street and issued a warning.

1:20 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of Mill Street and issued a citation.

1:39 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Mill Street and Coast Street and issued a citation.

1:43 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.



From far left: This family managed to survive the Coma Dreams Haunted House, but the kids turned into furry animals – must be from the scares they experienced inside. This almost-everyday scene doesn't give much warning of the Monster Under the Bed horror to come. Luna is not long for this world. Phoenix Hetherington, in his fire and ice mask, ran the sound equipment for the Haunted Prom. Below, left: Delaney, Desha, Rose, Karrie, Desha, and Layla take a moment prior to scaring the heck out of the next group in the Haunted Prom scene. Below: The group of attendees listen to a last-minute set of instructions from Dr. Oniero, played by Jadrian.



Coma Dreams

Willits Charter School's Haunted House tapped into 'the psychology' of scare this year

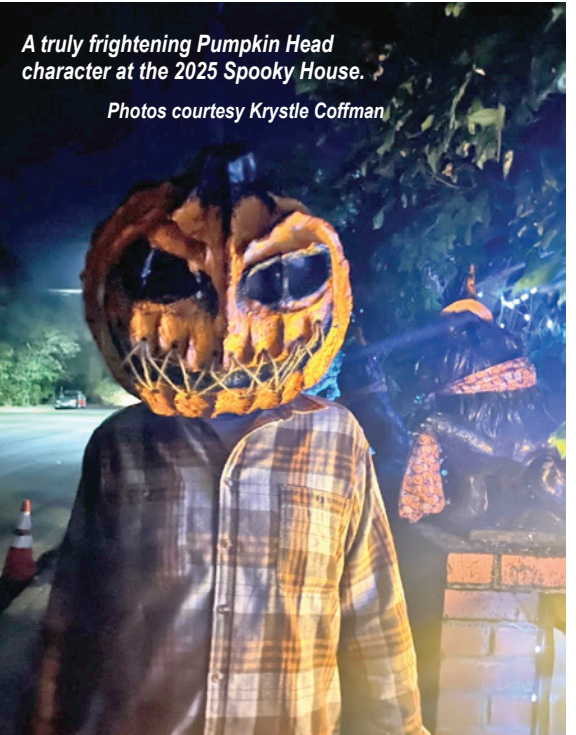
"The patient has been in a coma for about five years, but through technology and occult search, we have managed to figure out a way to get into his mind," Dr. Oneiro told the anxious guests at Willits Charter School's "Coma Dreams" Haunted House last weekend. "If you come this way, we will show you into the quantum vortex of what happened," Oneiro said.

Thus began the harrowing journey through the mind of the coma victim who could be seen in her vegetative state down the hallway, in bed, as they approached a door with a magic, ghostly Ouija board spelling out a warning. As the door opened, and the attendees stepped inside, they

were treated to the sounds of local band Lupine Driver, who were playing loud rock at the Haunted Prom, which affair was filled with ghostly co-eds, who suddenly began to move slowly and threateningly towards the people on the tour, with evil intent.

Hustling out of the horrifying scene, the guests were rushed into a dark and dangerous forest, without the doctor/tour guide who mysteriously disappeared after they were warned not to get separated from him. Now they were on their own, on their sojourn through the mind of the coma victim. The forest, the Bump in the Night scene, was foreboding, only lit through occasional flashes of light and inhabited

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



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Spooky House offering treats and taking donations for St. Jude's

Trick or Treaters are welcome to the Spooky House on the corner of East Valley and Penn Street on Halloween Night, October 31. The Spooky House is participating in the annual nationwide effort of haunters to raise as much as possible for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital to support children and families battling childhood cancer.

Opportunities to directly donate to the "Skeletons to St. Jude" effort will be available at the Spooky House (bring your smartphone).

"We will be handing out candy until about 9:30 or 10 pm," said organizer Krystle Coffman, "and may have a few special surprises. It usually gets pretty slow the later it gets."

Coffman gave a big shout out "to all of the people who help make this possible: Joe Watson helps out with decorations and handing out candy. Sarah Lewis brings the talent with her fire skills. My amazing husband, Justin Coffman, supports all my crazy ideas and the never-ending Halloween decorations.

To learn more, visit skeletonsforhope.org and scroll down to the Donate button to donate directly.



Above, left: The coma patient, Owen, beckons with his mind to lure the attendees into the fears inside his brain. Above: Dabney is ready to scare any intruders in her room. From far left: Lupine Driver provided the musical accompaniment for the Haunted Prom. William is a scary joker in the Bump in the Night scene. "Mr. Billy" Hetherington recites the rules to keep the attendees from being lost in the maze.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-
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10 a.m.
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(707) 459-3106

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Willits, CA 95490
Father Aaron Bandanadam
Mass times:
Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.
Saturday-5:30 p.m.
Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English
10:30 a.m. - Spanish
Confessions on Saturday
4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
Or by appointment at
707-459-2252
https://stanthonywillits.org/
santhonywillits@gmail.com
We welcome All Walks of Faith

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707-272-0177
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ALL ARE WELCOME
The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

St. John Lutheran Church
Sunday Service
10:00 a.m.
(707) 459-2988
24 Mill Creek Drive
Facebook.com/stjohnswillits
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Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church
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Saturdays
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesday
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, October 29

Spooky Fun at the Mendocino County Museum:
Visit the Museum during
open hours, 11 am to 5 pm,
Thursday, October 29, Friday,
October 30, and Saturday,
October 31. Activities include
Scavenger Hunt with trick or
treat prizes, Photo Booth with
dress-up props, Festive Fall Book
Nook, and Pumpkin Coloring Station.
400 East Commercial Street.

