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'Demon Weed, Cash Cow, or Plant Ally?'

by Roberta Werdinger, for Mendocino County Museum

On Saturday, November 14, from 3 to 5 pm, the Mendocino County Museum in Willits will host a panel discussion called "Richard Spills the Tea...," featuring Richard Jergenson, founder of the Cannabis Counterculture Museum and Archive.

He will be joined by a panel of leaders in the cannabis industry to explore the plant's past, present, and future in the Golden State: Genine Coleman, CEO of Legacy Cannabis Genetics; Casey O'Neill, organic farmer and third-generation homesteader; Wendy Read, herbalist, biochemist, and author; and moderator Ann Waters, herbalist.

Marijuana cultivation has brought seismic changes to Mendocino County in the last half-century, whether for better or worse. Technological, cultural, economic, and even spiritual changes transformed people

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Georgia man arrested for armed robbery after Ukiah pot transaction

By Captain Quincy Cromer, for MCSO

On November 4, 2026 at approximately 3:11 pm, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a call from a male subject reporting he was the victim of an armed robbery that just occurred near Oak Knoll Road and South State Street in Ukiah.

The reporting party and victim, later identified as a 23-year-old male from Ukiah, name withheld, reported the suspect in the robbery shot at the victim and took his cell phone, wallet, and keys. The suspect, described by the victim as a black male with a beard, reportedly left the location of the robbery in a rental vehicle with Idaho license plates.

Sheriff's Office deputies from throughout Mendocino County and other law enforcement personnel responded to the area to investigate.

The victim reportedly used a relative's phone to track his stolen cell phone and was traveling on Highway 101 in his relative's vehicle attempting to locate the suspect with his stolen phone.

Law enforcement personnel used the limited suspect vehicle information to check Automated License Plate

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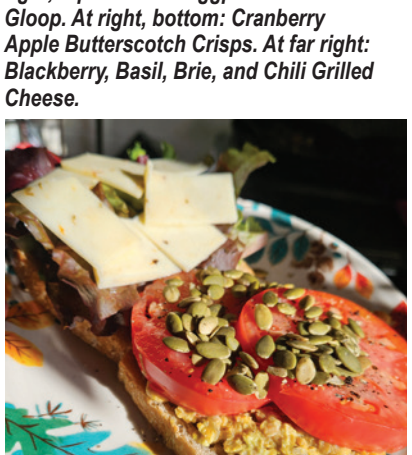


Photos and "recipes" by Maureen Jennison





At top and very top: Spaghetti Squash Nests and Salad. Above: Rainbow Soup. Below: Chickpea Smash Sandwich. At right, top: Roasted Eggplant and Tomato Gloop. At right, bottom: Cranberry Apple Butterscotch Crisps. At far right: Blackberry, Basil, Brie, and Chili Grilled Cheese.







Really Tasty Things

Fall flavors and fresh inspiration to help answer the question: What's for dinner?

Here's a quick fly-by of ideas and quick-and-dirty "recipes" for your next dinner or lunch, some with seasonal and locally grown components that we have sure been enjoying this fall. ***– Maureen Jennison***

Spaghetti Squash Nests & Salad: Spaghetti squash is delicious and not at all "squashy" in the way other winter varieties can taste. Cut squash in rings and scrape out the seeds. Sprinkle with oil, salt and pepper, and roast on a cookie sheet, squash covered with tinfoil for 45 minutes or so until soft and you can scrape the strands into the center, making a nest. Add toppings – these received sautéed onions and garlic, tomato sauce, seasoned tofu crumbles and mozzarella cheese before broiling until the cheese browns and everything heats through. We ate it with a salad of lettuce, avocado, pepitas, pomegranate seeds, toasted walnuts and pecans, and a drizzle of balsamic glaze.

Rainbow Soup: Similar to Refrigerator Soup's "anything goes" plan, Rainbow Soup follows the same loose guidelines, but with the idea to hit all the colors of the rainbow (still trying to find a soup-able blue, but alas) as you can. Best soup practice is to start with sautéing onions, garlic and other aromatics, add carrots and celery, let all that soften, add spices, other harder and longer-cooking items, then add stock, simmering until all soft, then adding in your quick-cookers right at the end. This soup contained onions, garlic, celery, carrots, delicata squash, tomatoes, purple cabbage, mushrooms, barley, golden cauliflower, Swiss chard, parsley, rosemary, basil, bay, salt, pepper, garlic and onion powder, and paprika.

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Above, left: Get your spaghetti squash at the market while it lasts! Above, right: Reza and Melissa are two main staples at both the outdoor and indoor markets. At left: Apples and Swiss chard both are in season.

Market Moves Indoors

Willits Farmers Market now back in Little Lake Grange

Each year when November arrives, it's time for the weekly Willits Farmers Market to move back indoors to the Little Lake Grange. The market is still held on the same day: Thursday, and at the same time: 3 to 5:30 pm, and offers lots of the same vendors and tasty treats that can be found at the outdoor market. Seasoned market shoppers know, however, that you have to get there early to get the best selection!

Hart's lead increases a bit in supes race

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The Mendocino County Voter Office posted an update online Tuesday morning on election returns for the November 3, 2026 election.

As per the November 10 update, in the Third District Supervisors race, Eric Hart has increased his lead some, having garnered 55.44% of the reported vote (1,825 votes), with Buffey Bourassa at 44.56% (1,467 votes}. The Final Election Night report had Hart at 54.38% (1,414 votes) to Buffey Bourassa's 45.62% (1,186 votes).

The total vote reported as of November 10 in the Third District Supervisors race is 3,292 votes, or 34.92% of the 10,709 registered voters in the Third District. But this November 10 update added only 784 ballots to the total count.

In a November 5 press release, "Ballots Left to Count," Mendocino County Voter Registrar Katrina Bartolomie reported there were an estimated 3,400 ballots still to count in the Third District election.

In that press release last week, the voter office said the next update was expected Thursday, November 12, so there may be another update this week.

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Newsom appoints new Mendocino County judge

Posted by the Office of Gov. Gavin Newsom

Governor Gavin Newsom announced his appointment November 4 of Joseph Stogner, of Sonoma County, to serve as a judge in the Mendocino County Superior Court. Stogner fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Clayton Brennan. Stogner is a Democrat.

Stogner's appointment is one of 23 Superior Court judges appointments Newsom just announced: one in Alameda County, one in Fresno County, five in Los Angeles County, one in Merced County, one in Orange County, four in Sacramento County, one in San Bernardino County, one in San Diego County, one in San Joaquin County, one in San Mateo County, one in Santa Clara County, one in Stanislaus County, one in Ventura County, one interim appointment in Los Angeles County, and one interim appointment in Sacramento County.

New Judge Stogner has worked as a Sole Practitioner at the Law Office of Joseph Stogner since 1994. He has worked

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

Please convey my respect and thanks to the many generous souls who assisted us during and since a difficult time seven years ago.

William Ray, Willits

Willits Food Bank needs your help

To the Editor:

Hello Willits community. With the colder weather upon us and the holidays fast approaching, we are in need of your help. While some of us may be cozying up to our favorite comfort foods and an extra blanket, there are people that still don't have enough food or shelter in our community. Willits Food Bank provides nutritious food, warm socks, coats/jackets/sweaters, sleeping bags/blankets, diapers, hygiene items, and pet food items as we have available through our weekly food pantry distributions.

Through our Brown Bag Lunch Program, volunteer organizations take turns giving out sack lunches each Saturday rain or shine. We also offer a Thanksgiving Day hot meal to anyone in the community who wants to come in and sit down and eat at the table with neighbors and friends.

We are not a government-funded organization. We are a community, grassroots non-profit organization that relies on contributions from our donors, local businesses, grants, fundraisers, volunteers, and donation drives. We stretch every dollar wisely to meet these needs, and we network and partner with local organizations to help our cause whenever possible.

We currently have an All Schools Canned Food Drive happening at all schools in Willits, and Willits Rotary just began a Simple Gesture chapter to collect and deliver food donations to us from households once a month. Any items collected go right back out our door each week, as we see approximately 500 households per week. Our shelves get depleted quickly.

For those of you who have contributed to us, thank you! Whether you donated your time out and about collecting items, holding a fundraiser, donation drive, or at the food bank, whether you have sent us a check, donated to our PayPal, or dropped by with cash. Without you, we would not exist! You are an essential part of this operation; you are the life's blood in our veins.

