

Willits Grocery Outlet has grand reopening

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Willits Mayor and Karen McKinney of the Willits Grocery Outlet both held the scissors to cut the ribbon at the store's grand reopening starting at 8 am on August 12.

"We're just proud to be back, we're glad for the community support," said Karen McKinney to start off the event Wednesday morning. "I want to thank everybody, my staff, the city – my husband, of course, for his support!" Karen McKinney said to start off the event Wednesday morning.

Dave McKinney added some special thank yous. "First of all, the contractors," he said, "and the owner of this building has been 100% behind us. The guy wrote a check for a lot of money to get you guys and groceries back in the store, it took a lot.

"We're grateful to Grocery Outlet our partners," Dave McKinney continued, "who were there for us 100%. They really did care about getting the store back open for you guys to shop. We know groceries are expensive!"

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Man sentenced to 11 years for drugging, raping hospital co-worker

Posted by Mendocino County District Attorney

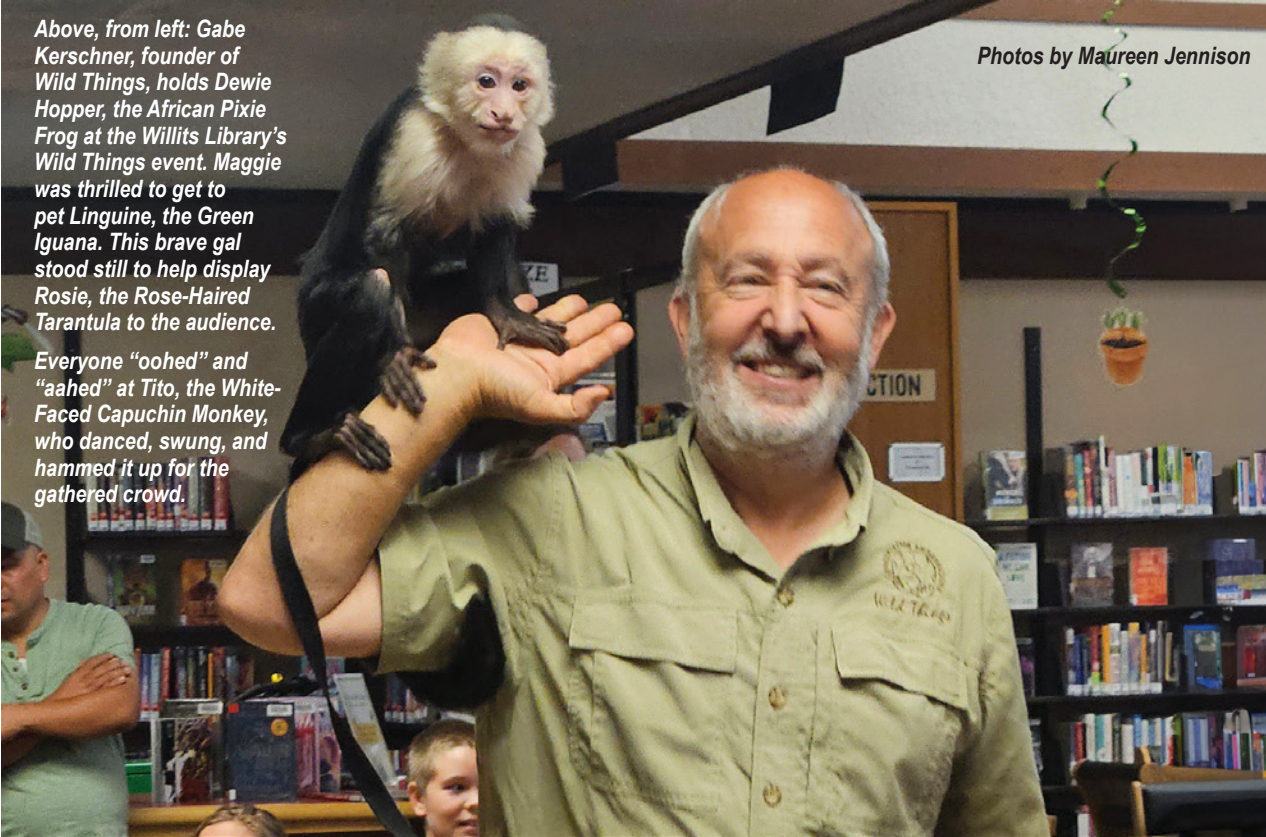
Convicted rapist Matthew Ryan Mayo, age 46, formerly of Crawford Ranch Road in Hopland and Sonoma County, was sentenced in the Mendocino County Superior Court Wednesday afternoon, August 12, to 11 years in state prison, the maximum sentence allowed by law for the three crimes Mayo perpetrated in 2020.

