Mail **Ballots**

for November 4 sent out

Submitted by Katrina Bartolomie, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

October 3 - All active registered voters County will Mendocino receive a ballot in the For our voters' convenience, our traditional polling locations will be open on Election Day, November 4, 2025, from 7 am to 8 pm. A list of all "Polling Locations" and all "Ballot Drop Box Locations" are included with your ballot and are on our website.

Visit mendocinocounty.gov/ government/assessorcounty-clerk-recorderelections/elections scroll down to Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

Mail Ballots (aka Vote By Mail / Absentee Ballots) will be mailed by Monday, October 6, 2025. Ballots are available in the Elections / County Clerk's Office, for the Statewide Special Election, to be held on November 4, 2025, according to Katrina Bartolomie, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder. The Elections / County Clerk's Office is in Room 1020 in the County Administration Building at 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah. The USPS normal delivery is five (5) to seven

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Adventist Health appoints new president of North Coast Network

Submitted by Adventist Health

Ukiah - Adventist Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Parker Pridgen as president of the North Coast Network. effective August 25, 2025. The North Coast Network is an integrated healthcare delivery continuum encompassing more than 90 clinics and six hospitals, including Adventist Health Clear Lake, Adventist Health Howard Memorial, Adventist Health Mendocino Coast, Adventist Health St. Helena, Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, and Adventist Health Vallejo.

Parker brings a wealth of experience to his new role, having most recently served as CEO for AdventHealth Apopka in Florida. He holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Oregon and a bachelor's degree in accounting with a focus on finance from Walla Walla University.

Parker's journey with Adventist Health began between 2010 and 2013. where he first met his wife,

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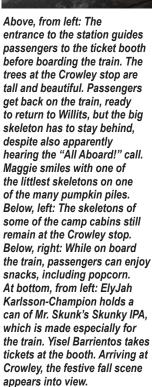




Above, from left: Alan and Carol Dyck from Oregon celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary day (or "90th" joked Alan as "he's been married 45 years, and she's been married 45 years!") on the Skunk Train's Pumpkin Express on Saturday, October 4. The pumpkin attendants have been waiting forever for Skunk Train riders to come get their pumpkins. Conductor Kyle Stockman punches tickets for excited passengers. Below: Kevin and Kim, and dog Tzevah, are from Santa Rosa and enjoyed a festive ride on the Pumpkin Express.













Pumpkin Express

Annual fall-themed Skunk Train ride departing now out of the Willits Depot

Fall is in the air and a perfect way to experience the beauty of our area, and a bit of history, too, is to hop aboard the Skunk Train's Pumpkin Express, a special fall-time train running from the Willits Depot to the Crowley stop, about 7.5 miles from town.

The two-hour experience includes a goodie bag of candies, a free pumpkin, photo ops, games, and even a chance for a short hike. Snacks and drinks are available on the train, or pack a lunch and enjoy sitting in the open space at the Crowley pumpkin patch.

Trains run twice: at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, and three times: at 10:30 am, 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm on Saturdays though October 31. General admission seats are available for \$69.95 each; VIP tickets - which also include advanced boarding, priority concessions, a picnic lunch and commemorative gift are available for \$99.95 each; dog tickets are available for \$10.95 each; or, for those 18 and older who are wishing to get an extra unique experience can purchase a cab ride ticket where you sit with the engineer for the ride for \$295. Remember to ask about the local's discount! Purchase tickets and get more information by visiting www.SkunkTrain.com.

- Maureen Jennison









Ad hoc committee on mobile vendors meets again

B.B. Kamoroff willitsweekly@gmail.com

Almost like a plot lifted from the movie "Groundhog Day," a third ad hoc meeting on a mobile vending ordinance (primarily food trucks) returned to City Hall on September 23, again moderated by Mayor Tom Allman. Again, the same issues discussed at prior meetings came up. Again, the issues are still unresolved.

The most discussed and most divisive - issues are where and when food trucks can set up. The current city ordinance prohibits mobile vendors from setting up on Main Street or Commercial Street, or within a block of those two streets, and also from operating more than 28 days a year.

Food truck vendors want more locations and more days to operate. Local restaurant owners (those that spoke) want restrictions on the competition, pointing out that food trucks have an unfair economic advantage over restaurants that have

Read the rest of Vendors

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Willits Wildfire and Insurance

Forum and Fair, October 9 Submitted by Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

A different kind of fair will be taking place on Thursday, October 9, at the new California Conservation Corps facility on 600 East Hill Road in Willits.

October of 2017 ushered in the era of massive wildfires for residents of Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Survivors had to figure out how to rebuild, and the cost of wildfire insurance has skyrocketed. Many private insurance companies have refused to cover homes in areas at high risk of wildfire, leaving property owners to contend with the cost and limitations of the state-backed FAIR plan.

Starting at 5:30 pm, the free Willits Wildfire and Insurance Forum and Fair will offer the latest information on both topics. Yana Valachovic, a leading fire scientist, will update visitors on evidence-based methods for preventing ignitions. Valachovic, the forest advisor for

Read the rest of Forum

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Please slow down in the rain

To the Editor:

Please slow down during inclement weather conditions.

On Monday, September 29, 2025 we received three calls for service on Sherwood Road at mile marker 0.52, also known as the one, two tree. All three calls were non-injury traffic accidents, resulting in four wrecked vehicles.

As locals of Willits and Brooktrails we are all aware of this location and the hazards it can cause during rainy and icy conditions. We would like for everyone to be aware of forecasted road conditions, and please slow down. Thanks.

> Jeff Donaldson, Brooktrails Fire Chief, and Eric Alvarez, Little Lake Fire Chief

Thank you, Willits

To the Editor:

The Willits Lions Club would like to thank everyone who visited our booth at the recent Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration

The Lions Club's booth offered local beer, Mendocino County wines, sodas, and waters in a fundraiser for the club. We could not have done this without the generous help from Jacob and Northspur Brewery. Northspur brought their famous Pilsner beer, Lucky Logger, and a new hard seltzer being offered for the first time. Both were well-received. Thank you to the Mendocino Community Foundation for their help, and to the Willits Chamber of Commerce for hosting the event.

The Willits Lions has hosted this booth for several of the most recent Hometown Celebrations and it has been a great way for us to raise monies for all the different groups, organizations and charities that need help within our community. All the money raised at these functions go directly back into the community to help fund student scholarships, youth organizations, the Food Bank, Willits Kids Club, Willits Senior Center, and many more programs, large and small.

The Willits Lions Club is several months away from celebrating our 100-year anniversary serving Willits. We hope to have a public celebration of the occasion in 2026.

The best part of the Hometown Celebration is the people who attend. It is so good to see so many of the great and unique people that make up our community get together for an afternoon and evening of fun and connection.

The City of Willits had a booth next to ours, I saw a coffee cup there that said, "Willits, It Feels Like Home" It sure does! Thank you, Willits!

Skip Lucier, Willits Lions Club

Call to elders

To the Editor:

On October 18, there will be another march in Willits and throughout the U.S. with the theme "NO KINGS." This is a march to protest being ruled by a monarch as opposed to an elected president. This is not about whether you vote Republican or Democrat, but how you want to be governed in the future. Do you want to continue to live in a democracy or forfeit your constitutional rights?

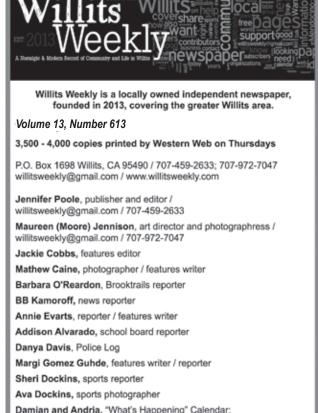
Three months ago I overheard a comment made by a young person about an earlier protest march. It went something like this: "Isn't it quaint to see a bunch of old people taking to the streets to protest what's happening?"

