

Mail Ballots for November 4 sent out

Submitted by Katrina Bartolomie, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

October 3 – All active registered voters in Mendocino County will 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.

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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.



Photos by Maureen Jennison



Above, from left: The entrance to the station guides passengers to the ticket booth before boarding the train. The trees at the Crowley stop are tall and beautiful. Passengers get back on the train, ready to return to Willits, but the big skeleton has to stay behind, despite also apparently hearing the "All Aboard!" call. Maggie smiles with one of the littlest skeletons on one of the many pumpkin piles. Below, left: The skeletons of some of the camp cabins still remain at the Crowley stop. Below, right: While on board the train, passengers can enjoy snacks, including popcorn. At bottom, from left: ElyJah Karlsson-Champion holds a can of Mr. Skunk's Skunky IPA, which is made especially for the train. Yisel Barrientos takes tickets at the booth. Arriving at Crowley, the festive fall scene appears into view.



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

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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

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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

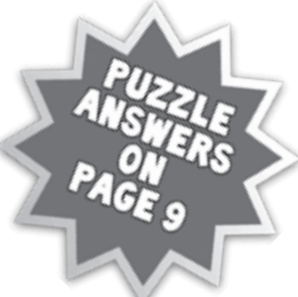
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Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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Level: Advanced



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!

FALL IS HERE

WORD SEARCH



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APPLE	CORNUCOPIA	LEAVES	SCARECROW
AUTUMN	CRISP	MAPLE	SEPTEMBER
BONFIRE	FESTIVAL	MAZE	SPICE
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CLUES ACROSS

- Comedic actor Rogen
- Bits per inch
- Tire pressure measurement
- Angels great Mike
- Own (Scottish)
- Notable FI racing team
- Upper bract of grass
- Tax collector
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Informal loan clubs
- Skeletal muscle
- Popular fish type
- Salts of acetic acid
- Arriving early
- Worded
- Single Lens Reflex
- Amphibians
- Warm greeting
- Belonging to a thing
- Segmented worm
- Concerns
- Audacious
- Wings
- Type of drug
- Wind chill formula

- scientist Charles
- Island close to the U.S.
- 'To the ___ degree' (abbr.)
- Daniel ___, French composer
- A way to march
- Where golfers begin
- Spiritual leader
- Of she
- Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- Engine additive
- Amounts of time
- Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- Tactile sensations
- One who hands over
- Thieves of the sea
- Put in
- Nocturnal rodents
- Pouches
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Greek alphabet letter
- Greek goddess of youth
- Satisfy

- Partly digested food
- Dictator
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- A major division of geological time
- Angry
- St. Francis of ___
- Romanian monetary unit
- Stale
- Go quickly
- Commercials
- Canadian city
- One who slices
- Perform perfectly
- Nest of pheasants
- Tactile sensations
- Sword
- Climactic
- Adrenocorticotrophin
- Fisherman's tool
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- A French abbot
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

September 22 to September 28

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **80 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 22

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

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 a warning.

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

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 Lavy (21) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear.

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

7:44 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:02 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

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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 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 going."

How all of the options and conflicting opinions will come together as an ordinance remains to be seen. Allman said that this is the last informal meeting before the city council will finally see a proposed mobile vending ordinance, tentatively at the October 22 city council meeting.

Allman concluded the meeting as he 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.

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.



Mabon Market

The Munchery hosts vendor event celebrating the fall equinox, with live music, food and fun

Mabon is both a pagan and Wiccan holiday, marking the autumn equinox and is a celebration of the second harvest and the balance between day and night before

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the days shorten. While the exact name "Mabon" is a 20th-century neo-pagan term, the holiday's themes of gratitude and harvest are found in many ancient pagan traditions.

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.

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 families.

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

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

September 27

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

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

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.



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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: Brienne McBride, daughter of Misty Sutton of George's Geodes and Gems, shows one of her hand-crocheted sweaters.