Mayo was convicted by jury in May earlier this year of the rape of an incapacitated woman, a felony; drugging another to perpetrate one or more felonies, a felony; and distributing a photograph of an intimate part of another without consent, a misdemeanor.

At the time of his crimes in 2020, defendant Mayo was a state-licensed respiratory therapist working at Howard Memorial in Willits. He invited a co-worker to his home after work to watch a movie.

During her visit Mayo offered his guest a Heineken, which she accepted without knowing that he had mixed the drug

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Above, from left: Gabe Kerschner, founder of Wild Things, holds Dewie Hopper, the African Pixie Frog at the Willits Library's Wild Things event. Maggie was thrilled to get to pet Linguine, the Green Iguana. This brave gal stood still to help display Rosie, the Rose-Haired Tarantula to the audience. Everyone "oohed" and "aahed" at Tito, the White-Faced Capuchin Monkey, who danced, swung, and hammed it up for the gathered crowd.

Photos by Maureen Jennison

Wild Things Conservation Ambassadors' Wild Things brings exotic animals to Mendocino County libraries for annual event

It was a packed house at the Willits Library earlier this August for the annual Wild Things event which gave kids and families a chance to meet – and learn – about wild animals up-close and personal.

Willits was one of five library stops, also including Round Valley, Point Arena, Fort Bragg, and Ukiah, for Gabe Kerschner, founder of Wild Things, and his van of six animals.

Conservation Ambassadors' Wild Things, a non-profit organization based in Colfax, provides a home for 60 to 70 species of displaced wildlife. Each year they share some of these animals through their wildlife education presentations, which are generally done within a three-hour driving radius of their center, and are enjoyed by

countless children and communities each year.

Kerschner brought out each animal one at a time, and talked through each one's story, a little about its species, and of course, how to help, stay safe, support, and live alongside these wild friends, being "helpful stewards to our wild neighbors."

This year's animal line-up included: Tito, the White-Faced Capuchin Monkey (a male born in 2012 whose favorite activity is bouncing, and who loves to eat Goldfish crackers. He was a pet in Nevada, but his owners moved and could not take him); Linguine, the Green Iguana; Archimedes (aka Nova), the Great Horned Owl (a female born in 2009 whose

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Above, from left: Precious, the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, gave attendees a visual, and auditory, experience. Carl Crely smiles with his kids Olivia and Landon and Linguine, the Green Iguana, at the petting station, set up after the presentation. Gabe Kerschner holds Archimedes, the Great Horned Owl, who surveyed the room with her amazing yellow eyes. Below: Archimedes also showcased her silent wing flapping, as Kerschner brought her close to the audience to see if they could hear her stealthy moves.



2 candidates for 2 seats on WCC

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There are now two candidates who've filed for the two open seats on the Willits City Council as of the extended August 12 deadline.

Willits teacher Robin Leler filed by the August 7 deadline, and retired finance director Sherrie Ebyam of Willits filed during the extended deadline period. Deadlines to file to run are extended for five days if incumbents don't file, and there are fewer candidates filed than empty seats in the race.

There had been discussion about the city saving money if the two candidates for these two open seats could be appointed. In 2022, incumbents Larry Stranske and Greta Kanne were appointed, as they were the only two candidates to file.

But looking at the state law that allows appointments in non-competitive races, City Clerk Delores Pedersen and counsel for the City of Willits Attorney James Lance saw that the law required appointments like that to be made 83 days before any election, with a legal notice announcement published five days before that. So, it's already too late for the City of Willits

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Missing Willits man found deceased

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The Willits Police Department issued a Missing Person notice Monday for Jose "Johnny" Mandujano, 40, of Willits, but confirmed Tuesday, August 18, that Mandujano had been found deceased.

More details will be released by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

In the Missing Persons notice, WPD said Mandujano was last in touch with his family on Saturday, August 15, and "indicated to family members that he would attend the Reggae on the River concert in [Piercy] but would return home following the event."

On Sunday, August 16 at 3 pm, family found his cell phone location at McCaffrey's Tow in Laytonville, "where it was later determined that his vehicle, a silver 2007 Toyota Yaris, was involved in a traffic collision near the area of Empire Rest Area (Laytonville), but he was not present with the vehicle when it was towed."

In the update, Willits Police Department offered its "condolences to Mr. Mandujano's family, friends, and all in our community impacted by his loss."

A letter from ...

The Director of Willits Elementary Charter School Winnie Billiel

Dear WECS Families: Welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited about returning to school. Our first day of school was Wednesday, August 19, 2026, with a Community Gathering at 8:30 am, including parents and guardians, and a short ceremony to start the new year.

School hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We will have a staggered leave time with kindergarten ending at 3:15 pm, first and second grades at 3:20 pm, and third through fifth grades at 3:30 pm. Parents/Guardians are welcome to pick up their students at the gate or courtyard area. If you plan on going to your child's classroom, please check in at the office first.

WECS will continue serving healthy brunches and lunches for free to all students while remaining a low-sugar school. If you send snacks with your child, please ensure that there is little to no sugar in them. In addition, this low-sugar policy is for birthdays as well – please send in treats such as fruit or popcorn.

We have some exciting staff changes: Ms. Bakewell will be our 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Nikki will be our 4th grade teacher, and Ms. M(urphey) will be our 5th grade teacher. Ms. Susan will be joining us as our Independent Study teacher. I will be taking over as the director of WECS, and I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

Early Dismissal Tuesdays: Pick-up time for students will be at 2 pm on Tuesdays. This will allow teachers time to plan, hold meetings, and work together more effectively. There will still be after school until 5:45 pm as usual.

Fingerprinting for Volunteers: All volunteers must be fingerprinted to work with students. If you got your fingerprints done already for our school, you do not need to get them done again. Please see Daisy in the office to be sure you are on our list, or if you have any questions about fingerprinting.

Back-to-School Checklist and Reminders

Shoes: Please send your child to school with shoes they can run in and comfortable clothes, e.g. no flip flops. open-toed shoes,



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Crocs, etc.

Safety: Keep the west side of Lenore Street clear as a drop-off zone, nearest the school. If your child arrives between 7:45 am and 8:15 am, please direct them to the before-school program in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Supplies: Please send your child to school with a backpack and water bottle with their name on both items. All school supplies will be provided by WECS. We welcome donations such as: Lined loose leaf paper, Elmer's glue sticks, dry erase markers, and tissues. Please see the classroom Amazon Wish Lists for specific donation requests.

Absences: Please call the office by 9 am if your child will be absent. Regular attendance at school is the most important factor for ensuring learning success. If you have trouble getting to school, please let Daisy or me know, and we will work to solve the problem. Our funding depends on students attending school.

Electronic devices/ cell phones/ smartwatches: Students may not use personal electronic devices (cell phones, iPads, iPods, smartwatches, etc.) on campus. If you urgently need to contact your child, the office staff is available and willing to get a message to your student. If for some reason it is essential that your child have a cell phone or other device, please contact your child's teacher or the school office to make special arrangements. It will need to be turned off and stay in your child's backpack at all times.

After School Program: If you think your student might participate in the After School Program, please fill out the enrollment sheet, which will be sent home at the beginning of school. Our Before and After School programs are available free of charge to all WECS students. We would like to continue to offer the ability for students to drop in to the After School Program to support families if you find you need childcare unexpectedly. Drop-ins must be called in by noon on the day of the drop-in, and students dropping in must already have paperwork on file.

Community Gatherings: Parents/Guardians are invited to attend our Community Gatherings each Friday morning at 8:30 am where classes share projects and news, and we celebrate as a community.

I look forward to working with all of you this year!

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A letter from ...

The Site Director of Willits Charter School M.E. Miles

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I'm M.E. Miles, the Site Director at Willits Charter School. I am returning to the community after six years away, and I am more excited to be back than ever! I have enjoyed meeting families this summer and am looking forward to getting to know everyone this year. I was always proud to be part of the Sasquatch Community, but while I was gone, the campus has experienced quite the glow-up! In case you haven't visited the school in a while either, here are some of the amazing opportunities you can find:

The campus is home to the Sports Performance Arts Complex, which houses sports and theater arts programs, as well serves community events such as Sober Grad Night.

Willits Charter School offers dual enrollment courses, which allow our students to earn high school and college credits simultaneously. This is an incredible opportunity to get a jump start on a potential college path for free.

WCS is not only offering high school students the option to take online driver's education classes, but also pays for the driving portion of them.

Sports opportunities are growing thanks to our Athletic Director, Coach Slater. Currently we are offering volleyball, basketball, softball and soccer in the middle school. High school sports teams are developing and currently include swimming and track.

The farm-to-table program brings together community members, students, and staff to utilize local farms, the gorgeous Sensory Garden designed by Ms. Windy on Campus, and our Culinary Class taught by Ms. Katie, to create incredible meals for our students!

WCS arts' faculty is composed of talented educators and artists: Billy Hetherington, Dell'Arte alumnus (Drama Program); Pearl Marill, choreographer with an MFA (Dance Program); and Caroline Hambricht, professional muralist and Arts Center instructor (Fine Arts Program).