Well, this letter is especially directed to old people! If not us,

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then who will protest? We are the ones who have the wisdom that comes from all our experiences. We are the ones who learned from our parents about why they went to war to protect the world from a dictator who started naming which humans were "suitable" and which ones weren't. We have the wisdom to evaluate what's happening now in the light of the past. We have the courage of our convictions to stand up

Not only that. We have the time. We are freed up from our jobs, our children, our responsibilities and our need to "fit in." We know we have a limited time left to make a difference. What do we have to lose?

Don't we owe it to the next generations to stand up for a form of government that is "for the people and by the people"? Elders of Willits: Let's stand up for democracy. And maybe

young people will be inspired to stand up too. Remember the date: Saturday, October 18, gathering at 10 am at Babcock Park and walking to Bud Snider park. For

further information go to www.willitsindivisible.org

Karen Gridley, Willits

Dinner cancelled

We have been tasked with the cancellation of our Mendocino College student summer class fundraising dinner. You have graciously supported the event in the Weekly -- Thank you.

Now we must ask you for another favor: Would you please add the notice of cancellation to the weekly events calendar

If any further explanation is appropriate, the fact is ticket sales were not sufficient to proceed. We found our event to be at the end of a long series of similar dinner fundraisers community members have supported generously. We were just too late. But thank you again for your support.

> Jim Harden, North County Friends of Mendocino College

Balancing the budget

In response to the article "WCC passes budget with \$2.4 million deficit," the solution is clear. You contract police services with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department for Willits. Where is the study on how much money annually that would save the city? It's like the elephant in the room that nobody wants to talk about.

A small city like Willits having its own Police Department is outdated, and a throwback to the '70s and '80s when it was a source of pride for small cities to have their own Police Department. I think the tax-paying members of this community deserve to know how much money could be saved by doing this, and how much money it costs annually to have our own Police Department. Thank you.

Donald Smith, Willits

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501

Thursday, October 9: Japanese Chicken w/

Friday, October 10: French Dip w/Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Monday, October 13: Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham, Veggies, Roll

Tuesday, October 14: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

Wednesday, October 15: Chicken Burrito Wet w/ Green Sauce

Thursday, October 16: Ground Beef Stroganoff,

Friday, October 17: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic

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

Bread, Veggies

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: second Sunday of every month, on October 12 this month. 8 to 11 am. Menu choices are: 1. All-you-can-eat pancakes scrambled eggs, choice of sausage or bacon, or 2. Biscuits & gravy with scrambled eggs. Both include coffee, tea or orange juice. \$13 adults; \$12 Senior Center members; \$8 children 8 and under. Extra sausage, bacon, eggs and juice

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

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826.

Willits Soroptimists accepting applications for 'Live Your Dream' awards

Submitted by Soroptimist International of Willits

Women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families and seek financial assistance to continue their education or receive training can now apply for the Soroptimist "Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women." Applications are available through the online portal at www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dreamawards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html

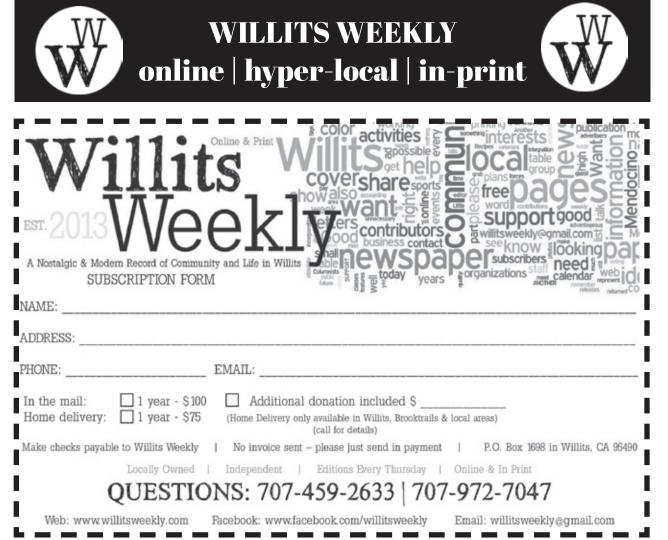
Or by contacting Vicki Ham at siwillits@soroptimist.net with any questions you may have. The application deadline is November 15.

The Willits club will provide a \$1,000 cash award to its award recipient, who will then advance to the Soroptimist Founder Region level, where recipients could receive up to an additional \$5,000. The program culminates with three finalist \$10,000 awards.

Recipients can use the Live Your Dream Award to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. This includes tuition, books, childcare, transportation, or any other education-related expense.

The Live Your Dream Award provides over \$3 million in cash awards to head-of-household women in need each year. Since the program's inception in 1972, more than \$40 million has helped tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. It improves the recipients' quality of life; builds their confidence; strengthens their self-determination, and makes them want to, in turn, help others. Helping women in this way has the demonstrated effect of leading to stronger communities, nations, and the world.

Founded in 1971 the Soroptimist International of Willits is part of Soroptimist International of the Americas, a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Soroptimist, a 501(c)(3) organization that relies on charitable donations to support its programs, also powers LiveYourDream.org – an online community offering offline volunteer opportunities in support of women and girls.



Harvest Moon

Live music, games, vendors, pie-eating contest, and more at Hometown Celebration

contestants took a stance behind their to interfere with their fierce attack on the berry-filled treats

Mathew Caine

they were about demolish. On the count of "one," they began their descent, deciding which part of the pie to go for first. Some went for the crust. Others

for the gooey middle, but all dove in in earnest, wanting to be the first to finish as much of the pie as humanly possible. Berry filling dripping down their faces, they pressed on.

The pie-eating contest capped off a perfect afternoon of the community event, known as the Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration, organized by the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Several blocks of Main and Commercial streets were roped off on Saturday so that the attendees could get together and see all of the wondrous goods. games, services, and other attractions. The street was crowded with kids, dogs and adults, moving in meandering paths through the booths, talking with friends, playing games, and eating great food.

Craftspeople like Phipps Magical Stitch offered embroidered sweatshirts, table runners, potholders, bags, and blankets, having come up from Santa Rosa to enjoy the afternoon and evening amongst the good people of Willits. At the Willits Charter School booth, board member Caroline Muller told interested parents of the advantages of a charter education and let them know that there were still slots available in some of the classes. Stacey Rohrbach of the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County was selling logoed sweatshirts. "We're selling our merch today, getting out into the community, taking in donations. We're still pretty crowded. I think we're full on cats right now. We might have a few spots for dogs," said Rohrbach.

One of the very popular booths was the vegetation management division of PG&E, who were giving away 100 small trees in order to instill the suggestion that people should not plant tall trees near power lines. "It's about having the right tree in the right place. A lot of times people put some fast-growing species that grow up tall under power lines, making us have to cut them. We're trying to raise awareness of what species are good to have under power today: non-fruiting plum trees, crepe myrtles, magnolias, pomegranates are a good choice, and others," explained Alex Rodriguez. The trees were gone within the hour.

The owners of the soon-to-be-open Kids Corner, where Rexall Pharmacv used to be, opened the doors for people to take a quick peak at the kid wonders inside. "We have our sensory gym which will have a lot of activities, sensory rooms that light up underneath," said

The crowd counted down as the owner Bri Adams. "That will be for ages 2 to 12. We will have a toddler zone for pies, hands behind their backs so as not 2 and under. We have a Tiny Town, little houses and buildings. We'll have some

> Mariposa Market was showing its new Cadia line of low-cost organics, which enables them to offer prices that are kind to the budget. The new executive director of the Willits Food Bank, Wendy Copperfield, was raffling off some pretty attractive baskets full of great goodies, made by board member Natalie Sadler. Mike Tobin was at a booth for the Sheriffs Activity League which provides kids with healthy athletic activities. "Our newest program is our mountain bike program. It is going to teach youth how to ride mountain bikes on dirt trails, so that they can do it safely and have fun,"

> Fish Out of Water Pet Shop invited kids to their goldfish toss, where they could win either a small plastic fish or a voucher for a real goldfish. John Kvasnicka, one of the organizers from the Willits Chamber of Commerce, ran the pumpkin wheel where kids could spin and try to land on the Chamber logo in order to take home a pumpkin. "We are trying to increase commerce and tourism." explained Kvasknicka. "That's our goal. By doing this event, we increase the tax basis of Willits a little bit and we give the economy a little boost for the day. We also want people to come up here and have a good feeling about Willits so they will come back."