We also wouldn't be here without our giving partners who help keep our head above water each week: Mendo Food Network, Safeway, Grocery Outlet, and Mariposa Market provide us with fresh food and staple items. To Sherwood Valley Casino, thank you for once again sponsoring our Community Thanksgiving Dinner with your Fridays Feeding Families fundraiser, which has a goal of $10,000! To the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, thank you for your recent grant award of $7,000. Please support these businesses if you can. They are giving back in a meaningful way. We appreciate them very much as their help sustains us.

We need you to help us continue to provide these valuable programs. Please contribute funds, food, winter outerwear, blankets, socks, hygiene items, pet food during our open distribution times: Wednesdays and Fridays 11 am to 4:30 pm at 344 Railroad Avenue (please do not leave donation items outside), or call us to make arrangements. We also have a donate button on our Facebook, our website: www.willitsfoodbank.com, and on PayPal, or you can mail us your check. Please make payable to Willits Food Bank and send to: 344 Railroad Ave., Willits, CA 95490.

Together we are making a difference in the lives of those in need during these difficult times. With your help, we can continue to do so into the future. With appreciation and gratitude,

Wendy Copperfield, executive director,
Willits Community Services and Food Bank

State issues unprocessed ballot report

Submitted by Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber

Sacramento, November 5 – The Office of the California Secretary of State reminds voters that county elections officials are hard at work continuing to count ballots from the November 3, 2026, General Election. County elections officials have up to 30 days after Election Day to complete their extensive tallying, auditing, and certification work (known as the "official canvass"). The frequency of updated results varies by county.

California's county elections officials have already processed and counted 8,906,017 ballots from the November 3, 2026, General Election. County elections officials estimate 4,816,722 outstanding ballots remain to be processed and counted. The unprocessed ballots report—a compilation of estimates from county elections officials — is available here: https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/unprocessed-ballots-status

Vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by county elections officials no later than 7 days after Election Day must be processed.

County elections officials must report their final results to the Secretary of State for state and federal contests by December 4. The Secretary of State will certify the results on December 11. Additional information about the ballot counting process, can be found here: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/vote-counting-process

Stay safe this holiday season with vaccinations

By Charles Evans, MD, Deputy Public Health Officer

Mendocino County Public Health encourages residents to stay protected, as respiratory virus season is here, by getting recommended vaccinations. With the holidays, shopping, and gatherings just around the corner, it is not too late to get vaccinated. Vaccination can help reduce the risk of illness and protect against serious complications.

Who should get vaccinated?

Everyone 6 months of age and older is recommended to receive an annual flu vaccine, with importance for those at higher risk of severe illness. COVID-19 vaccination is also available for individuals seeking protection, with recommendations varying based on age, health conditions, and other risk factors. RSV immunization is recommended for eligible infants, older adults, and pregnant people.

Vaccination can help protect those at greater risk of complications, including infants and young children, older adults, pregnant people, individuals living in group settings, and people with certain underlying health conditions.

Immunization recommendations from the California Department of Public Health:

COVID-19

- Children: All children 6+ months to 18 years with risk factors or never vaccinated against COVID-19; all children who are in close contact with others with risk factors; all children who choose protection.
- Pregnancy: People who are pregnant, postpartum, lactating, or planning pregnancy should discuss vaccination with their healthcare provider.
- Adults: All adults age 65 years and older; all adults ages 19-64 years with risk factors; all adults who are in close contact with others with risk factors; all adults who choose protection.
- Healthcare Workers: All healthcare workers.

Influenza

- Children: All children 6 months and older.
- Pregnancy: All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant, postpartum or lactating.
- Adults: All adults 19 years or older.
- Healthcare Workers: All healthcare workers.

RSV

- Children: All children 8 months or younger; all children 8-19 months with risk factors.
- Pregnancy: All who are pregnant between 32-36 weeks gestational age.
- Adults: All adults 75 years and older; all adults 50-74 years with risk factors.
- Healthcare Workers: All who meet the above criteria.

Talk to your healthcare provider about which vaccines are recommended for you and your family.

Vaccine availability in Mendocino County

Mendocino County Public Health provides free flu vaccines to anyone 18 years or older. Walk in to our Public Health Office at 1120 South Dora Street in Ukiah, Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm (closed for lunch from 12 to 1 pm) or call (707) 472-2713 to make an appointment.

Childhood immunizations: Eligible families may receive free vaccinations provided through the California Vaccines for Children program. Call (707) 472-2713 to check eligibility and make an appointment.

COVID-19 vaccine is available for anyone 19 years or older. Uninsured or underinsured individuals may be eligible for free COVID-19 vaccine. Make an appointment through MyTurn.

Stay informed

For more information on immunization recommendations and resources, visit: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Respiratory-Viruses/Home.aspx

Protect yourself and your loved ones this holiday season by staying informed and talking with your healthcare provider about recommended vaccinations.

Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)

location	Mon Oct 26	Tue Oct 27	Wed Oct 28	Thur Oct 29	Fri Oct 30	Sat Oct 31	Sun Nov 01	weekly total	rainfall since 01Oct26
Northbrook Way	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.55
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.53
Valley Rd	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.25
Canyon Rd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.22
Pine Mountain	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.07	0.47
South Main @ East Oak	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.54
average	**0.02**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.03**	**0.00**	**0.06**	**0.43**

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

Willits Rain and Heat Box

The final week of October brought more moisture to the Little Lake Valley, however scant. Light showers moved through mid-morning on Monday the 26, then, shortly before midnight on Halloween, another round of light showers passed through the valley, boosting the October accumulation ever so slightly. The combined rain events added 0.06", bringing the monthly total to 0.43". This represents less than 25% of the average October accumulation recorded the past three years. Long-range forecasts suggest that patterns will change mid-month, bringing a string of wet days in late November.

While October started with a heat wave, temperatures dropped to more seasonable levels during the last two weeks of the month. October 2026 tallied 11 days with average high temperatures of 90°F, or above. This falls just one day short of the 12 days recorded in August 2026. October finished with an average daily high temperature of 78.5°F, approximately 10°F less than August. Look for the heat box to resume next summer, when temperatures routinely return to +90°F.

– Tim Hanna, Willits Rain and Heat Box

Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)

location	Mon Nov 02	Tue Nov 03	Wed Nov 04	Thur Nov 05	Fri Nov 06	Sat Nov 07	Sun Nov 08	weekly total	rainfall since 01Oct26
Northbrook Way	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.71
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.78
Valley Rd	0.00	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.37
Canyon Rd	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.38
Pine Mountain	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.63
South Main @ East Oak	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.68
average	**0.00**	**0.16**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.16**	**0.59**

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

Willits Rain Box

After the driest October in four years, November began with a promising shower. A few hours before the polls opened on Election Day, moisture moved into the Little Lake Valley. By the time the showers passed mid-day, an average of 0.16" had fallen across the valley. This brought the total accumulation since October 1 to 0.59".

This represents a significant deficit versus historical values, as rain year totals by the end of November typically average over 11". Some progress toward reducing this shortfall may be around the corner, with an additional accumulation of up to 2" predicted by this weekend.

– Tim Hanna, Willits Rain Box

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Above, left: The Interact Clubs from Willits High School and Willits Charter School worked together to make quick work staining the wood for the winter. Above, right, top: The barn looks almost new after a fresh coat of stain. Above, right: Teachers, advisors, and club members worked together to stain the mounting platform, where young riders get on their horses. Below, left: Erin Holzhauer brought out the ranch's new miniature horse, Poppy, to the delight of the Interact kids. Below, right: Zoe Robertson, president of the Willits Charter School's Interact Club.

Youth Service

Rotary-sponsored Willits Interact Clubs help out at the Seabiscuit Riding Center

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"This is the Interact Club from the Charter School and the High School. They're doing a wonderful job preserving our facility for the winter," said Erin Holzhauer, director of programming at the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. "They are staining our arena as well as the buildings, painting the buildings. They're really helping to keep our facility nice, not only for its protection but also for our students that use the facilities. We're really grateful for them," she said.

The two Interact Clubs from Willits helped re-stain all the wood surfaces at the Riding Center, where physically and mentally challenged youths learn to find their best selves through interaction with horses. Members of the two clubs did some painting, took a break for a pizza lunch, and came back to paint even more than they were asked to do.