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 pumpkin spice latte from The Munchery.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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

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

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 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.mendocinoshelter.com. Call 707-463-4427 for more information.

Lively Layla

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.mendocinohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

WW559
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2025-F0346
The following person or persons are doing business as Bell Glen Resort, 70400 Highway 101, Leggett, CA 95585. Mailing address: 30600 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; 707-972-7724.
Registered owner: Lyndia Pyeatt, 30600 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA 95437;
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 8, 2025.
/s/ Lyndia Pyeatt
Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2025

WW557
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 Adams, 16300 Bluejay Lane, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 11, 2025.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 10, 2025.
/s/ Brianna Adams
Publication Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2025

LEGAL NOTICES

WW563
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: Taylor Joyce Wagner, 1680 Ten Mile Creek Road, Laytonville CA 95454.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed 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

WW558
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2025-F0376
The following person or persons are doing business as Mattress By Appointment, 1726 South Main Street, Suite G, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owner: Y over OK LLC, 1490 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a corporation.
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

WW565
**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 adopted Ordinance No. 2025-03.

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 ENTITLED GENERAL MIXED USE (GU) ZONE.

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 odor control requirements.

AYES: Gonzalez, Stransky, Alaniz, and Allman.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: Burton

A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2025-03 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 the following vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Stransky, Alaniz, and Allman.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: Burton

This summary of the adopted Ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code Section 36933.

/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

Publication Date: October 9, 2025

WW566
**CITY OF WILLITS
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 the following vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Stransky, Alaniz, and Allman.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: Burton

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/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

Publication Date: October 9, 2025

where I come to your house," said Eaton. She added that the syrups are good in coffee and tea.

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

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

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, lemon. Some people just like garlic butter."

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

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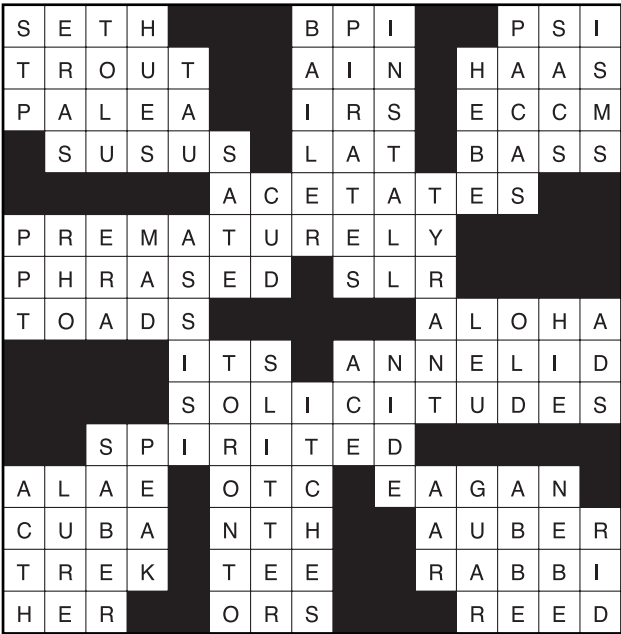
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Lyndsay Gang, with accompaniment by Cedric Johnson.

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.



Ken Loack makes these stunning wooden pens out of local oak burl.
Photo by Mathew Caine





Uncorked and Uncharted

Theatrical performance, trivia contest, auction, and delicious lunch at Mendocino County Museum fundraiser



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 questions.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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 County history.

Everybody needs friends. The Friends of the Mendocino County Museum are 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

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 know).

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 educational.

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 stock for Christmas season."

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.

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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)									rainfall
location	Mon Sep 29	Tue Sep 30	Wed Oct 01	Thur Oct 02	Fri Oct 03	Sat Oct 04	Sun Oct 05	weekly total	01Oct24 - 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 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: to focus on our students and to equip our teachers with the 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,

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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.

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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," Mattson said.

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.

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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 the most.

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.



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 pet-adoption 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 – puppy-dog 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 fluff) to fill the whole house.

If you're looking for a snugly 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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