> Harry So of Little Lake Fire Department seemed to be everywhere. In addition to being one of the pie-eating contestants, he volunteered to get dunked in the water tank where all the kids were delighting in soaking him. He also helped kids and adults with the Jaws of Life contraption, used to cut people out of cars. The kids delighted in tearing up a car door with the massive device.

> Blue Luke played his brand of hard-driving blues at the corner of Commercial and Main streets in a rolling stage provided by Granite Construction.

Kemmy's Pies contributed the pies for the pie-eating contest and delighted in watching the contestants tear them apart in their frenzy. Mayor Tom Allman announced the contest and exhorted the purple-faced contestants to go faster. Judges Gerry Gonzalez and Bruce Burton of the city council made sure that lines. We have five kinds of trees here the participants about their strategy. The best answer was from Jim Devine of the Novo Theatre, who said most accurately. "One mouthful at a time until all dignity's gone." In the end, a very full-looking David Cruz, of Mendo Made Salon and Barbershop, hoisted the trophy to much

With more such events. Willits just might establish itself as a place for people to come enjoy the beautiful surroundings, partake in the restaurants, listen to some music, and just have fun.









Charter School board member, answers questions and recruits new students. The owners of the soon-to-be-open Kids Corner: Bri Adams. Nina and Carlos Swinney. Above: The pie-eating contestants are determined to finish a whole berry pie. At left: The pie-eating contest draws a huge crowd, many with cameras to preserve the fun. Below. from left: Clown Ken makes balloon animals for the kids to take home. Harry So gets clean in the dunk tank after participating in the pie-eating contest. John Kvasnicka, Chamber of Commerce member and one of the organizers of the event, runs the Chamber's Wheel of Fortune where kids can win a pumpkin to take home











Above, left: Little Lake Fire Captain Harry So helps this youngster in destroying a car door. Above, righ Batman faces and ice cream make the afternoon fun for these two. Below, left: Blue Luke provides harddriving blues at the corner of Commercial and Main streets. Below, right: City Planner Dusty Duley didn't win the pie-eating contest but had a great time.









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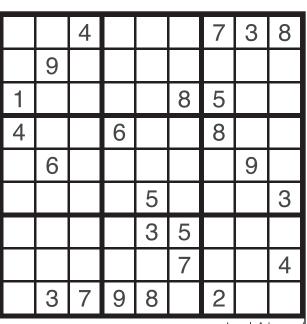
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- 21. Popular fish type
- 22. Salts of acetic acid
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- 31. Single Lens Reflex 32. Amphibians
- 33. Warm greeting
- 38. Belonging to a thing
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- 49. Type of drug 50. Wind chill formula

- 8. Nocturnal rodents 9. Pouches 10. Systems, doctrines, theories 12. Greek alphabet letter 14. Greek goddess of youth

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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

September 22

7-day period.

1:24 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and

Department reported 80 incidents in this

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

1:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Fort Bragg Road and issued a warning.

5:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:23 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street and issued a warning.

9:45 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

10:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

September 23

12:13 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 900 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:19 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Alder Court.

3:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:59 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Commercial Street and Madden Lane and issued a warning.

7:23 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

September 24

RAKE

11:22 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Highway 20 and South Main Street

2:40 pm: SAYAD, Lillian Lavay (21) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested on September 27 felony charges of failure to appear.

7:41 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued 7:44 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

1100 block of South Main Street and issued 7:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

800 block of South Main Street and issued pm: POULIDES, Alexander

Nicholas (49) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West Highway 20. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license (revoked for DUI), unlawful operation of a vehicle without a license, and failure to appear.

11:07 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

The rest of Vendors

to pay rent, provide seating and restrooms, and abide by strict and costly ADA (Americans With Disability Act) regulations.

At the last ad hoc meeting, Mayor Allman asked the city planning department to research mobile vending ordinances in six other nearby cities to see how they regulate food trucks. The planners chose Windsor, Santa Rosa, Arcata, Calistoga, Ukiah, and Fort Bragg.

All of the cities except Arcata specifically prohibit food trucks in residential zones. Arcata prohibits food trucks within 20 feet of driveways, which effectively prohibits the trucks in many residential zones.

Four of the cities prohibit food trucks around parks, schools, farmers markets, or special events. Two cities allow food trucks only on private property. Hours that the trucks can operate varied widely among the six cities. Two of the cities have limits on how many trucks can operate at the same

time: Calistoga (3) and Fort Bragg (10)

Mayor Allman was careful not to make any specific proposals, except "not on

How all of the options and conflicting the city council will finally see a proposed the October 22 city council meeting.

Allman concluded the meeting as he

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.

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

September 22 to September 28 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police September 25

2:30 am: MARTINEZ, Shideewum Eugene (27) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 300 block of Creekside Drive following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery, child abuse, possession of a controlled substance, violation of a court order, contempt of court (disobeying a court order), and violation of probation.

8:28 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Monica Lane and issued a citation.

10:59 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject near the intersection of South Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street and issued a

4:15 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and

11:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

September 26

12:35 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:23 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

5:30 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:48 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of Poplar Avenue and issued a warning.

5:24 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Gregory

9:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 900 block of South Main Street and issued

9:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:07 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued

9:22 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

11:55 pm: CONDON JR., Richard Thomas (44) of Ukiah was contacted in the 500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, and on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance. possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia

September 28

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1:35 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

Main Street is a good start." Allman said he wants the "fewest restrictions as possible" on the food trucks, but added that "public safety has to be the crux of where we're

opinions will come together as an ordinance remains to be seen. Allman said that this is the last informal meeting before mobile vending ordinance, tentatively at

has at the past two meetings, with the same foreboding, "Nobody will be totally satisfied." Unlike the ending to "Groundhog Day," the food trucks haven't quite made it to happily-ever-after.

Mabon Market The Munchery hosts vendor event celebrating the fall equinox, with live music, food and fun Mabon is both a pagan and Wiccan around five years now. I took a break for a while due to a loss in the family, but now I'm holiday, marking the autumn equinox and getting back to my creative self. I will be at is a celebration of the Mathew Caine the Harvest Moon celebration next week," second harvest and explained Galliano. To view Galliano's Etsy the balance between shop, visit https://twostonedjewelry.com/. day and night before the days shorten. While the exact name Misty Sutton, of George's Geodes and "Mabon" is a 20th-century neo-pagan term, the holiday's themes of gratitude and

The Mabon Market at The Munchery last Saturday was designed to emulate the fun of these traditions and to celebrate the autumn equinox with booths, wares, services, music and food. The Mabon Market was organized by Marissa Grover, daughter Shauna Martin, who owns The Munchery.

harvest are found in many ancient pagan

In addition to the vendors, there was a gaily decorated arch to welcome attendees, a bubble fog machine, henna painting, slime-making for the kids, and a photographer doing mini-shoots for the

Mary Kelly's wagon was chock-full of antiques and rock memorabilia. "This is called the Penny Royale," said Kelly. "Art and antiques, designer clothes, vintage clothes, rock and roll memorabilia, vinyl records - ever changing. Soon to be in a location wherever fun is happening."

Linda Dean and her daughter, Erika Quinliven, brought some beautiful watercolors and brightly painted glass goblets. "I like bright colors, so they're pretty vivid," said Dean. "There's a lot of layers to them to get them this bright. I also have hand-painted glasses. It's a beautiful place, a beautiful day. I've just started showing my work. I thought it was about time."

A familiar vendor, Misty Made, brought a selection of soy candles. Nova Medina of Pajaro Flats Farm was showing some of her rustic handmade brooms.

Melissa Galliano, a silversmith in Willits. was selling her handmade jewelry under the label Two Stoned Jewelry. "I have a little bit of everything. I've been doing this for

Gems, brought a selection of crystals, jewelry, and metaphysical goods as well as some coloring pages for the store's annual coloring contest. She also had abundance

Chakra balancing kits, angel communication kits, and love kits. "They contain all the crystals that harmonize for bringing in prosperity and good fortune, all the crystals that bring in love or friendship. just self-love," said Sutton. Her daughter, Brianne McBride, was showing crocheted Bralettes by Bree.