We are excited to welcome Jimmy Yuen to WCS this year as a mathematics teacher. This year is sure to be full of amazing memories, learning with joy, and continuing to build upon the incredible community that WCS has always been. We cannot wait to see our students return on August 24, and if you aren't already a Sasquatch, you are always welcome to schedule a tour of the campus, we'd be happy to see you!

A letter from ...

The Executive Director of La Vida Charter School Ann Kelly

Dear Willits Community:

It is with great pleasure to announce that La Vida Charter is celebrating its 25th anniversary of serving Mendocino County with an alternative educational program of Independent Study combined with two-day optional onsite programs for Elementary and High School students that are inspired by Rudolf Steiner's educational philosophy.



Ann Kelly, Executive Director, La Vida Charter School

on hand to view during the wire workshops that he and his wife, Lynn, will be presenting to students. This is the third year of the La Vida Guest Artist Intensives funded in part by the Arts and Music Grant.

The amazing Leyna Lightman continues to coordinate and curate, and this year plans to bring Saskia Wilson-Brown an olfactory artist who founded the Institute of Art and Olfaction in Los

A letter from ...

The Educational Programs Director of Willits Charter School Erin Vaccaro

Dear Willits Community:

Welcome back! The 2026-2027 school year marks our 28th year of operation, and we thank you for your continued support.

Willits Charter School is a free, public charter school serving students in grades six through 12. We offer a safe, supportive environment with a robust and comprehensive educational program that includes small class sizes and dedicated faculty committed to each student's success.

Our graduation requirements are fully aligned with admissions requirements for the California State University and University of California systems. College and career planning begins in middle school and continues through 12th grade. Through our Early College Program, high school students enroll in Mendocino College courses offered on campus during the regular school day, earning both high school and college credit. Areas of focus include health care, sustainable agriculture, sustainable construction, general education requirements, and college and career exploration.

Our Career Technical Education program includes pathways in culinary arts, performing arts (acting, dance, and music), radio and film broadcasting, technical theater, and entrepreneurship in the arts. Financial literacy instruction and hands-on experiences are woven throughout our CTE pathways. Every high school student completes a required internship, giving them workplace experience and professional exposure before graduation. If you are a local business interested in hosting an intern, please contact us at 707-459-5506.

We invite you to visit our website at www.willitscharter.org or call 707-459-5506 to schedule a tour. Here's to a great year ahead.



Angeles and has a mission of democratizing the art of scent and perfumery. Then in the spring, back by popular demand, will be Soliou M'Boop, a Senegalese percussionist specializing on the Djembe drums and whose curriculum is used in the Los Angeles schools. Last year he and his father, Bara, led a workshop from animal to drum, creating a goat skin djembe that he donated to the Golden Rule and La Vida to share.

Over the summer, the school was fortunately able to purchase a suite of new laptops for testing and technology classes, thanks to another grant. These replace 10-year-old laptops that move so slowly and cannot be updated to current operating systems. The boom came just in time.

La Vida welcomes two new teachers, Brian Adams the 4, 5, 6 teacher, and Monique Riedel, the High School anchor teacher who join Jeanne Metcalf Budrow, Jr. High, and Michelle Halsey, High School. The challenge of the year is not having a Primary Grades teacher in place. To meet the challenge the school is contracting with Imagine Learning who will provide a teacher and independent study course program until a new La Vida teacher can be hired.

Finally, to celebrate the 25th year during the auspicious 250th year of the nation's birthday, elementary students will stage a musical performance on American Symbols. High School students will engage in the story of Seabiscuit who was a legendary hero to those of the era.

I'm looking forward to serving again, and providing another great learning year in 2026/27.

2026/2027 Schedule:

for annual fall school photos:

Sherwood School: 9/1

Laytonville School District 9/2 & 9/3

River Oak Charter School: 9/3 & 9/10

Shanel Valley Academy: 9/11

Willits Elementary Charter School: 9/16 & 9/17

Willits Charter School: 9/23

Deep Valley Christian School: 9/24

Lavida Charter: 10/6 & 10/7

Imagination Station Preschool: 10/8

First Steps Daycare: 10/15

Sites have forms and info

Can't wait for another great year!

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Questions: Call: 707-972-7047 or Email: maureengetsmail@gmail.com



Mendocino College fall art classes in Willits and around the county

Posted by Mendocino College

Ready to create, explore, and learn something new this fall? Mendocino College offers a variety of arts classes across our Ukiah Campus, Coast Center, Lake Center, and North County Center.