Coffee and Conversation: Join
Matt Franks, Land Protection
Manager, and Holly Madrigal,
Engagement Manager of the
Mendocino Land Trust for a cup of
joe, and conversation about land
protection and public access. Learn
about MLT's efforts to restore former
cannabis properties. Willits meeting
is Thursday, October 29 at 10 am at
Mendocino College's North County
Center. Laytonville meeting is on Thursday, October 29
from 2 to 3 pm at the Laytonville Bookroom, 200 Graccomb
Road. Info: info@mendocinolandrtrust.org or 707-982-0470.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop at the Library: Ready
for the next "big one"? Whether it's wildfire,
earthquake, or flood, it is good to be prepared.
Thursday, October 29 from 2 to 3 pm, at the
Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.
Disaster Preparedness Educator Christian
Uyeno takes attendees through a five-step
disaster preparedness guide, with open
discussion on the topics.

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors
at Fall Market outdoors at City Park on
Commercial Street, Thursday, October 29 – set
to be the last outdoor market before moving to
the Grange - from 3 to 5 pm, for the freshest
produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs,
hot and cold food from local businesses, along
with crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits
Weekly, and more.

Shanachie Pub
Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street
Saturday Sessions at Shanachie: Every
2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, one of
our locals will host an open jam at Shanachie
Pub. Bring any instrument and explore your
creativity!

Bluegrass String Jam: An official jam for
the California Bluegrass Association, every
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at
3 pm, with all Bluegrass musicians welcome!
Wednesday Open Mic Night: Every
Wednesday– Enter your name in the lottery
from 3 to 7 pm to choose your 20-minute time
slot, with performances beginning at 7:20.

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

LEGO Club: Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 pm.
"Bring your imagination and start building."
Penny University Coffee Klatch:
Wednesdays, 2 to 4 pm, in the Willits Library
meeting room to discuss various topics while
enjoying a "cup of joe."

Create it, Make it, Break it! First four
Fridays of each month, 3:30 to 5 pm. Join us
for a month of spooktacular projects! We will
explore our creativity and reasoning through
Science, Technology, Engineering, and
Math. Each meeting will present new ideas
and challenges! Designed for ages 9-14.

Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to noon,
come get computer help and your technical
questions answered!

Spinning and Knitting: Saturdays at the
library, from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels
welcome!

Ongoing General

Trivia Night at The Munchery: Every 2nd
and 4th Thursday of the month at 6 pm at
The Munchery, 1797 South Main Street,
Willits.

Trivia Night at Northspur Brewing Co: Put
your knowledge to the test on the first and

Friday, October 30

Spooky Fun at the Mendocino County Museum:
Friday, October 30, during
open hours, 11 am to 5 pm. See Thursday,
October 29 listing for more details.

Trick or Trail in Brooktrails: Willits Area
Cyclists hosts the 3rd annual Trick or
Trail, free trick or treating in the woods.
Friday, October 30 from 4 to 6 pm. Come
get some candy, and explore your local
trails. Costumes optional, but
hiking shoes a must! Trick or Treat
on the one-mile Nutmeg loop at
the Brooktrails Par Course, 24860
Birch Street. Park on Birch Drive
and use the trail down, if the main
lot is full.

**Trunk or Treat at Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints:** Join us for a safe, fun, and
family-friendly evening of trunk or treating! All
are welcome. Friday, October 30 from 5 to 7
pm. 265 Margie Drive.

Halloween Line Dancing in Willits: Get
ready for a fun night of dancing, costumes,
and music in Willits on Friday, October 30.
First: 6 to 7 pm Beginner Line Dance at
Flourish and Flow, 1726 South Main Street,
play their first show at the Pub: Arobeat,
reggae, ska, cumbia,
Latin jazz, and other groove-
heavy music from around the
world to kick off Halloween
weekend. Friday, October 30 at
8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South
Main Street. Beginners welcome. Costumes
encouraged but not required!

J'Haunted Haunt in Brooktrails:
Visit the J'Haunted Haunt in
Brooktrails over Halloween
weekend: Friday, October 30,
Saturday, October 31, and
Sunday, November 1, 7 pm to 10
pm, by the Golf Course.

La Onda at the Pub: Mendocino
County band, aka "The Vibe,"
play their first show at the Pub:
Arobeat, reggae, ska, cumbia,
Latin jazz, and other groove-
heavy music from around the
world to kick off Halloween
weekend. Friday, October 30 at
8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South
Main Street.

third Wednesday of the month starting at
6:30 pm at Northspur Brewing Co., 101 North
Main Street.