Ken Loaack makes wooden pens out of local oak burl. "In some cases, I've infused a little resin into the burl. This is my hobby and my passion. I also have some wooden candle holders out of bay laurel and walnut. These are some serving trays, again, out of California bay laurel, infused with some

Tiffany Woodard, of Ministry of Divine Consciousness was selling organic handmade candles made with beeswax with no harmful chemicals or phosphates in them. "They are really clean burning. I also have a whole bunch of local goods. A lot of them are from Ann Brigit Waters. She does a lot of the salves and tinctures. She does some liquors."

Tina Eaton, of Eaton Good, offered samples of her non-alcoholic cocktails. "I do small event catering, and I make my own craft cocktail kits and simple syrup. With the cocktail kits, you can add your own spirits, or you can make mocktails with them with no booze in them at all. These are nice. If you have friends that do drink, you don't want to feel left out. I do craft fairs. I do small event catering. I do cocktail parties

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At left: Makiah Carter helped erect and decorate this colorful entrance arch. Above, left: Entertainment is provided by Willits native Lyndsay Gang, with accompaniment by Cedric Johnson. Above, right: Carrie Fox makes jewelry with meaning; she includes captions with each item. Below, left: A sampling of Melissa Galliano's Two Stoned Jewelry. Below, right: This seahorse shaped rose liquor is from Ann Brigit Waters and could be found at Tiffany Woodard's Ministry of Divine Consciousness booth. At bottom, left: Nora Martin runs the slime booth where the kids can make different colors of the gooey mixture. At bottom, right: Brianne McBride, daughter of Misty Sutton of George's Geodes and Gems, shows one of her hand-

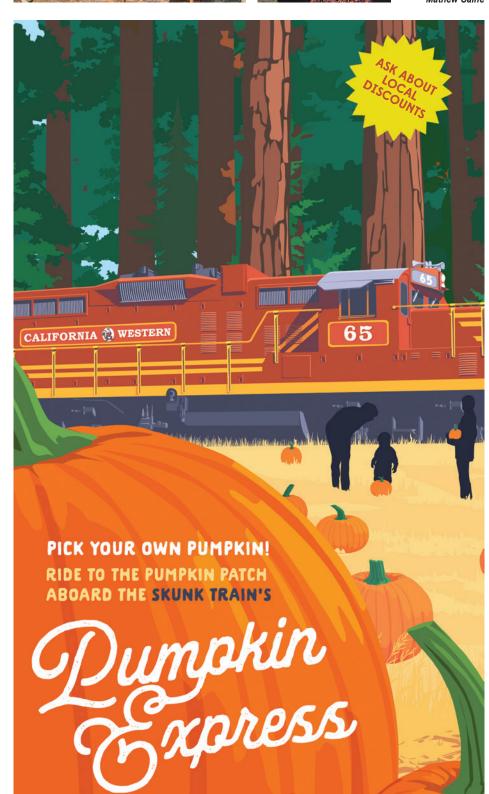








At far left: Mary Kelly's Penny Royale van is full of antiques and rock and roll memorabilia At left: Marissa Grover, who was responsible for creating the Mabon Market, holds a pumpkir spice latte from The Munchery. Photos by



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saintanthonywillits@gmail.com

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Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church**

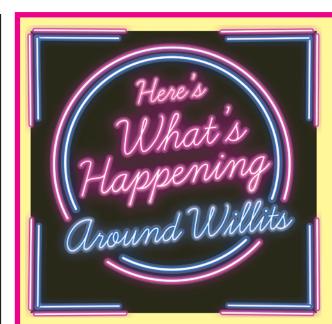
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If you want to be included i this column please call: **April Tweddell** (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com

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Thursday, October 9

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at City Park with vendors along State Street for the freshest produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot and cold food from local businesses, along with crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. The market honors EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits to double your dollars.

Bit and a Bite at the Museum: Join us for light refreshments and learn about our Woven World

and the natural resources of Mendocino County, Thursday, October 9 at 12:30 pm.

Burgess Memorial Ranch Rodeo: A day of rodeo fun starting at 9 am with a BBQ at noon and bulls, ranch broncs and breakaway starting at 5 pm, plus a silent auction, kids craft table and more on October 11 at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. More info:

willitsfrontierdays.com.





Willits Photography Club at WCA: Open to all skill levels and meets Saturday, October 11 from 10 am to noon in the classroom at Willits Center for the Arts. (Enter through back door).

by the first Poet Laureate

of Mendocino County on

Saturday, October 11 at 7 pm

with an open reading to follow

at Willits Community Theatre.

Fire Forum at CCC District Headquarters:

Free event for tips on home fire resiliency.

insurance guidance and an opportunity to

ask questions of the experts, plus prizes and

free slices from Flying Dog Pizza, Thursday,

October 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the California

Conservation Corps facility, 600 East Hill Road,

Trivia Night at The Munchery: Thursday,

October 9 at 6 pm at The Munchery, 1797

'Spooktacular' S.T.E.M. Science at the

Library: Open to kids aged 9 to 14, Friday,

Library. This week's project: Skittle Art!

at 6:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts.

Skate Night at Harwood Hall: Roller

skate for \$1 from 6 to 8 pm on Friday,

October 10. Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis

Saturday, October 11

Poet Devreaux Baker at WCT:

Avenue, Laytonville.

October 10 from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Branch

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Friday, October 10

Cancelled: Summer Scholars Fundraising Dinner at the Grange: The Saturday, October 11 benefit for the Mendocino College Foundation at the Little Lake Grange has

Anniversary Celebration at JD Redhouse: Join us as we celebrate 18 years in business on October 11 from 10 am to 5 pm for

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Shanachie Pub. Sunday, October

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday of the month, 8 to 11 am,. Sunday, October 12 this month, at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Menu

Cosmic Family Band

at Shanachie: Saturday,

October 11 at 8 pm at

choices: 1. All-you-can-eat pancakes with scrambled eggs, choice of sausage or bacon, and cup of coffee, milk or juice, or 2. Biscuits & gravy with scrambled eggs. Beverages include Art Talk with Gary Martin at WCA: Chinese Art and its coffee, orange juice, and milk. \$13 adults; historical and cultural significance, Friday, October 10

\$12 Senior Center members; \$8 children 8 and under. Your SKATE NIGHT IS support will benefit Nutritional, BACK FOR FALL! Transpiration, and Outreach SCHEDULE
These are the days we will have Skate Night services for Willits seniors.

Color Run Fundraiser at the High School: All welcome to participate or just enjoy the fun and music! Same-day registration is \$20. Check-in pegins at 12:30 pm, run begins at 2 pm on Sunday, October 12 at the Willits High School track

Wednesday, October 15

History Makers Family Programs at the Museum: Make Fall crafts every Wednesday in October from 2 to 4:30 pm. This week: Collage Acorns!



10 AM - 5 PM

Gem and Mineral Meeting: rockhounds, jewelers, lapidary artists and mineral enthusiasts. Bring show n' tell and a snack to share! Wednesday, October 15 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange. More info: 707-459-9716.

and pencils provided and Chromebooks available for check-out with valid library card. Thursday, October 16, from 4:30

VSIC MERCHANDISE TO BUY AND FOOD

Earth Tea House, 48 East San Francisco Avenue.

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors on

Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at City Park, for the

freshest produce available, local meat, tasty treats,

crafts, the new edition of the Willits Weekly and much

a bag for \$3.

Workshop

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Creative

Library:

Thursday, October 16

more. See Oct 9 listing for more details.

Donation-based.

Meet the Brooktrails Fire Chief: Meet Fire Chief Jeff Donaldson, enjoy free pizza, a Q & A discussion, and an overview of the Sherwood Firewise Planned Activities for 2026 on Thursday, October 16 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24850 Birch Street.