"We're helping out," explained Charter School Interact Club President Zoey Robertson about the service project the clubs did in mid-October. "We're painting some barns and fences, making things look nice, helping prepare for the winter. I think we have about 13 members right now, which is amazing for our first year. I'm excited for what we can do.

"One of the big things we're doing right now is a CRV [California Redemption Value] project. We're getting students to bring in their cans, and then we take them to the dump, personally. Some of the funds go towards the student store. It's a little fundraiser that helps the environment. We're trying to find volunteer opportunities wherever we can.

"The big project we're doing in the next couple weeks," Robertson continued, "is volunteering at the Willits Food Bank Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center. We have a bunch of people signing up right now so that's pretty exciting. We have something like 10 people volunteering right now."

Interact Clubs, which form chapters at the individual high schools, are an offshoot of local Rotary Clubs, which have a mandate to try and help fund projects, like the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, or gather food for the local Food Banks, or assist in clean-up projects, and generally create better environments for people.

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AT left: This member of Interact painted on the stain in between the vertical 2x2s. Below, left: Frida Friend, at right, is the president of the Willits High School Interact Club. Below, right: Interact advisor and Willits Rotary member Eric Hart worked alongside the club members.

Photos by Mathew Caine





Sherwood Firewise
creating safer communities

Sherwood Firewise Communities Annual Meeting and Planning Session
Come join us Monday November 23 6:00 PM at the Brooktrails Community Center

Meet with Friends. Enjoy some Refreshments.
Learn about our accomplishments, Sherwood Firewise and Mendocino County Fire Safe Council programs, and plan for the future
50/50 Raffle!
Acknowledgement and Appreciation to Supervisor John Haschak
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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!

MAKE A MEAL WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure metric
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. 'Losing My Religion' rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of 'bear'
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

No new Willits Weekly edition on Thanksgiving week

Willits Weekly will not be publishing a newspaper on Thanksgiving week this year. We have published a Wednesday edition on Thanksgiving week in past years, but as our regular print deadline is on Tuesdays this year, we'd have had to get the newspaper finished on Monday, and that was just not feasible. We'll back with our usual three December editions before Christmas: December 3, 10 and 17, 2026.

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

October 26 to November 1

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **83 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 26

7:50 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

3:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 600 block of Railroad Avenue.

4:31 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 400 block of Mill Street and issued a warning.

4:35 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 400 block of Mill Street and issued a warning.

4:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Coast Street and West San Francisco Avenue and issued a warning.

5:09 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East San Francisco Avenue and Central Avenue and issued a warning.

8:04 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

October 27

8:51 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:49 am: CROITOR, Alexandru Cristian (21) of Lincolnwood, Illinois was contacted near the intersection of Hazel Street and Manzanita Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery.

2:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of East Oak Street and South Main Street.

4:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

4:50 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

6:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East Oak Street and issued a warning.

9:01 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a citation.

October 28

8:32 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

3:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject of 100 block of School Street.

6:22 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:15 pm: WILEY, Tristin Marlene (31) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

October 29

7:33 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:58 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Baechtel Road and Willow Lane and issued a warning.

10:23 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

11:01 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Coast Street.

2:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:50 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

October 30

2:56 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Main Street and West Commercial Street and issued a warning.

5:44 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

12:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:18 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of West Valley Street and issued a warning.

9:13 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

October 31

11:18 am: AYERS, Kyl Matthew (25) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery, false imprisonment, violation of a court order, and violation of probation.

1:37 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Blosser Lane and issued a warning.

6:18 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

7:28 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Madrone Street and issued a warning.

8:25 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of School Street and issued a warning.

8:48 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Walnut Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

November 1

8:34 am: MOYER, Robert Martin (61) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license (revoked for DUI) and violation of probation.

12:08 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane and issued a citation.

5:03 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Baechtel Road and Sandy Avenue and issued a warning.

8:51 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

The rest of Judge *From page 1*

as a Professor of Law at Empire College of Law in Santa Rosa since 1995. Stogner worked as an Associate at O'Brien, Watters, Davis & Piasta from 1990 to 1994. He served as a Deputy Public Defender at the Sonoma County Public Defender's Office from 1986 to 1990. Stogner worked as an Associate at the Law Office of L. Stephen Turner from 1985 to 1986. Stogner received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.



Joseph Stogner, new Mendocino County Superior Court judge.











At far left: The Artefex crew wearing their company shirts with the motto: "Buy Art Not Cocaine."

Above, left: Alicia engraves the back of the panels prior to sending out the orders. Above, right: Ronnie Woods shows how the panels can be cut into various custom shapes.

At left: Artefex is located at the site of Microphor which went out of business in 2019. At left, below: Ronnie Woods holds a panel that will not bend due to the honeycomb pattern between the layers.

Below: A custom lighted sign decorates Anton O'Hanlon's office at Artefex. At bottom: Ronnie and Cameron take the backing off one of the panels to prepare to apply the painting surface.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Industrial Art

Willits manufacturing companies Natural Pigments and Artefex are making their marks

When you think of industrial hubs, the quiet town of Willits does not usually come to mind. However, two local manufacturing companies, Natural Pigments and Artefex, have become widely known nationally and internationally.

Mathew Caine
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Natural Pigments, founded in 2013 under the ownership of George O'Hanlon and his wife, Tatiana Zaytseva, has made its mark in the world with its unique approach to fine art paint. Due to O'Hanlon's deep knowledge of the traditional methods of creating oil paints and watercolors, the company is extremely successful and respected.

Not satisfied with the traditional media upon which to place the paint – stretched canvasses and wood – which would warp over time, O'Hanlon created a new company, Artefex, with his son Anton, to develop more permanent solutions for the media. Since then, Anton O'Hanlon has discovered and created media that will last longer than the lifetime of the artists, thus increasing the value and longevity of the artworks.

O'Hanlon's company began in a corner of his parents' manufacturing business, at the end of Shell Lane, off Baechtel Road. From his modest beginnings and after taking some years to find the right formula and to begin to become known, O'Hanlon has grown the business through the application of innovation, hard work, and the utilization of trusted and knowledgeable advisors. With the growth of the business, O'Hanlon's Artefex needed to move into a larger space and separate from his parents' factory. Artefex is now in the space off East Hill Road that was formerly occupied by Microphor.

"Artefex was started 12 years ago," recounted O'Hanlon. "I started adding employees about three years ago. It took a long time. It was just me for the first few years. The company grew really slowly. I took all the money I made and put it right back into the company. I would work 40 hours at Artefex and then do other things to make money.

"I had a couple employees before Ronnie Woods [now production manager], but when I was interviewing, he walked in, and I knew he was perfect. He has grown continuously with the company. He knows every part of the production. Now, as my business is growing, he can focus on the production as I focus on the vision, where I want the company to go."

Artefex emphasizes employee buy-in – each member is chosen for their ability to both perform certain tasks as well as the manner in which they fit into the overall philosophy of the company. "Every morning we start with our mission, our vision, and our value," explained O'Hanlon. "We make sure we align with what Artefex is doing and what each team member is doing within Artefex. We talk about our professional goals, our personal goals, and our financial goals. It's the three goals of the company. The goal of what Artefex is doing is to align with what every person in the company wants to do, personally, professionally, and financially. We know that the only way to grow the company is that everybody has to be bought in and that we have to have the right kind of people in the business, the right kind of people who like to be here, who care about what we do, care about the customers and the artwork that is created on our panels."

Read the rest of Artefex *Over on page 9*













Spiritual Pathways

Agape Bible Church
290 S. Lenore Ave.
Willits,CA 95490
Where love is first and the Bible is central.
Sunday Services:
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Info? 707-459-1905
www.agapebiblechurch.com

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church
803 Coast Street
P.O. Box 489, Willits
Worship Service - 5:00 p.m.
Pastor Kris Strickland
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Church of Christ
"What must we do to be saved?" Acts 2:37
1095 S. Main St., Willits
(next to Super 8)
(707) 459-5023
Sunday Bible Study-10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-
6-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-
7-8:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
265 Margie Drive
Willits, CA 95490
ALL ARE WELCOME
Sacrament Meeting
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom
- A University for Soul
- Spiritual Living Courses
- Spiritual Discussions
- ECK Light & Sound Services

More information?
Call 530-224-8703
www.eckankar.org

Grace Community Church
Celebrating Life In Christ
25 Hazel Street, Willits
Worship Service
10 a.m.
For appointments call:
(707) 459-3106

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
61 W. San Francisco Ave.
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 appointmet at
707-459-2252
https://stanthonywillits.org/
saintanthonywillits@gmail.com
We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis Episcopal Church
1 North Main Street, Willits
707-272-0177
Sunday Service - 10 a.m.
In-person and on Zoom
Call for information.
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
ALL ARE WELCOME

Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church
707-459-5714
Friendly, open worship
Saturdays
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
Zoom Transmission Available.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
399 W. Mendocino Ave.
All are welcome!