Food Not Bombs at Bud Snider Park:
Receive a free meal, supplies and zines
every first and third Friday of the month at
5 pm, outside at City Park across from City
Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Free Meal by Willits Daily Bread: Every
week on Monday through Thursday from 4:30
to 5:30 pm at 66 East Commercial Street.

Willits Tennis Club: Meets every Monday
and Wednesday from 9 to 11 am at the
Willits High School Tennis Courts. All levels
welcome. More info: 707 484-3385.

Drop-In Life Drawing Group at WCA: Every
Thursday from 1 to 4 pm at Willits Center for
the Arts. Cost is based on sliding scale. More
info: Margaret 707-459-9251.

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

Willits Indivisible Democracy Vigil: Every
Friday from 5 to 6 pm at Babcock Park
on South Main Street. More info: "Willits
Indivisible" on Facebook.

Pickleball: Wednesdays, Fridays and
Sundays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 9 am
at the Willits High School tennis courts. Free
to play and all levels welcome.

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

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth
Friday at 7 pm, at St. Francis of the Redwoods
on the corner of Main and Commercial Streets.
Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach
adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the
library. Call or email to make an appointment:
LiteracyWillits@gmail.com or 707-456-7729.

Mobile Showers Available in Willits:
Mobile shower is in Willits every Monday
and Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm (updated times),
behind St. Francis Church at the corner of
Main and Commercial Streets. Toiletries,
towels and washcloths provided. Those
with disabilities may need to bring a helper.
Sack dinners are served from 4:30 to 5:30 by
Willits Daily Bread.



Saturday, October 31

Mama Circle at Healing House: A nurturing space
for mothers and littles
hosted by doulas Kaitan
and Suraya. Come join us
for community, support and
connection. Last Saturday
of every month: October
31 this month, from 10:30
am to 12:30 pm. Tea and
snacks provided. Healing
House, 48 East San
Francisco Avenue. \$5 to
\$20 suggested donation.
Info: 707-599-4207.

Halloween Bash at Shanachie: Jah Work presents a triple-
headliner Halloween showcase featuring the Joe Marcinek
Band, Dezi 5, and the Steven Bates Band. Saturday,
October 31 from 8 pm to midnight. Shanachie Pub, 50 South
Main Street.

Sunday, November 1
Clocks fall back at 2 am!

J'Haunted Haunt in Brooktrails: Visit the J'Haunted Haunt
in Brooktrails. Sunday, November 1, 7 pm to 10 pm, by the
Golf Course. See Friday, October 30 listing for more dates.

Tuesday, November 3
Election Day

Thursday, November 5

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Fall Market
indoors for the first week at the Little Lake Grange, 291
School Street, on Thursday, November 5 from 3 to 5 pm, for
the freshest produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs,
hot and cold food from local businesses, along with crafts,
live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.



Bug Guts at Shanachie: Local duo Bug
Guts, featuring Rosebud and Scott Ireland,
play alternative folk rock and folk punk, Friday,
November 6 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South
Main Street.

Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: An
original psychedelic family band happy to play
music and extend Peace, Love, and Positivity. They invite
you to come and let your creative juices flow (dance, art,
circus acts, etc.) as they embark on a musical journey
through the Universe. Saturday, November 7 at 8 pm.
Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

WCT presents two readings of Bertolt Brecht's
'The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui,' November 7, 8

By Steve Hellman, for WCT
While in exile amid the growing chaos
of war in 1941, famed German playwright
Bertolt Brecht wrote his provocative play
"The Resistible Rise
of Arturo Ui." The play
tells the story of a
strongman gangster
who seizes control of
the vegetable trade in
Chicago and Cicero,
Illinois, during the Great
Depression.

Funny and grim at
the same time, the play
was meant as a warning
against the rise of an
authoritarian regime. In
his own words, Brecht
said, "If you don't know the world's on fire, I
don't know what to say to you."

Brecht's play will be performed as a
mixed-media, sit-down reading at the Willits
Community Theatre on Saturday, November
7 at 7 pm and Sunday, November 8 at 2 pm.
The massive play has 40 speaking parts. It
is being performed in Willits with a cast of 15
that includes: Mike A'Dair, Dayle Deer, Colby
Friend, Peter Kotowski, Miles Mattson, Kevin
Moore, Pat Nunes, Damian Sabouhian, Amy
Simms, Rick Williams, Ben Wilson, Cortlandt

Director Mary Guibert says she sees
parallels today to a certain American
strongman that are concerning to her.
In Brecht's play,
economic strains
lead to desperation,
and the strongman
finds fertile ground
for a takeover via a
protection racket.

Willits Photography Club show opens Halloween
night at WCA

Submitted by WCA
Something mysterious is about to appear on the walls of the Willits Center for the Arts.
On Halloween night, October 31, the Willits Photography Club will open the 26th annual
Willits Photography Club show, bringing together the extraordinary work of professional
photographers from the region.