Avenues to Wellness presentation October at WCA: Melinda Clarke, MFT, presents: 'Taking Care of Ourselves and Others with Civility and Compassion.' Free to the public, donations appreciated. Thursday, October 16 from 6 to 7 pm at Willits Center for the Arts.

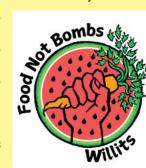
Sovereign Sereni-Tea Time at Inner Earth Tea: First Friday, October 17 and third Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm, explore energetic sovereignty in a supportive space at Inner

F.O.W.L. Book Sale at the Library: Friday, October 17 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Willits Branch Library. See Oct 16 listing for more info.

'Spooktacular' S.T.E.M. Science at the Library: Open to kids aged 9 to 14, every Friday in October from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Branch Library. This week's project: Bubbling Cauldrons!

Book Lovers Discussion Group at the Library: Come talk about books, authors, and genres at this monthly discussion group on Friday, October 17 from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Branch Library.

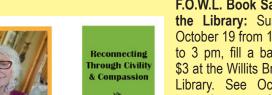
F.O.W.L. Book Sale at the Library: Books for \$1 to \$3 and children's books starting at 25 cents! Thursday, Food Not Bombs October 16 from 5 to 7 pm is open only to Friends of in Rec Grove Park: the Willits Library members, so join at the sale, which Food Not Bombs Willits continues October 17 and 18 from 10 am to 5 pm and presents a free meal, on Sunday, October and supplies 19 from 10 am to 3 every first and third pm when you can fill Fridays around 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Join us at the picnic Writers



Saturday,

October 18 F.O.W.L. Book Sale at the Library: Saturday, October 18 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Willits Branch Library. See Oct 16 listing for more info.

13 and up. Paper Sunday, October 19



Taking Care of Ourselves What Ideas &

F.O.W.L. Book Sale at the Library: Sunday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm, fill a bag for \$3 at the Willits Branch Library. See Oct 16

Stone Stories at WCT: Theatrical readings that will explore the lives and legacies of those interred in the Little Lake and Laytonville cemeteries, October 19 from 2 to 3:30 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. Free to attend though donations are **'The Lost Bus'**



Dan Essman

and suspenseful thrilling. Kevin (Matthew McConaughey)

drives a school bus in the Paradise, California school district. He's new to the job. All you readers probably remember the horrendous wildfire in 2018 where the town of Paradise doesn't exist anymore. All that's left are memories of lost lives and lost homes. In the hearts of all the former residents is the fully justified anger at PG&E for failing to properly maintain their wires and transformers.

As the wildfire was rapidly approaching the Paradise elementary school, Kevin volunteers to take a busload of 5th graders and their teacher Mary Ludwig (America Ferrera) to a safe place well outside the rapidly encircling inferno. What seems to be a possibly difficult, but relatively straightforward task, soon devolves into a race against whirling wind-driven fires that threaten to burn them all to death.

Through all the wild flames, the dry broken trees burning like torches, and all the noise, and fiery crackling chaos, Kevin stays focused. He keeps his head. He ignores his own fear and fights like hell to save the lives of everyone in his charge, all the terrified school children, and brave Mary, their dedicated teacher.

My Thoughts: Despite its reliance on good (though somewhat dizzying) hand held camera work, it's a darn good movie. It is a gripping and heart-stopping tale of heroism. It thrills and inspires us about an actual event. "The Lost Bus" has an especial warning resonance for us folks in Willits, where this kind of wildfire is often a

Parents: You know your own children, but I think the flick is too scary and too real for children

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

Sherwood Firewise Communities



Thursday October 16, 2025 @ 5:30 - 8 pm

Sherwood Firewise General Meeting Brooktrails Community Center

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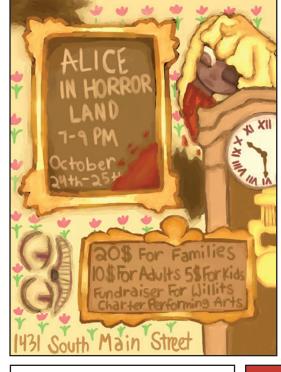
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7:30-8 - SFC Planned Activities for 2026

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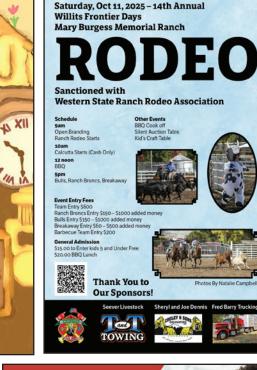
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Pumpkinfest October 17, 18 and 19 in Ukiah

Featuring a Food Court, Beer and Wine Garden, Haunted House, Scarecrow City, Ferris Wheel, Children's Stage & Activities, Baking Contest, 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, and Pet Costume Contest, Saturday, October 18 from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, October 19 from 10 am to 4 pm with the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off held on Friday, October 17 from 4 to 7 pm, all in downtown Ukiah. More info and entry forms: cityofukiah.com/pumpkinfest.



TOWN-WIDE ONGOING **EVENTS**

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.

Lunch to Live Music at Brickhouse Coffee: every Wednesday from noon to 2 pm featuring various artists. Corner of Main and Commercial Streets, Willits.

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

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

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 2:30 to 4:30 pm, 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

Inland Valley Women's Chorus: Every Thursday (except holidays) from 6 to 7:30 pm to sing songs of peace, joy, social justice and healing. No audition or experience required. Carpooling available from Willits. Holy Trinity Church, Mary & Martha Room, 640 South Orchard Avenue, Ukiah. More info: Madge Strong, 707-459-1493.

Shanachie Pub **Ongoing Events**

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street

Saturday Sessions at Shanachie: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, Tommy G will host an open jam at Shanachie Pub. 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.

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Wednesdays, 11 am to 1 pm, in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of

LEGO Club: Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 pm. "Bring your imagination and start building."

Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to noon, come get computer help and your technical questions Spinning and Knitting: Saturdays at the library;

from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome! Spinning, 1 to 2 pm; Knitting, 2 to 4:30 pm. Story and Playtime: Fridays from 11 am to noon,

bring the kids for a story followed by play time in the Children's Area.

Dinner with GOP **Gubernatorial Candidate** Steve Hilton October 17

Meet the former host of Fox News 'The Next Revolution', hear about his vision for California's future and ask questions. Tickets are \$150 and include hors d'oeuvres, a tri-tip steak or chicken dinner plus local beer and wine. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm on October 17 at Barra of Mendocino Winery, 7051 North State Street, Redwood Valley. Tickets and more info: mendocountygop.org.



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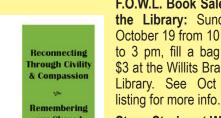


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Parker Pridgen is the new president of Adventist Health's North Coast Network

and enjoys outdoor activities, such as climbing and cycling, as well as family outings on the coast. "I'm thrilled to welcome Parker as the new president of the North Coast Network," said Eric Stevens, chief operating officer. "Parker is a proven leader with the vision and experience to strengthen our network and continue enhancing patient care. We look forward to his fresh perspectives

Kimberly, at Adventist Health Simi Valley. The couple has three children

and his commitment to live out our mission." Reflecting on his initial weeks in the position, Parker expressed his enthusiasm and gratitude: "My wife and I are truly excited to join the North Coast Network family. We feel blessed to be part of an organization that is deeply committed to inspiring health, wholeness, and hope. I've been incredibly impressed by the great work happening throughout our network, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome I've received from both the team and our communities. I'm eager to continue settling in, getting acquainted, and serving our patients alongside the North Coast

Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit, integrated health system serving more than 100 communities on the West Coast and Hawai'i with over 440 sites of care, including 27 acute care facilities. Founded on Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care, and hospice agencies in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of more than 38,000 includes employees, physicians, medical staff, and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. We are committed to staying true to our heritage by providing patient-centered, quality care. Together, we are transforming the healthcare experience with an innovative and whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual, and social healing





Playful Rusty

Rusty is that goofy best friend who always brings the fun. He's the life of the party, the toy hoarder, and the zoomie champion rolled into one freckle-faced package. Friendly with people and pups alike, he's looking for an active family who appreciates a little chaos, a lot of love, and doesn't mind dog hair as an accessory. If you've got energy to spare and toys to share, Rusty's ready to steal your heart (and maybe your squeaky ball).