Willits United Methodist Church
Labyrinth and Peace Garden
A place to find comfort where all are welcome
Pastor Jaime Rogers-Fairchild
Sunday Worship at 10:30 am
286 School St. (at Pine)
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Above and below: Group photos for each of the year's students at First Steps Daycare were taken from 2010 to 2026. These are all displayed around the room at the daycare center and are a cheerful reminder of all the faces who have come through the daycare's doors.

At left: First Steps Daycare owner Lauren Morris, center, smiles with her two youngest daughters, Ellalee, left, and Kassidy, right.

At right: In addition to the named individual tile photos, a collective and usually far more candid group photo of Morris with her students is also taken each year, this one being from 2026 with her current group of kiddos, including back row, from left: Hadassah and Hadley, and front row, from left: Elisha, Dixon, Clayton on the lap of Lauren Morris, and Leslie, at right.

Photos by Maureen Jennison











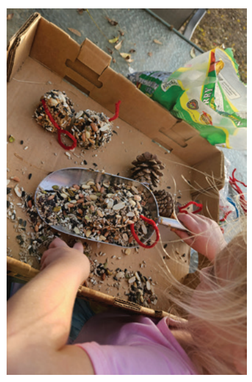










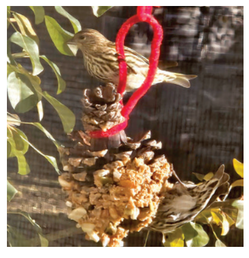












At top, from left: Slather cones with peanut butter, before rolling in bird seed. Adding hangers before adding the peanut butter is a valuable tip. Hang in branches for critters to find and enjoy! Above: Maggie proudly displays her finished pine cone. At right: The birds happily enjoy their treats.
Photos by Maureen Jennison

For the birds .... and squirrels

Take a minute and prep a tasty feast for the outside critters this holiday season by making some Peanut Butter Pine Cones.

Simply collect some dry pine cones and slather them down with some peanut or other seed butter. A rubber spatula works well, but it's a messy process regardless, so doing it outside if possible makes clean-up less of a chore!

Once the cones are sticky with the peanut butter, you can add loose bird seed by sprinkling it over the top or by rolling the sticky cone around in birdseed in a box or a plate, or from a scoop, pressing down on the seeds for optimum adhesion.

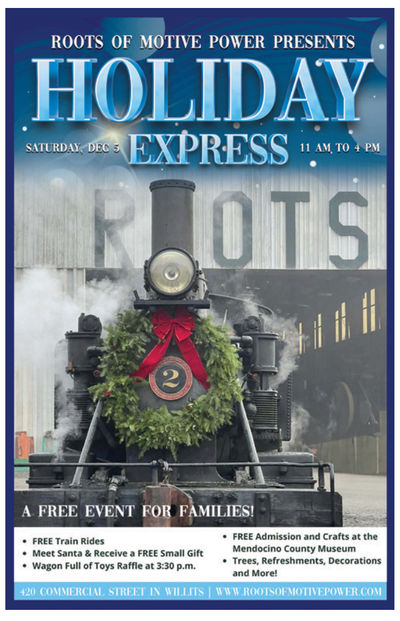
We found that adding a pipe cleaner or string tie around the cones BEFORE adding the peanut butter was helpful.

The pine cones can be hung right away, or popped into the freezer to harden more. They can also be stored frozen and doled out over the coming cold months when they'll surely be extra-appreciated by the cold, hungry critters.

– Maureen Jennison







20 years of Care

First Steps Daycare celebrates two decades of childcare in Willits

Over the past 20 years, Lauren Morris has owned and operated First Steps Daycare at her Willits business, and has helped teach, support and raise 144 kids from the community.

"As a business owner, and also a mom of four in such a small, close community, I have experienced the joy of helping many local families since 2006," said Morris. "Several of my past students are now parents themselves, and their children have also attended First Steps Daycare. It is a joy to see them, and still receive hugs and invitations to graduation and other events."

First Steps focuses on learning activities, art, field trips and so much more, and in addition to the day-to-day learning and support of the kids, First Steps Daycare enjoys helping the greater community, too.

"We care about the whole community and, over the years have sponsored several different sports events, and donated to local fundraisers, such as basketball in 2023 and 2025," explained Morris. "We have supported Baechtel Grove Middle School with donations and help for their 8th grade dance. Currently we are helping Willits High School football and cheer teams with donations for food and drinks."

Morris also noted that having many community members also work for First Steps over the years, including teenagers, has been a wonderful way to expose them to the joy of teaching, giving them childcare experience, and more.

To learn more about First Steps Daycare, contact Morris at (707) 972-1424, via email at laurenwillits@yahoo.com or on Facebook under "First Steps Daycare."

– Maureen Jennison

Below are some testimonials from parents whose children enjoyed time at First Steps Daycare.

Deanna Morrison (Arms): My name is Deanna Morrison (Arms). I was lucky enough to be one of the first parents to enroll their kids in First Steps Daycare. As a parent it can be difficult to find after school care for your kids. When I found out Lauren was opening a daycare, I was immediately interested and took a tour. I was incredibly pleased with the environment she had created. She converted the entire downstairs into the perfect after school location for young kids. It was safe, clean, and ideal for learning. The kids were well cared for, provided nutritional snacks and stimulating activities. As the years passed my kids & I grew to adore Lauren and our experience at First Steps. I attribute some of my kids' successes as adults to their time spent there. I highly recommend First Steps Daycare to any parent looking for care for their children. Sincerely, Deanna Morrison - Proud parent of Jacob & Kevin Arms

Shawna Schmid: Twenty years ago, when our longtime daycare closed its doors, finding reliable childcare felt overwhelming. Then First Steps Daycare opened, and it was truly a blessing for our family. At the time, they were the only daycare accepting new children, and we couldn't have been more fortunate. From the very beginning, the staff created a safe, loving, and welcoming environment where my son was cared for as if he were one of their own. As a working parent, knowing he was in such capable and compassionate hands gave me tremendous peace of mind every day. Looking back after all these years, I remain incredibly grateful for the care, patience, and dedication they showed our family. First Steps Daycare provided so much more than childcare—they gave children a place to learn, grow, and feel loved, while giving parents

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Thursday, November 12



Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Fall Market indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on Thursday, November 12 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.

Book Club at the Library: Come be a part of a welcoming community centered around the love of reading every 2nd Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm, Thursday, November 12 this month, at the Community Room of the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. The club welcomes readers 18 and over to discuss notable books.

Friday, November 13

'Day of Vengeance': A screening of "Day of Vengeance," a movie made in Round Valley, at the Round Valley Branch Library, 23925 Howard Street, on Friday, November 13, 6:45 pm. Rated TV-14 – Western violence and bloody scenes. Winner "Best Action Film" Staten Island Film Festival, 2009.

Rising Signs at Shanachie: Northern California-style classic rock reggae and Irie original music. Friday, November 13 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, November 14



Day of the Divine at the Grange: Tommy G presents the 2nd annual Day of the Divine, celebrating the feminine, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Saturday, November 14, from 12 noon to 6 pm. Live music from Michelle Lambert, Denbaya Collective with Gigi Cano, Duff Strugglers, Nevaeh Travis, Ambria Zenitar, Summer Rose, Crystal Bowl sound healing with Erin Corley, and MC Mademoiselle Michelle. Food by It's a Bao Time, Botanical Beverages Tea Lounge, and local art vendors. Tickets $22, 12 & under free; available at Flying Dog Pizza & Vinyl.