What better night to open a photography exhibition than Halloween? With an artists'
reception from 6 to 8 pm. As the sun goes down and the shadows grow longer, the gallery
will come alive with photographs that capture beauty, mystery, drama, humor, and the
unexpected world around us.

The photographers of the Willits Photography Club see things the rest of us often overlook.
Through their lenses, an ordinary landscape can become extraordinary, a familiar face can
tell a new story, and a fleeting moment can be transformed into a lasting work of art.

This exhibition celebrates photography not simply as a record of what we see, but as an
art form shaped by vision, imagination, timing, composition, and light.

Come celebrate Halloween with us – and discover what happens when talented
photographers turn their cameras toward the world. The show runs through November 29 at
Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Friday, Saturday and
Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm.



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DIGGER

(R) 2 hrs 9 min

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4:15, 7:00

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1:30, 4:15, 7:00

Weds/Thurs:
4:15, 7:00

Showtimes: October 30 to November 5

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(PG-13) 1 hrs 59 min

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4:30, 7:15

Sat/Sun:
1:45, 4:30, 7:15

Weds/Thurs:
4:30, 7:15

Closed Monday/Tuesday

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DELUXE THEATRE

(R) 1 hr 45 min

Fri:
4:45, 7:30

Sat/Sun:
2:00, 4:45, 7:30

Weds/Thurs:
4:45, 7:30

Thrifty Thursday: \$8.00 tickets. Thrifty Thursday films this week in red.

COMING NEXT WEEK

WILDWOOD (PG-13)



Above, from left: Many young attendees got their face painted at the celebration. Some of the Hispanic Heritage Month coloring pages hung up to be admired. Colorful dresses were worn by performers. Below, from left: Some of the beautiful face paintings done at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Blosser Lane; Bienvenidos! to the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Blosser Lane Elementary School. An altar to loved ones. Below, right: Young dancers performed in heritage attire, to the especial delight of the children in the audience. You can watch a brief clip at the “Willits Unified School District” page on Facebook as part of WUSD’s post about the event.



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Blosser Lane

Posted by Willits Unified School District

Willits Unified School District hosted its first Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Blosser Lane Elementary School on October 19, sponsored by the Blosser Lane PTO, and what an incredible turnout!

Thank you to all the families who joined us and participated in our Salsa and Hispanic Dish Contests!

Best Salsa: Miguel Loza

Best Hispanic Dish: Lilly Acevedo with her delicious Green Pozole!

A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make this event possible! Your time, hard work, and dedication truly made this celebration special.

We are so grateful to have such an amazing community come together to celebrate Hispanic culture, traditions, and heritage!

We can't wait to do it again next year!



FURRY FRIENDS HOPING FOR A HOME

Adorable Foxworth

This tiny, incredibly cute orange kitten is just starting his journey and is looking for his future family. Right now, he is safe and sound in a foster home, and while we are still getting to know all of his little quirks and personality traits, one thing is already certain: His cuteness is completely off the charts!

For more info on our adoptable animals, applications to foster or adopt can be found on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com. As well as visit us anytime during open hours! Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 5 pm; and Saturday and Sunday: 11 am to 3 pm. Thursdays by appointment only, 1 to 5 pm. 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. 707-485-0123.

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KLLG Willits Hometown Radio is now streaming. You can listen on the radio at 97.9 FM, or listen to the low-power station's new stream at <http://kllgradio.duckdns.org:8000/stream.ogg> Visit <https://kllg.org/> to learn more about the local low-power radio station or how you can become a programmer or a member, or call (707) 234-5122. KLLG Radio, brought to you by the Little Lake Grange, is now in its 10th year of broadcasting over the Little Lake Valley. The updated schedule is posted at <https://kllg.org/schedule/>

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by a \$2.4 million FEMA grant the County of Mendocino received in August 2024, through FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program. The BRIC grant is aimed at strengthening long term wildfire resilience in Brooktrails and the Sherwood Road Corridor by no-cost home hardening to its homeowners and to establishing defensible space and vegetation management around critical infrastructure like the Brooktrails Fire Department, the Brooktrails Township Community Services District offices, Sherwood School, the Willits Municipal Airport, and the Lake Ada Rose and Lake Emily drinking water reservoirs with their associated treatment facilities.

Potential home-hardening options include: Hazardous fuels reduction, hardening roofs, siding, eaves, soffits, vents, chimneys and stovepipes, skylights, gutters, decks, and other components by installing ignition-resistant materials.

“California's wildfire conditions continue to intensify each year, making proactive planning essential,” the project website states. “This project focuses on preparing Brooktrails for the future – reducing hazards, improving emergency readiness, and supporting long-term safety for residents, infrastructure, and natural resources.”

“The Sherwood Corridor is one of the most significant areas of concern for both Mendocino County emergency officials, CAL FIRE, and the local community,” the Scope of Services states in the April 2026 contract for the project. “The lack of ingress / egress routes, density of development, and topography and fuel loading all contribute to this assessment and emphasize the importance of hazard mitigation within the community ... creating defensible space around critical facilities and hazardous fuels reduction in the Brooktrails Township, Sylvaudale, Spring Creek, and the Gates, the more densely populated neighborhoods on the Sherwood Corridor in Willits.