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.

Layla is a fun-loving, active girl with a heart full of energy and a spirit for adventure! Whether it's long walks, hiking trails, or a good run, Layla is always up for the challenge and ready to be by your side. She absolutely loves people and thrives on making new friends. Layla would be the perfect companion for an active

single person or couple who's looking for a loyal sidekick to share life's adventures.

If you're ready to add a little more fun, love and excitement to your life, Layla is the girl for you! She's cute, cuddly, and can't wait to find her forever home.

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



Quiet Timmy

This is Timmy. Timmy likes to play hide and seek. But once you find him he is all about getting attention. He likes to observe people quietly before meeting them but he is the sweetest cat around.

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



In response to Trump ordering Texas to break all rules and

temporarily redrawing California's Congressional maps.

found Texas redistricting did NOT).*

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Footnote re: Common Cause Analysis:

Fairness Criteria

Prop. 50:

gerrymander its Congressional seats (disenfranchising millions

of Texas voters), California's Prop. 50 will level the playing field,

Provides hope for a balanced Congress that will rein in

Trump's abuses of power and attempts to suppress

• Is fair & proportional; it complies with Fair Redistricting

guidelines, as confirmed by Common Cause (which

Commission to draw boundaries after the 2030 Census.

• It gives power to the voters to affirm or reject the new

It commits to fair redistricting nationwide. The GOP

Don't let Trump pack Congress the way he has packed

California Meets, Texas Fails to Meet Common Cause's Redistricting

It is temporary; CA will revert to the Independent

opponents hypocritically reject independent

the Courts. Vote yes on Prop. 50 on Nov. 4th.

ON NOVEMBER 4

Partial list of local endorsers:

Officials: State Senator Mike McGuire: Assemblyperson Chris Rogers; County Supervisor John Haschak; Individuals: Tam Adams; Jerry Albright; Mary & Tom Allen; Kim Bancroft; Bill Barksdale;

Maria Bates; Patricia Baumann; Kate Black; Bob & Carlie Borba; Mary Burns; Jane Camp; Cynthia N. Carni; Melinda Clarke; Candice Clayton; Brian Corzilius; Sheri

Cronin; Marisela & Larry Desmond; Jed & Carlin Diamond; Nori Dolan; Joe Dowling; David & Ellen Drell; Sherrie Ebyam; Deborah Frank; Fran Gardner; Catherine Glyer; Dr. John Glyer; Robin Goldner; Linda Grace; Karen Gridley; Alan Grossman; Norma Hanson; Helen Hauk; RJ

Jergenson; Greg Kanne; Al & Donna Kerr; Leslie King; Jere Kirkpatrick; Marc Komer; Charlie Lacey; Dr. Monte Lieberfarb; Roz & Rick Lina; Freddie Long; Bonnie & Dave Madrigal; Ann & John Maglinte; Kate Marianchild; Christopher Martin; Dr. Angus Matheson; Suzanne & Dr. Mills Matheson; Linda Matz; Jane McCabe; Alice McCallister; Dennis Miller; Jeannie Morawski; Julie Muzzy; Ginger Myklebost; Olga & Noel O'Neill; Gordon Oslund; Sharon Paltin, M.D.; Krista Pickens; Cindy Renfort; Martin & Saprina Rodriguez; Louis & Sally Rohlicek; Anya Rosen; Christy Kiki Salo; Gail & Ron Savarese; Deb Schwartz; Chuck and Jenny Senter; Omaya Sismore; Diane Smalley; Wally Stahle; Karen Stevenson; Madge Strong; David Swingle; Nina Torres; Anne & Monte Vander Horck; Carolyn Wadman; John & Anita Wagenet; Annie B. Waters; Joyce & Wayne Waters;

Wendy Wilmes Prop. 50: a Temporary Change for an

Barbara Willens; Don Willis; Bernadette Willoughby;

Extraordinary Situation

Dobbe Wattenberg; Mara Welker; Brian Weller;

To volunteer contact mstrong827@outlook.com Vote by Mail Ballots Arrive THIS WEEK: Mail Yours in ASAP!

PAID BY WILLITS COMMITTEE FOR YES ON PROP. 50 (SEC'TY OF STATE FILING #1484222)

LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

Fictitious Business

2025-F0346 The following person or persons are doing business Highway 101, Leggett, CA 95585. Mailing address:

30600 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; Registered owner: Lyndia

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-

/s/ Lyndia Pyeatt Publication Dates 9. 2025

adopted Ordinance No. 2025-03.

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Fictitious Business

Name Statement 2025-F0392

> The following person or persons are doing business as KIP Consulting, 16300 Bluejay Lane, Willits, CA 95490: 707-472-9094 Registered owner: Brianna

Willits, CA 95490. This business is conducted by

fictitious business name listed

Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0419

The following person or persons are doing business as Wags Dog B&B, 1680 Ten Mile Creek Road, Laytonville CA 95454. Mailing address: 44911 Hwy 101, PMB 157 Laytonville, CA 95454 Registered owner: Y over OK Registered owner: Taylor

Joyce Wagner, 1680 Ten Mile Willits CA 95490. Creek Road, Laytonville CA This business is conducted a corporation.

by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the above on 9/25/2025 FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on 9/29/2025 /s/ Taylor Wagner

Publication Dates: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person or persons are doing business as Mattress By Appointment, 1726 South Main Street, Suite G, Willits, CA 95490.

LLC, 1490 Baechtel Road, This business is conducted by

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 25, 2025. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 27, 2025

/s/ Jeff Yokum, President Publication Dates: September 18. 25. October 2. 9. 2025

Do you need

Food Bank 344 Railroad Avenue, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, 11 am to 4:30 pm. New Client Choice model where you select your own items. Bring

Tucker, a medium size

shopping bags, Bring an I.D. Info: (707) 459-

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Every Saturday at

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experience. Love to

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Appointments

Bath. Close to town and Howard Hospital. Newer well-appointed Laminate kitchens. floors throughout and window coverings. \$1800.00/mo. 707-489-

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ad here next week! Deadline is Monday for Thursday's paper

Missing Dog

For Sale

Firewood, Fir. 1/2 cord

delivered \$150.00. Call

Free Food for All

Pop-Up

Network presents food

pop-ups with free food

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11:30 am. 1250 Blosser

Lane, Willits. Info:

Rachelle@mendofood.

org or 707-615-6654

707-354-4394.

Mendocino

male Aussie. Color is white and gray with black and some tan. Went missing 10-04-25 in Brooktrails by Lake Emily. Please call Kim: 510-889-0225.

RV/Trailer Space for Rent

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

Willits!

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For Rent Spacious 2 Bedroom, 2

Classified ads are just \$15 for 30 words for two weeks. Email us your ad today

Trees in Pots for Sale

3-year-old trees in pots. Ready to plant. \$2-\$5 each. Apples, Crabapples, Peaches. Plums, Cornelian Cherries. Ornamentals: Dogwood Pistache. Japanese Cherry, Bradford Pear, Privet, and more! 459-0155

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where I come to your house," said Eaton. She added that Lyndsay Gang, with accompaniment by Cedric Johnson.

Kayla Lyman, of SaltyKay Photography, offered mini photo shoots. "I'm charging \$25 for five images. It's something for the kids. It's hard to have them sit still, so

Carries Fox, of Metals by Nature, makes jewelry with meaning. "I research the stones. I look up the different symbols," said Fox. "I put it all together and come up with

Skip Cochran braved the heat to grill oysters. "The Kumamoto oysters are best for grilling because they have a deeper cup for the juice or whatever you want to put on them," said Cochran. "I put an order on the grill and as soon as it pops open, it has basically steamed from the juice from the ocean, and then I'll put whatever they want on it: mozzarella cheese, hot sauce, some Sriracha sauce,

The music, melodic folk-style originals, were provided by

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The Munchery, located at 1797 South Main Street, offers small bites on Thursday through Saturday, with Trivia Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. A line dancing night, with Mo Mulheren, will be on Friday, October 17, at 7:30 pm. For more info, visit www. themuncherywillits.com or call 707-941-0028.