In Willits, students can enroll in Beginning or Intermediate Painting (ART 228A-D) courses that build skills in painting techniques, color theory, composition, and creative expression, with options for artists at different experience levels. This course, led by instructor Pauline Halper, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:20 pm at the Willits Museum Classroom.

This is just one example of the arts opportunities available at Mendo College. Explore the full Fall 2026 class schedule at www.mendocino.edu/ schedule and find the class that's right for you. Fall semester started Monday, August 17, 2026. But you can add full-semester classes during the first week of classes with instructor approval. Or check out late-start classes at Mendocino College here: https://www.mendocino.edu/late-start

Headed off to Kindergarten

Imagination Station Preschool celebrates students moving out of preschool and into their K-12 educational journey with a group photo of almost 20 students smiling together. Congrats, kiddos, excited to see what's next for you all!

Fall hands-on Construction classes begin at Mendo College

The first day of the Fall 2026 semester was August 19; spots may still be available in:

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- SCT 166: Construction Management

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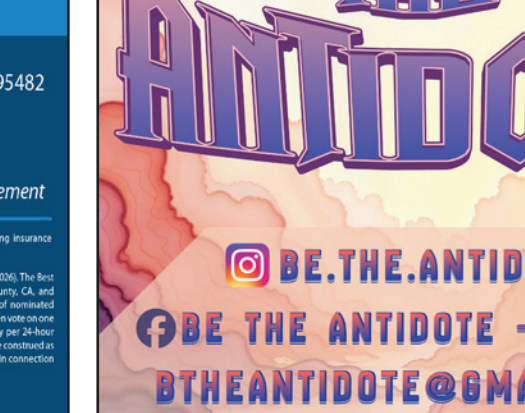
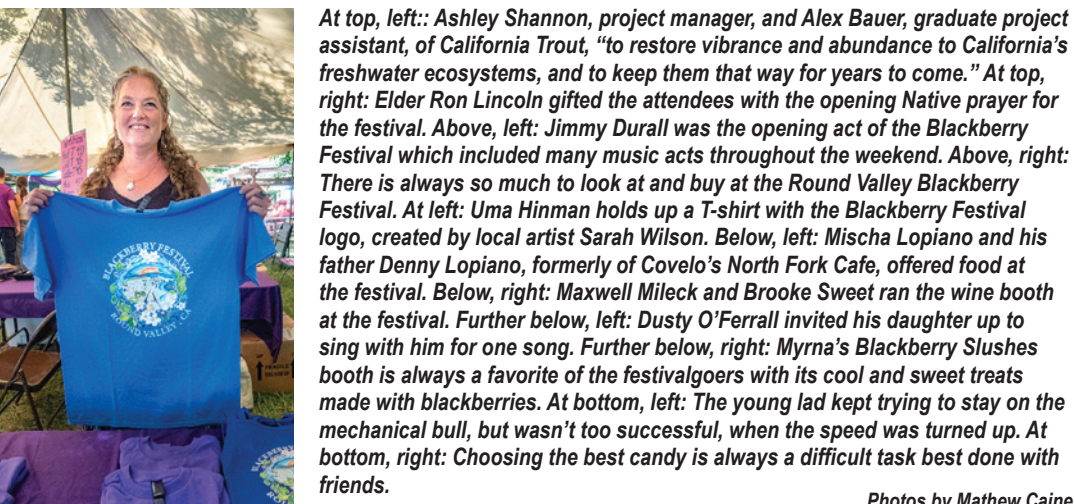
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Blackberry Festival

Round Valley celebrates community, music, and Native culture, as well as the tasty fruit

"We blow the whistle to wake up the spiritual being within your body. I'll blow the whistle in the four directions," intoned Ron Lincoln, tribal elder during the opening ceremony for the Round Valley Blackberry Festival on Saturday.

"My three languages that run through my system here in Round Valley is a mixture of many tribes that were forced, driven here in around the 1850s. So, we have multiples. I just let it run through my body. Thank you for coming today. It's very unique, the Blackberry Festival. It's an honor for me to do the blessing, share some wisdom words, and to bless the grounds and bless the community."

"We need to be united regarding who we are and what we are and how we are," Lincoln continued. "We need to be united because right now the earth is trying to heal itself, from what the humans are doing to it worldwide, not just here." With these words and some prayer and song, the 43rd annual Blackberry Festival was open for the first of its two days.

Covelo is a magic place, isolated, alone amongst the towns of Mendocino County. It is in the Round Valley, where, many years ago, the Natives were forced to relocate. Being an amalgam of multiple tribes, the cultures have, in many cases, become mixed but retain many of the ancient traditions and philosophies. With the addition of other cultures, the Blackberry Festival evinces the mixture with its booths featuring cultural arts as well as information about stewardship of the land.