If you are a resident of the Sherwood Corridor and are interested in protecting your home, visit <https://owlcheck.net/projects/> for more information. You can apply online at <https://owlcheck.net/forms/> or contact Megan or Alex at their Willits office to learn more about the project: 1702 South Main Street, 10 am to 7 pm, seven days a week, with appointments available for other times on request; 707-360-0056.

The rest of Vote

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Center, 24860 Birch Street; and at the Laytonville Lions Fire Hall, 44920 Willits Avenue. In Covelo, there will be a ballot drop-off location on Election Day only, at the Round Valley Justice Court, 76270 Grange Street.

In Assessor / County Clerk / Recorder Katrina Bartolomie's report to the county board of supervisors last week, she stated the Elections Office was “in full swing with elections. We've started getting back an incredible amount of vote by mail ballots. People are using our drop boxes. So, that's amazing, that saves the county money. It saves a lot of USPS involvement.... We're geared up for a nice election.”

“When the public uses our drop boxes,” Bartolomie explained, “it's only elections personnel or elections officials that touch their ballots. The city clerks are considered elections officials. So, two people will go out a couple times a day, and they will empty their ballot drop box, bring it back in, count the number of envelopes, and log those in and keep them in an interior ballot box [we provide] so they can keep them secure. Then, two to three times a week we go and pick them up depending on how many ballots are there. So, it's a very trustworthy, safe, secure way to do that.”

Bartolomie didn't have the total number of ballots received already, but did report that the day before, October 19, the drop box at the Ukiah office had over 300 ballots dropped off that day.

“I want to remind the voters of the no electioneering within 200 feet” rule, she continued. The “no electioneering” zone at the polls has been doubled for this and future elections, thanks to a new state law, and there will be signs at the polls to that effect.

The voter office's press release about the change states: “The extension of the electioneering prohibition to 200 feet will assist in ensuring that the voters of Mendocino County can have free, fair and secure elections, that all eligible voters may be able to cast a ballot without disruption, intimidation or interference. This action was taken pursuant to Senate Bill 884, which was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2026.”

The press release also cites the definition of “electioneering,” as per the California Elections Code section 319.5: “the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot.”

After Bartolomie's report, board chair Bernie Norvell asked her if there were drop boxes in other north county locations. She confirmed the closest drop box was in Willits. State law requires drop boxes to be well lit, she said, and “they have to be under surveillance 24/7,” as the Willits drop box is, “with the police department right there.”

She concluded: “We need to figure out a way to do that later if we can, but those are the regulations for right now.”

Willits Grapplin' Pack is moving

Posted by WGP

As many in our community know, the facility Willits Grapplin' Pack has been blessed to use for so many years is now for sale. With the uncertainty of its future, we've had to find a new home for Mendocino County SAL wrestling and WGP: We are moving to 215 South Main Street (the building attached to Al's Redwood Room).

We cannot express enough gratitude to Georgine and the Seventh-day Adventist Church for their years of generosity and support of Willits Grapplin' Pack and other youth sports organizations. We are incredibly thankful and sad to leave, but excited for this new chapter!

The future of WGP is bright!

First practice at the new location is set for Monday, November 2, from 5 to 7 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Questions? Contact Head Coach Brian Agenbroad at 707-354-2654.

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Workers get time off to vote if needed

Submitted by California Secretary of State's Office

Sacramento – The Office of the California Secretary of State reminds voters that California law allows up to two hours off work to vote if someone is unable to do so during non-work hours.

California allows workers up to two hours off, without a loss of pay, to vote if they do not have enough time to vote during non-work hours. The law requires workers to notify their employer two working days before Election Day if they need to take time off to vote.

Every California employer is required to post, in a visible location, a notice informing employees of their rights at least 10 days before an election. The California Office of the Secretary of State offers free, print-ready notices in 10 languages at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/time-vote-notices/>.

Polling locations will be open from 7 am through 8 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Voters can find more information about where they can return their ballot at <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/> and can track their ballot by signing up for Where's My Ballot at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot

Voters can visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/make-plan-vote/ for additional information about the upcoming election.

Voters with questions can contact their county elections office – Mendocino County Registrar of Voters Office, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020, in Ukiah; open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm; 707-234-6819; mcvotes@mendocinocounty.gov. The county voter office will also be open on Saturday, October 31, from 9 am to 3 pm to assist voters.

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The rest of Centers

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Center Map <https://dcmapp.us/states/>, with the state home to 366 of such facilities that are either fully operational, under construction, or moving through the planning process. Local elected officials are proposing data center moratoriums to slow that momentum – if not stop it in its tracks.