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Recorder on August 8, 2025.

CITY OF WILLITS

SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September

24, 2025 regular noticed meeting, the City Council

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF WILLITS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN

AMENDMENT TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE

WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE INCLUDING THE

MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 17.06 ENTITLED

USE GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE

ADDITION OF CHAPTERS 17.23 ENTITLED MAIN

STREET MIXED USE (DU) ZONE AND 17.25

The City Council adopted comprehensive zoning

amendments to support compatible infill development

and enhance downtown vitality. The ordinance

creates the City's Main Street Mixed Use (DU) and

General Mixed Use (GU) zoning designations to

allow a broader range of residential and commercial

uses, introduces revised off-street parking standards

to improve flexibility and promote efficient land use,

and establishes formula-based business restrictions

to help maintain the community's distinctive character

and support locally owned businesses. In addition, the

ordinance creates a new "Nanobrewery" use group

to distinguish small-scale brewing operations from

larger industrial breweries and to allow limited on-site

production, tasting, and food service with appropriate

A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2025-

03 is posted and may be read at the City Clerk's

The forgoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular

meeting, held on the 24th day of September, 2025 by

This summary of the adopted Ordinance is published

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None.

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Alaniz, and Allman.

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office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, Ca.

odor control requirements.

the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

EASTSIDE RANCH

Publication Date: October 9, 2025

ENTITLED GENERAL MIXED USE (GU) ZONE.

SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 24, 2025 regular noticed meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2025-04.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLITS. CALIFORNIA. AMENDING THE CITY OF WILLITS ZONING MAP TO APPLY ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY OF WILLITS LAND USE MAP.

The City Council adopted the Zoning Map Update to ensure zoning consistency with the City's General Plan Land Use Designations. Maintaining consistency between zoning and General Plan land use designations is required by State law and is essential to ensure that future development, infrastructure investment, and community planning decisions align with the City's long-term vision and policy framework.

A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2025-04 is posted and may be read at the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, Ca.

The forgoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting, held on the 24th day of September, 2025 by

> Gonzalez, Stransky, Alaniz, and Allman

NOES: None.

This summary of the adopted Ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code Section

Publication Date: October 9, 2025

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the syrups are good in coffee and tea.

I'm quick. I'm very much into the candid style. People in the moment.'

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Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047

Adams, 16300 Bluejay Lane,

The registrant commenced to

above on August 11, 2025. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 10 /s/ Brianna Adams

CITY OF WILLITS

the following vote:

ABSTAIN: Burton

/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

The rest of

the meaning," which she includes on cards with the jewelry.

lemon. Some people just like garlic butter."











At top, left: Willits Mayor Tom Allman auctions off valuable prizes. At top, right: The meal includes roasted chicken, along with several choices of entrees and salads. Above, left: Mark Henriques goes through the buffet line full of tasty fare. Above, right: Three actors from the Willits Community Theatre bring historical Mendocino County characters to life: from left, Aris and Kathy Vellis, and Kevin Moore. At left: Willits Community Theatre Managing Director Amythyst Romero makes a bid for a silent auction item. Below, left: Brent Walker, president of the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum, explains the workings of the organization. Below, right: Jane Camp works on the answers to her team's trivia





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SPARETIME

-GARDEN CENTER-

RENT TODAY FOR

Moving Seasonal Cleanup Camping



From far left: Museum Curator Lindsey Dick pours wine and beer for the attendees. Executive Director of the Museum Karen Mattson attends the fundraiser at Ridgewood Ranch. Holly Madrigal leads a trivia contest with questions pertaining to Mendocino

Uncorked and **Uncharted**

Theatrical performance, trivia contest, auction, and delicious lunch at

Mendocino County Museum fundraiser

Friends of the Mendocino County

Mathew Caine providing benefit to the museum by

taking over the administration of the reception area and the gift shop, both of which bring needed funds into the operation of the institution. They are also involved in helping to raise funds through various events, such as the Uncorked and Uncharted: A Theatrical History Tour of Mendocino County & Spirited Lunch that took place last Sunday at the coach house at Ridgewood Ranch. It was an appropriate place to hold the fundraiser, as much of Mendocino County's history revolves around the ranch, Charles Howard, and Seabiscuit, the legendary racehorse.

The silent auction items were generous and arranged in a tent outside the main building. They included massage sessions, gift certificates from Kemmy's Pies, Scoops Deli, La Siciliana, El Mexicano, Karkar's Deli, Szechuan, Mendo Mill, and others. The live auction had seven valuable items which were to be sold by Willits Mayor Tom Allman, including a Craftsman tree house overnight stay, a Seabiscuit package (including an overnight stay in the new B&B), a beautiful stained glass art piece, an heirloom quilt, a quilting class from Fat Quail, a stay at the Julia Morgan Redwood Grove, and a charter boat trip.

Prior to lunch, Holly Madrigal offered a trivia contest, breaking the tables down to groups of four, to go over 16 questions about the history of Mendocino County. The questions included "The white deer at Ridgewood Ranch were a gift to Charles Howard from what famous business magnate?" The answer was William Randolph Hearst. "How are boats launched from the

Everybody needs friends. The pier in Point Arena?" A hoist. "This whimsically named ship sank off the Mendocino coast in 1850." The Frolic (as anyone who has toured the museums back rooms would

After lunch, three members of the Willits Community Theatre gave a verbally acted tour of the history of much of Mendocino County. Aris and Kathy Vellis, along with Kevin Moore, recited their many roles, in many hats, in a presentation that was both entertaining and

Brent Walker has been the

chairman of the Friends of the Museum for several years and his hard work has made the Friends into a viable partner with the museum. "This is our big inaugural fundraising event," explained Walker. "We're pretty excited about it. We have room for 100 and most of the seats are filled. I'm looking forward to the bidding on our exciting auction items. The museum is doing very well. The Friends are doing very well. We're really into the swing of things now with our greeting-reception area and the gift shop sales. We're planning on putting in some special

Karen Mattson, the Museum administrator, is very satisfied with the work that the Friends of the Museum has been doing and looks forward to a continuing partnership. "The Friends are, specifically, in charge of the admissions desk and the gift shop," said Mattson. "Because they stood up and took that on, we're able to continue to do all of the work that we need to do at the museum. They bring in money and they are completely managing the volunteers for the front desk. It helps us to keep our doors open.

Read the rest of Gala

Over on page 11







UHAUL

STORE HOURS



The rain showers that moved through the Little Lake Valley on the last two days of September brought the 2024-2025 rain year total to an average of 67.17", 3.35" more than the previous rain year. Totals for the week averaged 1.45", nearly half an inch greater than the prediction. The new rain year started on October 1, and will run through September 30, 2026.

- Tim Hanna, Willits Weekly Rain Box

WW RAIN BOX

Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)										
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	weekly	01Oct24 -	
location	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 01	Oct 02	Oct 03	Oct 04	Oct 05	total	30Sep25	
Northbrook Way	0.72	0.53	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.65	83.66	
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.75	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.81	77.14	
Valley Rd	0.40	0.44	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.11	57.47	
Canyon Rd	0.41	0.54	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	53.38	
Pine Mountain	0.46	0.55	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.36	55.73	
South Main @ East Oak	0.60	0.55	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.55	75.62	
average	0.56	0.52	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.45	67.17	

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

October update from WUSD Superintendent Baker

By WUSD Superintendent John A. Baker

As we near the end of the first trimester, it is hard to believe how quickly this school year is moving. The second trimester will begin on November 12, 2025, and I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we are making together as a district.

First and foremost, I am deeply appreciative of our teachers, who are working tirelessly to provide the very best instruction for our students. Their passion for teaching is evident in the way they collaborate with colleagues, design innovative lessons, and focus on closing achievement gaps. This dedication ensures that every to focus on our students and to equip our teachers with the student in Willits Unified has the opportunity to succeed.

I am also encouraged by the strength of our athletic programs. Sports play an essential role in student development, building teamwork, school spirit, and resilience. It is wonderful to see our students excelling both inside and outside the classroom.