"The bottom line is she is trying to heal herself," continued Lincoln. "As we do prayer in our traditional ways, we always do counterclockwise because Mother Earth spins counterclockwise and also goes around the sun counterclockwise. Indigenous people knew that for generations, thousands and thousands of years ago. And we have lost a lot of that knowledge. Also, too, that we are part of the environment here. We're all water babies. Seventy percent of our bodies are water. Scientific proof shows that water can heal you. All that tells me that we are spiritual beings having a human experience."

After the opening prayers, the music began in the kiosk, centrally located in the concentric two shaded circles of booths that make up this compact festival. First up was Jimmy Durali, with his country rhythms, followed by Dusty O'Ferrall, who sang traditional cowboy songs. Paz Paz, a trio, sang Mexican ballads. Several bands and individuals played up until closing, after which attendees were invited to try line dancing at 6:30. That Saturday evening, at the rodeo grounds, there was bull riding. On Sunday, after the opening ceremony, the attendees were treated to the Round Valley Feather Dancers and more Mendocino County music acts. A car show happened on Sunday as well.

Among the many food vendors, one of the perennial favorites is Myrna's Blackberry Slushes, with their cool and refreshing drinks and blackberry-smothered ice cream. Indian tacos of several varieties were offered at Turtle Island Tacos, including traditional bean and meat varieties, as well as creative specialties such as Caprese Indian tacos and Tasha's unique pickle lemonade. Delgados Tacos, situated next to Turtle Island, outside the main festival grounds, brought their own versions of traditional foods.

Also, outside the main grounds, a blow-up bull riding challenge delighted the kids, none of whom could stay on the beast for more than a couple minutes.

Informational booths offered educational opportunities to learn about various organizations trying to restore and steward the land. "The First 5 is an organization that supports families with children under 5, from pregnancy through the first five years. There are gaps in the resources, and we try to make sure the kids get what they need," said Alex Rounds, of First 5 Mendocino. Cynthia and Reyna Coupé, of the Mendocino Safe Space Project, who offer to work, Cynthia says, with organizations to give "allied trainings for businesses, individuals, organizations on how to be allies with the LGBTQIA2S+ [Lesbian,

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Bus 11 Brookside			
Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM	PM	Tuesday	
8:10am	2:30pm	1:10pm	
6:35 Leave Bus Yard	2:25 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside	1:05 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside	
6:42 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:35 Catholic Church***	1:25 Catholic Church***	
6:45 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:42 Blosser Lane	1:31 Blosser Lane	
6:46 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	2:46 BGMS	1:34 BGMS	
6:48 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	2:53 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	1:41 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	
6:51 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Perch	2:56 Hollands S	1:44 Hollands S	
6:55 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:59 Walker Rd	1:48 Walker Rd	
6:56 Intersection of Robin & Primrose ***	3:03 Top of Sandy	1:52 Top of Sandy	
6:58 Golf Course	3:04 Howard Hospital	1:53 Howard Hospital	
7:05 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	3:05 Sanhedrin dr	1:54 Sanhedrin dr	
7:08 Alameda & Central***	3:07 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	1:56 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	
7:11 Baechtli Grove	3:10 Lois Ln	1:59 Lois Ln	
7:14 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor way & Elm Lane)	3:13 Mitomkai Way	2:02 Mitomkai Way	
7:16 Walker Rd	3:15 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:05 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:20 Top of Sandy	3:20 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	2:10 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	
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7:08 Hollands Lane S***	3:17 Lois Ln	1:58 Lois Ln	
7:10 Walker Rd	3:18 Intersection of Easthill & Eastside***	2:00 Intersection of Easthill & Eastside***	
7:12 Berry Hill Court	3:19 Mitomkai Way	2:01 Mitomkai Way	
7:14 Top of Sandy	3:20 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:02 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:17 Howard Hospital	3:25 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	2:07 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	
7:20 Sanhedrin dr	3:27 Alameda & Central ***	2:09 Alameda & Central ***	
7:23 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	3:37 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:19 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	
7:24 Lois Ln	3:38 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:21 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	
7:27 Intersection of Easthill & Eastside***	3:39 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Hawk Dr***	2:22 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Hawk Dr***	
7:30 Mitomkai Way	3:40 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	2:23 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	
7:35 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	3:41 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	2:24 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	
7:39 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	3:42 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	2:25 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	
7:40 Alameda & Central***	3:47 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	2:30 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	
7:43 Brookside	3:50 Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr	2:33 Intersection of Perch & Poppy Dr	
7:45 Catholic Church***	3:54 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:37 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	
7:50 Blosser Lane	3:55 Intersection of Robin & Primrose ***	2:38 Intersection of Robin & Primrose ***	
8:00 Bus Barn	3:57 Golf Course	2:40 Golf Course	
	4:05 Bus Barn	2:50 Bus Barn	