Sit-N-Sew at the Library: Drop in and enjoy the company. Bring your sewing project and have fun. Second Saturdays, November 14 this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

"Making of the Last Hippie" at the Museum: An author talk and live music by Mitchell Holman, best known for being part of It's a Beautiful Day, on his latest book, "Making of the Last Hippie." A program of the current exhibit: "Behind the Redwood Curtain: Cannabis in California." Saturday, November 14 from 1 to 2:30 pm at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Program is free, admission is by donation.



"Past, Present and Future of Cannabis in California": A panel discussion with leaders in the cannabis industry, Richard Jergenson, Casey O'Neill, Genine Coleman, and Wendy Read, moderated by Annie Waters. A program of the current exhibit: "Behind the Redwood Curtain: Cannabis in California." Saturday, November 14 from 3 to 5 pm at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Program is free, admission is by donation.

Dirty Cello at WCT: high energy blues, bluegrass and rock with a unique spin, fronted by virtuoso cellist Rebecca Roudman, returns to Willits. Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. Previous four Willits shows have sold out, so early tickets are advised, available online for $25 at wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door until sold out.

Kitty Rose at Shanachie: Kitty Rose is the musical alter ego of Americana/classic country singer-songwriter and public radio programmer Katharine Cole. Saturday, November 14 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Tuesday, November 17

Tactile Playgroup at the Library: A fun hands-on session with Legos, simple tactile activities, and a story – perfect for young children and their caregivers. Tuesday, November 17 from 10 am to 12 noon. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Wednesday, November 18

Willits Stamp Club at the Library: Monthly meeting at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Wednesday, November 18 this month, from 5 to 6 pm. Bring your collection, and enjoy an evening perusing stamps. Refreshments provided. More info: talsofam@pacific.net.

Winter Energy Workshop at REDI: Worried about soaring energy costs? Join the Northern Rural Energy Network Mendocino on Wednesday, November 18 for a free community presentation on "Is your home ready for winter?" hosted by Willits' Renewable Development Institute. 5 to 7 pm, at the REDI HAUS in Willits, 121 West Commercial Street. Discuss strategies and services to help you stay comfortable and save energy and money this winter. Refreshments provided. RSVP to REDI at info@redinet.org.

Thursday, November 19

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Fall Market indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on Thursday, November 19 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.

Friday, November 20



Hillshaker at Shanachie: Clay Hawkins blends rapid-fire fingerstyle slide guitar and honest, heartfelt acoustic rock songwriting, with longtime co-conspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass. The duo play what some say is, "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart." Friday, November 20 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, November 21

Pete Sawyer and The Left Hand Monkey Wrench Gan at the Grange: Pete Sawyer and The Left Hand Monkey Wrench Gang features some of California's finest interpreters of Grateful Dead music. Pete and The Gang will play two fat sets of "all killer – no filler" Grateful Dead classics, deep cuts and unexpected gems at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Saturday, November 21, 8 pm. $25.

While We're Young at Shanachie: Powerful Mendocino County band featuring Dennis Hogan on guitar and vocals, Reginald Dunham on guitar, keys and vocals, Ken Ingles on drums, and Rique Pagan on bass. Saturday, November 21 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.















COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Wildwood'



Dan Essman
Columnist

The Story: A desperate teen girl is looking to break out of her (stifling) family home – a home dominated by the demands of her fearful parents who are hiding a terrible secret that could threaten the life of her baby brother. This brilliantly animated full-length fantasy adventure takes place on the outskirts of Portland, Oregon.

Peculiarly, but perhaps appropriately, that well-known city is surrounded by an enchanted forest filled with dangerous and powerful magicks. Living in that forest, there are good decent peasant folk and also brave and helpful animals, but also vicious evil animals who serve the dark desires of a powerful and ruthless witch with a broken heart; her nightmarish drive to do evil is driven by a terrible loss.

My Thoughts: This movie is rated PG13 because there is bloody (spoiler) violence, and also major characters are killed. Also because children are threatened, especially a toddler, and the dark destiny of a curved dagger to cut out the little boy's heart.

Parents: The PG13 rating is justified. If you want your children to see this flick, please accompany them, and after the movie ends, discuss with your children what they have just seen.

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

NOYO Theater Willits, CA.
57 East Commercial Street - Willits
707-459-6660
www.noyotheater.com
Mid week promotions: Wednesday - Matinee prices to all shows all day.

WILDWOOD
(PG-13) 2 hrs 20 min
Fri: 4:00, 7:00
Sat/Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Weds/Thur: 4:00, 7:00

THE CAT IN THE HAT
(PG) 1 hrs 54min
Fri: 4:15, 7:15
Sat/Sun: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
Weds/Thur: 4:15, 7:15

YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING
(R) 2 hr 55 min
Fri: 6:00
Sat/Sun: 2:00, 6:00
Weds/Thur: 6:00
DELUXE THEATRE

HUNGER GAMES; SUNRISE ON THE REAPING
COMING NEXT WEEK

Showtimes: November 13 - November 19 Closed Monday/Tuesday Thrifty Thursday: $8.00 tickets. Thrifty Thursday films this week in red.

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and places. The push toward economic localization, sometimes called "bioregionalism"; the "back to the land" movement of the '70s, many of whose adherents settled in Mendocino County; the rapid growth of solar power technology; the inception of the playful and practical DIY or "Maker" lifestyle; all of this was driven by the Baby Boomer and succeeding generations who wanted to create a reality outside the mainstream.

While the inland towns of Willits and Ukiah looked like sleepy little country towns to outsiders, they both were hotbeds of innovation.

Willits hosted the nation's first solar expo and rally in 1990. Solar power's development was spurred partly because cannabis growers often found themselves on raw land, and needed alternative power. "We're a crossroads of Highways 101 and 20," Jergenson notes. "Locations have a lot to do with development of technologies."

The 2020s brought the cannabis story to its current culmination. California Governor Gavin Newsom created the Department of Cannabis Control, bringing its cultivation and consumption to full legal status.

The cartels continued on their own with their large grows, ignoring regulations; but the smaller growers, many of whom have countercultural roots, found themselves facing the daunting complexities of a newly established bureaucracy.

The price of marijuana shrank down to a few hundred dollars a pound. History did its usual dance: "We have come full circle," Jergenson notes, as new and hopeful generations grapple with growing a legalized crop. "The best way to predict the future is to invent the future; that's what's next."

"Richard Spills the Tea…" is sponsored in part by the Grace Hudson Museum, which currently is showing an exhibition on the Greater Ukiah Valley: "Deep Valley: People, Places, Memory." Between the two museums – Grace Hudson in Ukiah and the County Museum in Willits – visitors can get an excellent perspective on the history and culture of these two inland towns.

The Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits, is currently showing "Behind the Redwood Curtain: Cannabis in California," curated in partnership with Exhibit Envoy. The program is free, though donations for admission would be gratefully welcome.

The rest of Artefex From page 5

Artefex has become recognized within the arts community for the various art panels it produces. "The first original [panel] that we started with was a 3 millimeter aluminum composite material panel," explained O'Hanlon. "It's a standard ACM [aluminum composite material] panel. They weren't as usable for larger pieces.

"That's when I added a 'Honeycomb Panel,'" O'Hanlon continued. "The honeycomb panel has a honeycomb structure throughout the whole panel. That structure gives it rigidity and also makes it 60 percent lighter in weight, which makes it ideal for larger murals or large studio work. The light weight makes it easy to install. It gives artists an ability to tell their collectors that this is not something they are buying for today, but something they are buying for 20, 30, 40 years down the road. It will look the same in 40 years as it does today. It's rated for 100 years but it's hard to prove that since the collector or artist will not be around then.

"The third type of panel we make is called the 'Gallery Panel,'" O'Hanlon said. "This is a very specialized type of panel. We're the only company in the world that makes this." The Gallery Panel is like the traditional gallery wrap with stretched canvas, but with Artefex's composite material. Any of these panels can have various surfaces to provide the artist with choices on which to create.

O'Hanlon's vision and ambition for the company is lofty but attainable. "Our mission is to be the fastest-growing company in Willits by the end of this year. By 2027, be the fastest growing manufacturing company in California. By 2031, be the most recognized art materials company in America. By 2036, be the most recognized art advising company in the world."