At the district level, we continue to use data to guide our decisions and support our educators. The STAR Renaissance assessments provide valuable information that helps us tailor professional development opportunities for teachers. In addition, the California Dashboard will soon be released, offering another important set of data to help us align our strategies and ensure we are meeting the needs of all students.

The mission of the Willits Unified School District remains clear: instructional tools and resources they need to prepare the next generation. Together, we are building a future where every student has the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive.

At right: WUSD Superintendent John A. Baker, MS. Ed.



Ballot drop off locations in Mendocino County Submitted by Katrina Bartolomie, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

All active registered voters in Mendocino County are to receive a ballot in the mail. For our voters' convenience, our traditional polling locations will be open on Election Day, November 4, 2025, from 7 am to 8 pm. A list of all "Polling Locations" and all "Ballot Drop Box Locations" are included with your ballot and are on our website: www. mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections/ election-candidate-information.

If you return your voted ballot in one of our Official Ballot Drop Off locations, only Elections officials touch your ballot. Ballots are retrieved from the drop boxes twice daily, counted, logged and stored in a secure place within each location. The Elections Office picks up ballots frequently and brings them to the Ukiah Election Office for processing. We have been using Ballot Drop Boxes for a few years with great success.

In Willits, the drop box is outside Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street, with drive-up drop off available 24/7.

Drop boxes are also available at the Mendocino County Administration Building, 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah; at the City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Avenue; at the City of Fort Bragg, near front door, 416 North Franklin Street; at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds Office, 14400 Highway 128, Boonville; at the City of Point Arena, 431 School Street; and at the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, 3000 Shanel Road,

The rest of Ballots

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(7) days, if you have not received your ballot by Thursday, October 16, please call our office at (707) 234-6819 for a replacement ballot. If you have moved since the last election, please re-register at https://registertovote.ca.gov/. The Local Voter Information booklets can be found inside the envelope your ballot arrives in, it can also be viewed on our website at: https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/ elections/election-candidate-information Voters in Mendocino County have begun receiving their State Voter Information Guides (VIG); this has information about the proposition on your ballot. If you would like to view the VIG online, please visit: https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/ Dates to remember: October 20, 2025 – the last day to Register to Vote; October 28, 2025 – the last day to request a ballot be mailed; and November 4, 2025 is Election Day, your ballot must be postmarked by this date. For additional information or questions, please call the Election / County Clerk's Office at 707 234-6819.

The rest of Gala

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They are doing an amazing job. They've been getting a lot of new volunteers. People have really been stepping up so that the shifts are shorter. It's not a six-hour shift anymore. It's two or four hours. Everybody's kind of jumping in.

"The gift shop is producing more and more," said Mattson. "Stephen Proctor is our gift shop manager. He has been guiding the gift shop around the Redwood Highway theme. He has banana slug key chains, Gateway to the Redwoods items

"I think this partnership is getting off even better than I imagined it would. It's been a ton of work for everyone but I'm really happy with the way that it has expanded our team and how positively it has impacted our museum. Since they're connected, they've been able to see things we need. They purchased our electricity in the courtyard. They paid for hands-on interactives for our students, so, when kids come, they have more things to play with. We have some really great puppets at the Woven World exhibit. We even have some Lincoln Logs. We have an interactive place to play within the permanent exhibits,"

Lindsey Dick is the curator at the museum. "Our upcoming exhibit is 'Another Year: Calendars Throughout the Years," explained Dick. "We have a great collection of calendars from Dusty Whitney, who had a bunch of advertising calendars from all over Mendocino County. So, we'll have a calendar from Boonville, Willits, Fort Bragg, and all that, and there are some from 1908. It will be really fun. It will be opening November 12." Currently, the print exhibit is up, showcasing some of the prints made at the recent Roots of Motive Power Steam Fest, utilizing the Buffalo Springfield steam roller as the press.

Admission to the museum is now by donation. It is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, noon to 4 pm. The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street. Visit www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/museum or call 707-234-6365 for more info.

The rest of Forum

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the University of California Cooperative Extension for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, was on the ground after this year's fires in Los Angeles, and brings the results of her keen observations to the rest of us.

Annie Barbour, of United Policyholders, will share the lessons she's learned both as a policy expert and fire survivor. Attendees will come away with a deeper understanding of how they can get the most out of their insurance when they need it That's the forum part.

After the discussion, the fair features free pizza, hundreds of dollars in prizes, information booths, and fun activities for all ages.

This free event is sponsored by the six Willits-area Fire Safe Councils, the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, and WELL. The Red Cross, FEMA CERT, CAL FIRE, Little Lake Fire, Nuestra Alianza, the Mendocino Prescribed Burn Association, and many others will be on hand to share information about how to prepare for emergencies and where to get help when disaster strikes.

Poet Devreaux Baker reads at Willits Community Theatre, October 11

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

Award-winning poet Devreaux Baker brings her powerful and engaging voice to the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, October 11 at 7 pm. The first Poet Laureate of Mendocino County, Baker has published five books of poetry over several decades, while also receiving numerous national and international poetry awards.

Award for her book of poetry, "Red Willow People," and most recently she was awarded the Barbara Mandigo Kelly International Peace Poetry Prize from the Nuclear Age Foundation, for the second time the Willie Morris Award for Southern Poetry, and the Steve Kowit Poetry Prize.

Originally from Texas, Baker visited and will follow the featured performance.

fell in love with Mendocino County where today she remains a resident, active in bringing poetry to young people and as county Poet Laureate, she helped publish an anthology of Mendocino County Women Poets, "Spirit of Place," Volume II to follow the Mendocino Women Poets Anthology: "Wood, Water, Air and Fire."

Baker's poetry often focuses on the beauty and wonder of the natural world She has received a PEN Oakland and on how communities connect through the written word. She also writes of shared human suffering in a way that anyone in the throes of a personal struggle may never feel alone.

> The Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane, in Willits. Admission is by donation. An open reading

Blue-eyed Shiro



Shiro likes to play with toys and is very smart. He is a moderately high-drive dog, like most herding breeds and likes activity on his terms. He likes his walks but his insecurities keep him from being a dog-park dog. He bonds heavily with a particular person and sometimes a particular dog - he is IN LOVE with the dog, Snow Kitty, at the Milo Sanctuary, and would follow him anywhere Shiro is wary of strangers but is very loyal to his people, and for this reason he can be protective. He needs a

very predictable, low-stimulation home to be successful. Training and building Shiro's confidence would be key to have Shiro flourish. Despite his high drive, Shiro is a mellow dog, happy to sleep all day when you're busy, as long as you end the day with a game of fetch. Shiro is very intelligent and treat motivated.

To learn more about Shiro, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation. org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet

adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a petadoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.

Soulful Josie

Josie is a lovable pup with a heart as big as her smile! She is sweet, soulful, and ready for a loving home. Her adoption fee is fully sponsored = FREE adoption! Thanks to B.A.S Roofing.

Josie has been patiently waiting for her person and she will melt your heart. She's got the magic - puppydog eyes, a gentle spirit, joy for life, and a tail that never

stops wagging. Josie has the happiest spirit – she adores people, loves lounging in cozy spots, chasing tennis balls – and she is a joy to be around. Josie currently lives in a foster home, so call or email us to set up a time to meet her!

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

Big Baby



At a fabulous 7 years young, Baby is a big girl with an even bigger heart. She's been loved her whole life, but after seven years, her family couldn't keep her, so now she's looking for a fresh start - and maybe a few less treats. Baby is what we like to call deluxe-sized (okay, she's severely overweight), so she'll need a caring human who can help her on her glow-up journey with a weight management diet. Don't worry - she's got plenty of motivation: more playtime, more lap space, and more years to love YOU! This social butterfly absolutely adores

people and will soak up every bit of your attention. She insists on being the star of the show, so she'll need to be your one and only cat - trust us, she has enough love (and

If you're looking for a snuggly companion with a big personality and a big presence, Baby is ready to steal your heart (and maybe a spot on your couch). Come meet her – you'll see that this girl is worth her weight in gold!

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.



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