Bus 9 BGMS			
Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM	PM	Tuesday	
8:15am	2:45pm	1:15 pm	
6:45 Leave Bus Yard	2:30 Leave Bus Yard To BGMS	1:05 Leave Bus Yard To BGMS	
6:50 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:45 BGMS	1:25 BGMS	
6:52 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:55 Elm Lane(Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	1:35 Elm Lane(Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	
6:53 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	3:00 Walker Road	1:40 Walker Road	
6:55 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	3:02 Holland's Lane N	1:43 Holland's Lane N	
6:56 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	3:05 Top Sandy	1:44 Top Sandy	
6:57 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	3:07 Howard Hospital	1:45 Howard Hospital	
7:00 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:09 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	1:45 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	
7:01 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	3:11 Lois Ln	1:46 Lois Ln	
7:03 Golf Course	3:15 Mitomkai Way	1:50 Mitomkai Way	
7:08 Brookside	3:18 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	1:53 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:10 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor way & Elm Lane)	3:23 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	2:00 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley	
7:11 Hollands Lane S***	3:28 Brookside	2:05 Brookside	
7:13 Walker Rd	3:35 WHS	2:10 WHS	
7:15 Berry Hill Court	3:45 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:20 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	
7:17 Top of Sandy	3:47 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:22 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	
7:20 Howard Hospital	3:48 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	2:23 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	
7:23 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	3:50 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	2:25 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	
7:26 Lois Ln	3:51 Intersection of Bear & Poppy Dr	2:28 Intersection of Bear & Poppy Dr	
7:40 Mitomkai Way	3:52 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	2:29 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	
7:42 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	4:00 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	2:35 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	
7:47 Agape Church Lenore & E. Valley***	4:01 Golf Course	2:36 Golf Course	
8:00 WHS	4:05 Bus Barn	2:40 Bus Barn	
8:10 BGMS			
8:15 Bus Barn			

Bus 11 Willits High School			
Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM	PM	Tuesday	
8:00am	3:05pm	1:55pm	
6:38 Leave Bus Yard	2:25 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside (Imagination Station Student only)	1:10 Leave Bus Yard To Brookside (Imagination Station Student only)	
6:44 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:35 Imagination Station	1:20 Imagination Station Student only	
6:45 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:45 Arrive at WHS	1:30 Arrive at WHS	
6:47 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Mallord***	3:05 WHS	2:00 WHS	
6:49 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr***	3:14 BGMS	2:08 BGMS	
6:50 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	3:20 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	2:10 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor Way & Elm Lane)	
6:53 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	3:23 Holland's Lane North	2:13 Holland's Lane North	
6:55 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:24 Holland's Lane South	2:14 Holland's Lane South	
6:56 Intersection of Robin & Primrose***	3:27 Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	2:17 Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	
6:58 Golf Course	3:30 Top of Sandy	2:20 Top of Sandy	
7:09 Brookside	3:34 Sanhedrin Dr	2:24 Sanhedrin Dr	
7:12 Elm Lane (Intersection of Manor way & Elm Lane)	3:36 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	2:26 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	
7:13 Hollands Lane North	3:37 Lois Ln	2:27 Lois Ln	
7:14 Hollands Lane South	3:41 Mitomkai Way	2:31 Mitomkai Way	
7:16 Parkside Trailer Park (Walker Rd)	3:43 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:35 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	
7:18 Top of Sandy	4:01 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	2:53 Intersection of Daphne Way & Madrone Dr	
7:20 Sanhedrin Dr	4:03 Intersection of Daphne Way & Lupine	2:55 Intersection of Daphne Way & Lupine	
7:23 Intersection of East Hill Rd & Center Valley	4:05 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	2:57 Intersection of Daphne Way & Poppy Dr	
7:25 Lois Ln	4:07 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	2:59 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr	
7:29 Mitomkai Way	4:08 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	3:00 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Coyote	
7:33 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	4:10 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	3:02 Intersection of Poppy Dr & Bear	
7:45 BGMS	4:12 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	3:05 Intersection of Goose Rd & Primrose	
7:53 WHS	4:15 Golf Course	3:10 Golf Course	
	4:30 Bus Barn	3:15 Bus Barn	