In the first half of October alone, Oakland's city council unanimously approved a 45-day moratorium on new approvals, making it the first city in Alameda County and the fourth in the Bay Area to adopt such a measure. San Francisco approved a similar moratorium this month, while the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors postponed a vote to permanently ban large-scale data centers, often called hyperscale facilities, on unincorporated land after receiving an overwhelming volume of public feedback. In Santa Clara, city officials considered a moratorium vote, and are moving forward with new rules to govern data center development, including more stringent water and air pollution regulations. Alhambra residents will vote on a moratorium measure in the November election.

Across California, at least 26 resolutions, moratoriums, or bans on data center development have been passed or proposed since June, according to the D.C.-based non-governmental organization Food & Water Watch, which tracks similar proposals nationwide.

The escalating pushback underscores a widening gap between state-level regulation and municipal action. While Gov. Gavin Newsom last month signed into law seven new measures that focus primarily on disclosure requirements, environmental impact studies, and grid protection, grassroots groups and city councils are moving fast to halt construction entirely.

“I have a hard time remembering something that caught fire the way the opposition to data centers has,” said Nicole Ghio, California Director at Food & Water Watch. “Local municipalities have been able to respond quicker to the grassroots wave of opposition of people saying, ‘Hold on, let's press pause. Let's actually figure out what we're doing before we commit to this huge change.’”

Opponents say these energy-hungry facilities strain power grids, potentially deplete water supplies and pollute the air, and contribute to broader economic anxieties around AI-driven job elimination. The anti-data-center movement cuts across party lines; conservative group Humans First, for example, finished its nationwide Data Center Revolt tour this month with three stops in California, joining a chorus of figures on the left who call for local control as well as additional environmental and consumer protections.

“This is very much a unifying issue,” Ghio noted, adding that residents are alarmed by potential rate hikes and environmental degradation. “This is not a future that I think a lot of people want. I mean, it's a great future if you're a tech billionaire. It's not a great future if you're a regular American.”

Industry proponents, however, argue that halting infrastructure development risks eroding critical national interests. Doug Kelly, CEO of the policy advocacy coalition American Edge Project, framed the current buildup as an essential infrastructure race.

“Artificial intelligence and the data centers that power it, this is the next foundational block of infrastructure that America is building out,” Kelly said, comparing it to historical investments in railroads and highways.

Kelly acknowledged that past developments lacked sufficient community input, leading to local friction. To address these fears without stopping construction, his organization promotes an “AI Community Compact” — an agreement offering local guarantees to protect ratepayers from cost spikes, safeguard resources, and promise early transparency.

“So, communities can decide whether they want data centers there or not, but they shouldn't just blanket ban them because then you lose all your negotiating power,” Kelly said. “You're literally saying ‘we want this billion dollar investment to go somewhere else, anywhere but here.’”

Yet for local advocates, piecemeal guarantees and disclosure laws fall short of addressing the underlying risk. Advocates point to a one-year pause on hyperscale data centers that New York's governor ordered in July as a roadmap, hoping state legislators will eventually follow local leaders' lead.

As cities continue to draft temporary freezes and outright bans, the tension between local community control and global technological dominance remains unresolved. State transparency laws may have opened the books on data center growth, but local opponents are making it clear that seeing the plans isn't the same as approving them.

Katherine Ortiz is a reporter for CalMatters, where she covers the ways the tech industry influences the lives of everyday people. Previously, she worked for Business Insider, as well as the San Fernando Valley Business Journal, where she covered business, tech, and innovation stories across industries.

Editor's Note: At their October 6 meeting, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted to extend the county's temporary moratorium on data centers to August 21, 2028.

Have something to say? Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor about local issues. Please email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com REMEMBER: Deadline is end of day Monday for each week's Thursday edition.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District will conduct Public Hearings on revisions to the C&S/ Redwood Waste Solutions (franchisee) rates for garbage collection and curbside recycling in Brooktrails effective January 1, 2027.

The public hearing will be held in person and remotely (hybrid meeting) at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2026. Information on remote access to the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda at its publishing. At or prior to this time, any interested person, including all customers of the franchisee in Brooktrails Township Community Services District, may appear personally or submit a written presentation on any matter relating to the proposed revisions.

The General Manager will calculate a budget for Fiscal Year 2027-28 based on an increase of 4.31% to the solid waste rates beginning January 1, 2027. The proposed increase is justified by the franchisee based on the cost of providing services, meeting the requirements of recycling and organic waste disposal regulations, and for paying fuel costs.

A copy of proposed rates is available for review during normal business hours at the Township Office, 24895 Birch Street, Willits, California or by request from btcsd@btcsd.org.

Date: October 20, 2026

General Manager Tamara Alaniz
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Publication Date: October 29, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement

2026-F0366

The following person or persons are doing business as Bullseye Calibrations & Diagnostics, 934 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: OTRA Acquisitions LLC, PO Box 1133, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 10, 2026.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on October 13, 2026.

/s/ Bryan Arnold, Managing Member

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WW630

Fictitious Business
Name Statement

2026-F0367

The following person or persons are doing business as OTRA Car Rentals, On The Road Again Car Rentals, 934 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: OTRA Acquisitions LLC, PO Box 1133, Willits, CA 95490.