Artefex has recently been voted as one of "America's Top 100 Small Businesses" by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

To learn more about Natural Pigments, visit www.naturalpigments.com

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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. . Library closed Wednesday, November 26 and Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.

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."

Story & Playtime: Fridays, 11 am to noon. Start your morning listening to a children's story, then join us for a short playtime.

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

Spinning and Knitting: Saturdays from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome! Spinning Circle, 1 to 2 pm; Knitting Circle, 2 to 4:30 pm.

The rest of Arrested From page 1

Reader (ALPR) programs to attempt and track the suspect vehicle. Through using the ALPR systems, law enforcement identified a white van with Idaho plates as the possible suspect vehicle.

Law enforcement personnel who responded to the area of Oak Knoll Road and South State Street in Ukiah were unable to locate any involved parties or evidence related to the reported armed robbery. Additional law enforcement personnel from the Sheriff's Office, wardens from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CAL FIRE Prevention Law Enforcement, and California Highway Patrol all responded to check the area of Hopland for the white van with Idaho plates based on the ALPR activity.

A CDFW warden observed a white van with Idaho plates near the gas pumps at Hopland Food and Gas (13600 Mountain House Road in Hopland) and saw numerous people involved in a physical altercation at the store. One of the subjects involved in the fight was a black male wearing a gray tracksuit who fled the area northbound after the altercation. It was later determined the victim of the robbery located the suspect at the gas station and was involved in the physical altercation with the suspect.

Additional law enforcement personnel converged on the gas station in Hopland, and contacted the original reporting party and victim, the 23-year-old male from Ukiah, and his relative who drove the victim to Hopland while tracking his stolen cell phone.

Detectives from the Sheriff's Office, including the County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team (COMMET), responded to take over this investigation. Interviews were conducted with the victim, his relative, and other independent witnesses at the gas station. It was determined the suspect fled the area on foot northbound along Highway 101 and was last seen traveling eastbound on Highway 175 from downtown Hopland.



The pile of about 177 pounds of processed and packaged marijuana found inside the van abandoned by the suspect, further evidence of the marijuana transaction that took place immediately preceding the robbery in Ukiah. Photo courtesy MSCO

On November 4, 2026 at approximately 4:37 pm, a shelter-in-place Nixle was distributed to the surrounding area with a description of the male suspect, as he was considered armed and dangerous.

Law enforcement personnel established a perimeter around the area of Highway 175 and Old Hopland, and an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was requested from the Ukiah Police Department. The UAV was utilized to search the contained area for the outstanding suspect while a helicopter was responding from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office.

This perimeter and search area was maintained for numerous hours and searched by personnel after the UAV and helicopter were unsuccessful in locating the suspect.

As this was occurring, Investigators conducted additional interviews and gathered evidence related to the reported robbery. It was determined the robbery was a result of a marijuana sales transaction on the south side of Ukiah. During the robbery, the victim stated his cell phone, wallet, and vehicle keys were stolen by the suspect. Investigators recovered the victim's cell phone and keys from the suspect vehicle, the white van with Idaho plates that was abandoned at the gas station. Approximately 177 pounds of processed and packaged marijuana was also located and seized from inside the van, which was further evidence of the marijuana transaction that took place immediately preceding the robbery south of Ukiah.

The suspect's wallet and identification were also located in the abandoned white van at the gas station, which identified the suspect as Darrell Law Jr., a 36-year-old male from Hiram, Georgia.

After recovering the victim's cell phone from the white van abandoned by the suspect, Investigators were able to obtain a cell phone number for the suspect. Investigators immediately requested an exigency ping for Law's cell phone due to him being reportedly armed and dangerous.

On November 4, 2026 at approximately 7:35 pm, the initial ping received for Law's cell phone carrier determined the cell phone was located in downtown Santa Rosa. Information was shared from the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center to Sonoma County law enforcement to attempt and apprehend Law. As additional cell phone pings were obtained for the Law's cell phone, it was apparent he was utilizing public transit or an airport shuttle due to the tracked movement of his cell phone.

Investigators communicated with public transit companies and airport shuttles in Sonoma County to inform them Law was potentially a passenger in one of their vehicles.

Information was again shared with Sonoma County and Marin County law enforcement, as Law's phone was tracked into San Francisco. It was determined Law's likely destination was the San Francisco International Airport based on the pings performed on his cell phone.

Investigators contacted the San Francisco Police Department Airport Bureau for the SFO Airport as other detectives prepared an arrest warrant for Law. Law was detained by law enforcement personnel at the SFO Airport, and investigators obtained a signed warrant for Law's arrest. The signed warrant was forwarded to SFPD law enforcement personnel at SFO, and Law was ultimately placed under arrest for the warrant issued in Mendocino County.

Law was booked into the San Mateo County jail for the charges of 211 PC – First Degree Robbery, 11359(b) HS – Possession of Cannabis for Sale, and 11360(a) HS – Transportation of Cannabis for Sale. Law was being held in lieu of $300,000 bail. He was transferred to the Mendocino County Jail on Thursday, November 5, booked in at 3:53 pm. Editor's Note: The Mendocino County Jail Inmate Locator shows that Law was released on $300,000 bail on November 6 at 4:38 pm.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following organizations who assisted with this investigation: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Highway Patrol, CAL FIRE Prevention, Ukiah Police Department, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Henry 1 (helicopter) personnel, Hopland Fire Protection District personnel, Mendocino County District Attorney's Office investigators, Mendocino County Special Investigations Unit, and the San Francisco Police Department Airport Bureau.

Anyone with information related to this incident is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 707-463-4086 (option 1). Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the non-emergency tip-line at 707-234-2100.

The rest of Election From page 1

School board election

Updated results were also posted November 10 for Willits Unified School Board race, and third and fourth place in the returns have reversed. In this school board election, the top three candidates will be seated. As with the final Election Night Report, updated results still show challenger Nicole Karkar coming in first, with 26.99% of the vote (1,717 votes), and incumbent Jeanne King coming in second, at 24.68% of the vote (1,570 votes).

The updated results show challenger Mason Rescina in third place now, with 24.46% of the vote (1,556 votes) and incumbent Paula Nunez in fourth place with 23.88% of the vote (1,519 votes).

The total vote in the school board race reported so far is 9,027 – but that total does include a large number of "undervotes" – ballots where voters didn't select all three potential choices for school board. if a ballot only has one choice marked for the three school board seats, that ballot would count as 2 undervotes. A total of 2,655 undervotes has been reported so far.

Last week's press release from the voter office didn't specify how many ballots in the Willits Unified School Board race were still to verify, count and report.

City council election

The Willits City Council results were also updated on November 10, with a switch in first and second places. Two seats are open on the council, so both candidates are winners. As of the November 10 report, Robin Leler is in first place, with 50.57% of the vote (750 votes), and Sherrie Ebyam is in second place, with 49.43% of the vote (733 votes).

A total of 2,204 votes have been reported so far in the city council race, but that total does includes 721 undervotes.

Counting timeline

Mendocino County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Bartolomie announced in her Thursday, November 5 press release that:

"As with every other election, there are many ballots left to be processed and counted as part of the official canvass. Since Monday, November 2, 2026, the Elections Office received over 14,000 ballots from our Polling Places, Ballot Drop Boxes and through the mail. The Elections office is required to count ballots that are received throughout the county by 8 pm on Election Day, plus any ballots that are mailed and postmarked by Election Day and received within 7 days of Election Day.

"Mendocino County has 14,749 countywide ballots left to process; this includes 1,214 Provisional / Conditional ballots to review and process. As for the highly watched races within our county, the 3rd District Supervisor race has approximately 3,400 ballots to count; the City of Ukiah Council race has approximately 1,600 ballots to count; and the City of Fort Bragg Council Member race has approximately 1,100 ballots to count.

"According to Assembly Bill 3184; we cannot certify our final election results for 30 days after the election. We will be updating our website (Unprocessed Ballot Report) each Thursday afternoon until we certify the election results. Please visit our website at: www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections

"If you have received a letter to cure a mis-matched or missing signature on your ballot envelope, please return your documents to cure your signature as soon as possible. If you have any additional questions, please call our office at (707) 234-6819."