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/s/ Bryan Arnold, Managing Member

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement

2026-F0368

The following person or persons are doing business as Redwood Collision Co., 934 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490; 707-216-1939.

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/s/ Bryan Arnold, Managing Member

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WW632

Fictitious Business
Name Statement

2026-F0370

The following person or persons are doing business as Dahvi's Kitchen, 349 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490; 707-841-0968.

Registered owner: Dahvi Danielle Hooper, 349 S. Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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 October 14, 2026.

/s/ Dahvi Hooper

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement

2026-F0360

The following person or persons are doing business as Hidden Luxury, 3900 N. State St. SPC 10, Ukiah CA 95482; 707-380-9269.

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This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 2, 2026.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on October 2, 2026.

/s/ Brisa Shepherd

Publication Dates: October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2026

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meetings with volunteers after her Sunday class. Several students wanted to volunteer, and several other local instructors came together to make the event take off.

"I asked Tabitha and Anne if they wanted to hold this party with me, and things spiraled from there!" explained Bozzo. "It was so great to see all the Zumba community come together, as well as combine with other local supporters. Everyone had great ideas, and I think the event flowed so well thanks to everyone's amazing help."

Once attendees walked down the pink carpet and under the balloon arch into the main hall, a raffle table was set up at the front of the room displaying around 25 different items with everything from chiropractic services, cookies and flowers, to gift certificates and travel mugs. A special "Mendocino Adventure Basket" was also created, and had separate tickets. It included tickets for the Skunk Train; a stay at an Air B&B in Fort Bragg; gift cards for Brickhouse and The Munchery, and much more. Aimee Dawson and Jill Persico put together the raffle baskets.

Additional tables from Adventist Health, Long Valley Health and Quantum Health also provided information, games and giveaways for attendees.

Another table featured food and treats set up by donation, which included fruits, charcuterie trays, popcorn, cookies, somosas, muffins, and much more. A photo booth with props and accessories was available for attendees to pose in. Another table for the Dedication Wall was set up by Anne Hammond with cutouts allowing attendees to write names or messages on and then add to the wall behind, which had space to honor those currently fighting a diagnosis, those who survived and are on the other side, and those who had been lost, but remain in loved ones' hearts.

Before the Zumba dancing started, a few speakers addressed the crowd. Maureen Jennison told an abbreviated(!) version of her story with cancer and appreciation for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County; Adventist Health Imaging Director Julie Lane spoke about mammography services and the importance of early detection; and Anya Jindrich of the CRC spoke about their services and gave appreciation for the donations.

Maureen "Mo" Mulhern emceed the event, and introduced the group of Zumba instructors who all took turns on stage and dancing on the floor to the booming music provided by DJ Juice.

Instructors included: Willits' Amy Bozzo: instructor since 2019 and currently teaching at Flourish and Flow on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; Willits' Mari Padilla: instructor since 2021 and currently teaching at Flourish and Flow on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Willits' Tabitha Glenn: instructor since 2023 and currently teaching at Flourish and Flow on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays; and Willits' Anne Hammond: instructor since 2025 and currently teaching at Flourish and Flow on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Also, Ukiah's Erin Fitzpatrick: instructor since 2013 and currently teaching at the Ukiah Valley Athletic Club on Thursdays; Ukiah's Carlos de Luna: instructor since 2011 and currently teaching at Ukiah SPACE on Mondays and Wednesdays; Ukiah's Mimi Smith: instructor since 2010 and currently teaching at the Ukiah Valley Athletic Club on Saturdays; and Fort Bragg's Dakotah IronCloud Mendoza: instructor since 2010 and currently teaching at MCRPD Studio on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; as well as Fort Bragg's Holly Norling: an instructor since 2018.

"We're planning on doing it all again next year," said Bozzo. "We're so excited! If anyone is interested in learning more about Zumba, or helping out with future fundraisers, please connect with me at 707-472-9016."

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by a couple of strange creatures of the night. From there, guests were ushered into the serene bedroom of a young girl with several dolls, both cloth and semi-human. She welcomed the group into her room, before the mood shifted abruptly, as the Monster under the Bed grabbed her and took her into his hidden lair.

Somehow, the people made it outside unscathed and greatly relieved until, from seemingly out of nowhere, the Skinwalker began to chase them, right into the path of the Scarecrow and his loud chainsaw. Finally, they were able to survive the ordeal, a journey through the mind of the young unfortunate coma victim, out to the parking lot where they could once again breathe easy, take selfies, and go back to their safe, warm homes, maybe changed forever.

The annual Willits Charter School's Haunted House, which has been operating for about seven years, has become an institution, known for its dark atmosphere – and its occasional jump scares. The performance piece is the work of Billy Hetherington's Theatre Arts classes with help from other areas of school studies.

"It's an extension of what we did in the past," Hetherington explained. "Growing up in the Haunted House myself, on Commercial Street. It's a fun way to bring a lot of the classes together. We have our Set Building Class by Michelle Chenelle, our Painting Class with Caroline Hambright (she actually built all our masks for the Haunted Prom and the dolls for the Doll Room). Lexington Lawson does our Fashion Club who costumed all the promgoers. It's a really fun way to bring us all together and show what we have going on. The Theatre Arts Class and my Tech Class that built all the soundscapes and the actors. All grades are involved as well as friends of the students. It's a fun way to integrate with the community and spread a little love."

The band, Lupine Driver - Mark Hetherington, Aaron Luedemann, Andrew Robertson, and Julian Griffin – donated their time to add artistry to the Haunted Prom.

"There were some jump scares," Hetherington acknowledged, "but this year, we tried to tap into the psychology of scare, tried to waken the imagination of the viewer, because there is nothing stronger than someone's imagination. The Bump in the Night room is more about that scary thing that might be out in the dark, an anticipated scare, the building of suspense. The kids really took it up to the next level. I made suggestions and found it was super elevated. I always encourage these kids to find their own voice. It's them working together, creating something that they can offer to the public, being aware of how they are affecting their audience. I give them ownership in the process."

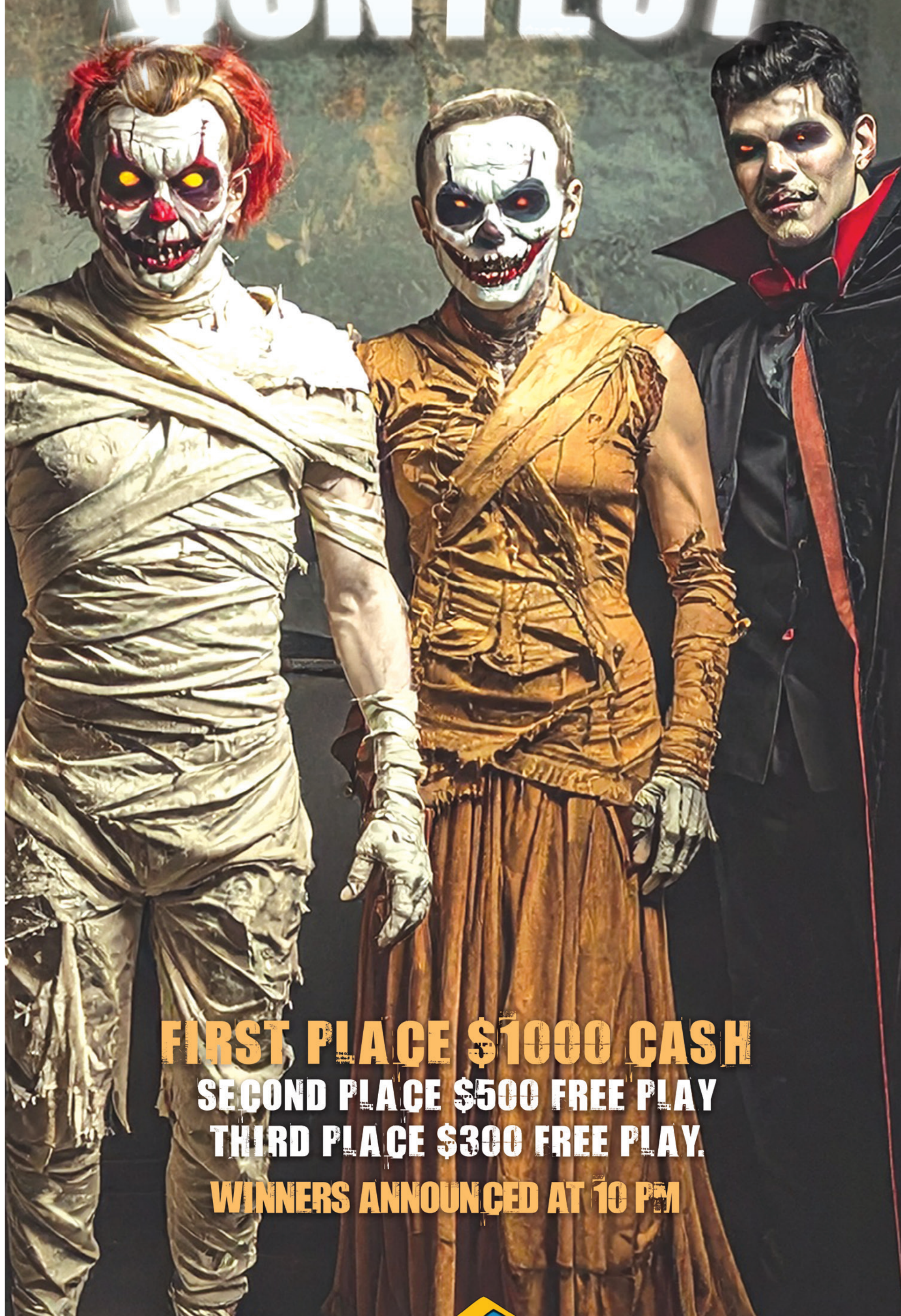
If the line at the door was any indication, the Charter School Haunted House is an institution that will probably endure for some time to come. To learn more about the Willits Charter School, visit www.willitscharter.org

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