Is your home ready for winter?, November 18

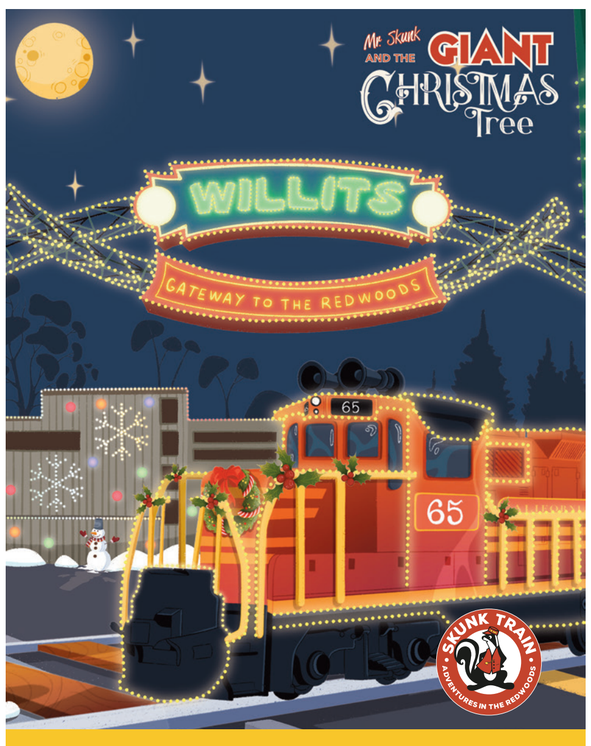
Submitted by REDI

Worried about soaring energy costs? Join the Northern Rural Energy Network Mendocino on Wednesday, November 18 for a free community presentation on "Is your home ready for winter?" hosted by Willits' Renewable Development Institute. 5 to 7 pm, at the REDI HAUS in Willits, 121 West Commercial Street.

Discuss strategies and services to help you stay comfortable and save energy and money this winter. Topics include Free Energy Efficiency Kits, Money Back Rebates, No-Cost Home Consultations, and Energy Saving tips plus refreshments are provided. The first in an ongoing event series. RSVP to REDI at info@redinet.org.

As per the NREN website https://northernren.org: "The Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN) brings accessible energy efficiency programs, technical assistance, rebates, and other resources to residents, businesses, public agencies, and contractors across 17 rural Northern California counties. By combining local knowledge with regional expertise, NREN helps communities overcome barriers to energy efficiency while reducing costs, improving comfort, and building resilience. Since launching in 2025, NREN has supported thousands of customers and continues to expand its programs and opportunities for local contractors."







Pacific Earthscape crew members pose with the new fish passage culvert they just completed at Duffy Gulch, a tributary of the Noyo River.

Duffy Gulch fish passage project completed

Posted by Pacific Earthscape

October 28 – Pacific Earthscape just finished completion of another fish passage project located at Duffy Gulch beneath the Skunk Train railroad line in Mendocino County. This project involved installing a corrugated steel arch culvert and stabilizing the surrounding slopes with rock and retaining systems. This project improves fish passage and stream connectivity while protecting the railroad crossing and surrounding environment. Duffy Gulch is a tributary of the Noyo River.

Trout Unlimited was awarded more than $2 million for the Duffy Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Project funded to remove a barrier railroad stream crossing to restore fish access to nearly 3 miles of spawning and rearing habitat for coho salmon and steelhead. Duffy Gulch is a tributary of the Noyo River.

The new crossing is a 45-foot diameter steel arch that will allow fish passage and is capable of handling a 100-year flood event.







LEGAL NOTICES

WW629

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

Publication Dates: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2026

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.

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

Publication Dates: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2026

WW631

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.

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 September 9, 2026.

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

/s/ Bryan Arnold, Managing Member

Publication Dates: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2026

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

Publication Dates: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2026

The rest of Tasty From page 1

Chickpea Smash Sandwich: Drain a can of chickpeas and add to a bowl with a ripe avocado, squeeze of lemon, salt, pepper, splash of pickled onion juice (and the onions themselves if you have any left!) and enough brewer's yeast to add some dryness to the mash – maybe half a cup? Slather that on crunchy bread that's been lightly toasted and spread with a little mayonnaise. Top with the last of the season's tomatoes, pepitas, local lettuce, and some spicy pepper jack cheese.

Roasted Eggplant and Tomato Gloop: I don't know why eggplant gets such a bad rap. It, like many things (tofu, ahem) suffer mainly at the hands of the preparer! Here's a way to LOVE the little purple veggie: Get a pan on the stove super-hot and spritz in a little oil. Cut in half four small eggplants, two large tomatoes and one peeled onion and place them cut side down on the hot oil. LEAVE THEM ALONE for several minutes. Turn down the heat a little and drop in as many whole peeled garlic cloves as you can stand. The idea is to brown, sear, and get the juices to start to release from the veggies, and once that starts to happen, you can take a spoon and mash down the softened veggies, adding a little water as needed so they don't burn, but continue to cook and condense. Add spices: salt, pepper, garlic and onion powder, chili flakes, paprika – or whatever you like – and then reduce until thick and chunky. Add a dash of cream if you want, or enjoy as is. Scooping up with toasted crusty bread seems to the highest and best use I've found.

Cranberry Apple Butterscotch Crisps: One of the easiest things possible to toss together with whatever's on hand. Chop fruits – in this case apples and cranberries – and toss in a large bowl with a squeeze of lemon juice, generous dusting of flour, sugar, a wee sprinkle of salt, and as much cinnamon, nutmeg, or whatever else makes you happy. The fruit mix goes into the bottom of a baking dish, and gets topped in this case with a sprinkling of butterscotch chips (also good with chocolate, peanut butter, salted caramel or other chips!). Then it all gets topped with a mix of basically the same dry goods from above, plus cold butter. Easiest to assemble this crumble topping in a Cuisinart, but dedicated fork-or-finger smashing will also certainly work. You can also add chopped nuts, oats, or even granola to the topping mixture. Into a hot oven, covered until bubbly, then take off the top to brown for a few minutes. How long depends on how dense your contents are, but usually 30 to 45 minutes is a safe assumption.

Blackberry, Basil, Brie, and Chili Grilled Cheese: This isn't a recipe, as much as assembly instructions for one of the TASTIEST things I've eaten recently. Toast crunchy bread (Ideally Crustic Sourdough from Mariposa, or Reza's Cranberry Cardamom Orange Sourdough) and then add thin slices of Brie cheese (I used Marin French Cheese Co.'s Traditional Brie, rind and all) to one side, and a light slathering of blackberry jam on the other. Top the melting Brie with torn fresh basil leaves (These are the last few remaining stragglers from my kitchen window sill), and chili flakes (I used Trader Joe's Chili Onion Sprinkle Seasoning Blend which features sea salt, crispy fried onions, chili flakes, brown sugar, roasted garlic, red bell pepper, and Szechuan pepper.)

The rest of Service From page 3

The local Interact Clubs, both the Willits High School and the Willits Charter School, are under the tutelage of Eric Hart, candidate for Third District supervisor and Rotary member, who helped form both chapters. Helen Simms, another Rotarian, will be stepping in as the Charter School Rotary advisor.

"We have two Interact Clubs here today, one from the Charter School and the other from Willits High School," said Hart. "This is the second year for the Willits High School. They got one project in before the end of last year, mostly completed. They produced the Feed the Body, Feed the Mind community libraries. The next step is distributing the libraries around town. They had the woodshop, with Brian Bowles, to build them, and finished the libraries right at the end of the semester. The beginning of this semester, they're painting them, putting the logo on them, putting the doors on them. Then, we're going to take them out into the community. We're working with the city and residents to identify locations. They're about 2 feet by 3 feet, not very large. They have enough room for a couple of shelves of books, a couple of shelves of food. The Charter School's Interact just formed at the beginning of this school year.

"This is the first joint project where we brought the two schools together," Hart said. "It was a bit difficult to get the two groups together because of the different school schedules. They have to meet at different times. There are regulations around kids from one school being on the campus of the other school. For them to work together, they have to be off-campus. That was a little bit of a shock to me."

Hart has been learning to navigate various school regulations in order to get projects off the ground and to have the clubs from the two schools work together. "Transportation to get the clubs down here is an interesting issue with the schools as well. They all have different regulations about who can drive and what vehicle can be driven. They had a van and two cars from Willits Charter. They had 14 kids. Willits High School only had one van available and could only fit nine kids in it. That was as many as they could bring," explained Hart.

"There is a merit bucks system at the Charter School. The kids earn bucks if they bring their water bottle to school every day. They get them for being good, for being kind humans, opening the doors for others, doing nice things for people. They can use them for the student store or school supplies on Amazon. So many merit dollars equal so many real dollars at Amazon. The kids who came down here really wanted to be here," said WCS teacher and advisor Crystal Southwick. "The kids utilized their merit bucks to pay for the bus to come down and contribute."

The rest of Daycare From page 7

Sandy Lucier: We are lucky to have Lauren. Lauren's daycare is the best. I always recommend First Steps Daycare to my friends. Lauren really cares. She is organized and experienced. The kids have fun and have a structured day including outside playtime and rest time. It is clean and in a convenient location. She started watching my daughter as an infant, and we always trusted her through the years. I'm extremely grateful for our experience at First Steps.

Tim King: My daughter went to First Steps Day Care from 2015 through 2021. It was an important decision for us in choosing the right daycare. Lauren at First Steps came highly recommended, and we were very happy with our experience there. Our daughter was always well cared for and always looked forward to going to day care to play with her friends and learn. Lucy usually was excited to share with us things she had learned during the day, books that they had read, or games that they played. My wife and I are still grateful for First Steps.

Ashley Baldwin: My daughter has gone to First Steps Daycare for 2 years this month, and we have absolutely loved it. Every day Hadley is greeted by Teacher Lauren and is so comfortable at the daycare it is truly like her second home. She loves all of her friends and the teachers, and it makes me feel so grateful to have her in a daycare environment that she is loved and cared for. I genuinely feel so thankful for Lauren and all that she has done for us. Congrats on 20 years! We love you teacher Lauren!! - Ashley and Hadley

Abby Rayburn: I'm Abby Rayburn, and I attended First steps Day Care. This is where I learned how to manage a daily routine, do art, social skills, make friends, how to write, and much more. Over all I had an amazing experience, and highly recommend to anybody! I am confident that this is a safe place for children to learn and thrive.

Chris Lewis: When my daughter, Autumn, started at First Steps two years ago, I hoped she would learn confidence that their children were safe and happy. I wholeheartedly recommend First Steps Daycare to any family looking for a caring, trustworthy, and nurturing environment. Even 20 years later, I remember the positive impact they had on our lives, and I will always be thankful for the role they played during such an important time in our son's childhood.

and grow, but I never imagined just how much of an impact this school would have on her. Over these past two years, her speech and overall development have improved tremendously. She has gained confidence, learned so much, and is truly thriving. The progress she's made is beyond what I ever expected, and it's incredible to see how far she's come. What makes First Steps so special is that it feels like much more than a daycare or preschool—it feels like family. Lauren and every member of her staff genuinely care about the children and create an environment where they feel safe, supported, and loved. They celebrate each child's successes and are invested in helping them reach their full potential. As a first responder, my work schedule is often unpredictable, and Lauren has always been understanding and willing to work with my family's needs. That flexibility and compassion have meant more to me than I can put into words. Autumn has also made friendships that I know will last well beyond her time at First Steps, and I couldn't be more grateful for the experiences she's had there. Congratulations to First Steps on celebrating 20 incredible years. Based on the care, dedication, and love that Lauren and her staff pour into every child, I have no doubt this school will still be making a difference for another 20 years and beyond. The outstanding reputation First Steps has earned is well deserved, and our family is proud to have been part of it.

Becky Hope-Mell: My oldest child started at First Steps 16 years ago! My daughter remembers it being a fun and playful environment with a blend of outdoor time and craft activities. The setup is really nice since the daycare section is completely separate from the house with a large covered deck for rainy days and a large backyard filled with outdoor activities. There was a structured time schedule so children received snacks and meals on a regular basis. There were daily naps which included a child appropriate movie and their own blanket, pillow and stuffy. Years later my son attended as well until Covid hit. We have many fond memories of First Steps and are grateful to have this daycare option in our community.

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Brown Bag Lunch Program

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

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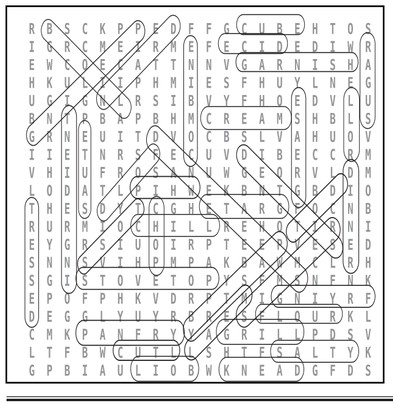
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Experienced, dependable local caregiver. Large dogs welcome! State-licensed for senior care. Offering transportation to appointments, errands, meal preparation, light cleaning, medication assistance, and companionship. Serving Willits and nearby communities. 707-367-1075.

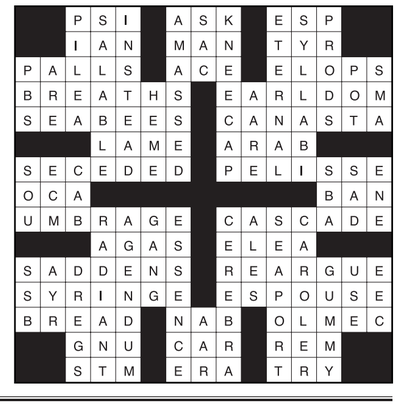
Want food?

Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, 11 am to 4:30 pm. New Client Choice model where you select your own items. Bring shopping bags, Bring an I.D. Info: (707) 459-3333

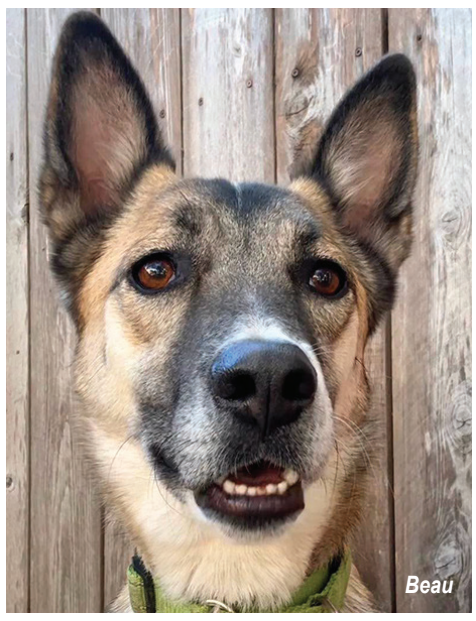
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Mr. Potato


Beau

Big Mr. Potato

Mr. Potato is a 5-year-old Rottweiler mix weighing in at 95 pounds, but don't tell him he's a big guy! He hasn't quite figured out his size and loves nothing more than leaning his whole self against his favorite person for some good pats and affection. Mr. Potato is a social butterfly who enjoys meeting new people and making friends wherever he goes. He enjoys proudly carrying around a stuffed toy like his favorite little treasure. If you love big, goofy, affectionate dogs, Mr. Potato might just be your perfect match!

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

Sweet Beau

Beau is a sweet, easygoing medium-sized boy around 3 years old with a heart of gold. He loves cuddles just as much as playtime and has a calm, affectionate personality that makes everyone fall in love. Whether he's exploring the yard or curling up beside you for snuggles, Beau is happiest simply being with his people.

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.



'There Will Be Rest': an afternoon of a cappella music by Mendocino Camerata to benefit WCT

Mendocino Camerata invites the community to "There Will Be Rest," an afternoon of a cappella choral music on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. Admission is by donation at the door, with all proceeds benefiting the theater. Expect beauty, stillness, and a variety of song styles.



Featuring 14 voices singing in harmony, Mendocino Camerata brings warmth, depth, and a shared love of music to the stage. The ensemble celebrates the beauty of the human voice and the connections that grow when people come together to sing.

Founded in 2023, Mendocino Camerata is a 14-voice a cappella ensemble based in Mendocino County. Its members bring diverse backgrounds, experiences, and musical perspectives to a group grounded in community, inclusion, and the joy of making music together.

Mendocino Camerata: A cappella voices weaving breath into belonging and harmony into healing.

"There Will Be Rest" offers an opportunity to slow down, enjoy the beauty of voices in harmony, and support a local theater that brings creativity and connection to the community.

Bring a friend, settle in for an afternoon of beautiful music.