Bus 4 Sherwood School and North Route			
Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for bus arrive.			
AM	PM	Tuesday	
8:30am	2:30pm	1:30pm	
7:05 Leave Bus Yard	2:00 Leave Bus Yard	1:00 Leave Bus Yard	
7:20 Little Lake Mobile 24800 N Main St	2:30 Sherwood School	1:30 Sherwood School	
7:21 Sunny Slope Trailer Park	2:48 Third Gate	1:48 Third Gate	
7:30 BGMS	2:52 Golf Course	1:52 Golf Course	
7:36 Blosser Lane	3:05 Blosser	2:05 Blosser	
7:42 Brookside	3:12 BGMS	2:12 BGMS	
7:50 WHS	3:20 WHS	2:20 WHS	
8:05 Golf Course	3:22 Little Lake Mobile 24800 N Main St	2:22 Little Lake Mobile 24800 N Main St	
8:25 Third Gate	3:23 Sunny Slope Trailer Park	2:23 Sunny Slope Trailer Park	
8:30 Sherwood School	3:55 Bus Barn	2:55 Bus Barn	

CLASSIFIEDS

Brown Bag Lunch Program

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

Do you need food?

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

Estate Sale

Estate Sale: August 22 & 23. Furniture, vintage items, collectibles, cameras, household goods, sewing/quilting items and more. 25541 Archer Lane, Willits. Saturday & Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm.

Find Greater Happiness in Your Relationships

We warmly welcome anyone interested in an open spiritual discussion on Tuesday, September 1, 11 am to 12 noon, at the Willits Library, 330 E. Commercial Street. Questions? Call Joy (707) 367-3777. Sponsored by Eckankar in California and Nevada.

For Rent

Quiet rural cabin for rent near hospital. Small space best for 1 occupant with no pets, near another home. \$1000/month includes electric, water, septic. Available September 1. Spring: (707) 513-0938.

For Sale

For Sale: EU2000 Honda Generator, 49ers Leather Coat XL; Many assorted collectables; Lots of Fly Fishing Equipment; New Exercise Bike. Jon (458) 232-8098

Help Wanted

Hiring for Housing Program Coordinator in Willits. PT hybrid. Email wsagmencocino@gmail.com.

Homemades & Alterations by Teresa

Alterations & seamstress work available locally. Reasonable prices and prompt service. Contact: (707) 472-8787.

Indoor Yard Sale

Giant Indoor Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler). Saturday, August 22 - 8 am to 4 pm.

Room for Rent

For rent master bedroom and bath. Private entrance, no shared space, includes refrigerator, utilities, internet, AC. 1 person 50 or older \$800 month; rental referral required. 805 259-9155.

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.oakrivine.net/tp

Dancing Misty

Misty is a sweet 2-year-old girl weighing about 60 pounds, and she has the cutest little dance of pure joy when she's excited. She's very friendly and happily prances up to meet everyone she sees. Misty enjoys going for walks and she's great on leash. Misty already knows some basic commands and is eager to learn more. She's happy, playful, and loves her stuffy toys, but she also has a mellow side and is calm and relaxed inside the house.

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



Fluffy Shaddie

Meet Shaddie - or Shad for short. This handsome fluffy boy, 10+ pounds and about 4 years old, likes to do everything in his own uniquely quirky way. Sometimes he decides it's his turn to "pet" you instead of the other way around! For Shad,

playtime is an all-day affair, so keeping your home happily littered with toys is an absolute must. If you are looking for a cat who is a little bit different and a whole lot of fun, Shad is the perfect fit. Shad's adoption fee is only \$50.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to visit us, no appointments needed on Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm. Thursdays by appointment only: Please call 707-485-0123 or email info@hsmic.org for an appointment. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Fill out a foster or adoption application on our website: www.mendocinohumane.org. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

WHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 18	Anderson Valley	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
August 21	St Bernards Varsity Jamboree	St Bernard	1:30 PM
August 22	St Bernards JV Jamboree	St Bernard	9:00 AM
August 25	Mendocino	Mendocino	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
August 27	Cloverdale	Cloverdale	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
September 1	Potter Valley	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
September 2	Rio Lindo JV Tournament	Rio Lindo	3:45 PM
September 3	Rio Lindo V Tournament	Rio Lindo	4:15 PM
September 8	South Fork	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
September 10	Healdsburg	Healdsburg	JV 5:30 / V 6:30 PM
September 12	Arcata V Tournament	Arcata	V 8:30 AM
September 15	St Helena	St Helena	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
September 22	Upper Lake	Upper Lake	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
September 24	Clear Lake	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
September 29	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 1	Kelseyville	Kelseyville	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 6	Ft. Bragg	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 8	Upper Lake	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 13	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 15	Lower Lake	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 20	Kelseyville	Willits	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 22	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	JV 5:00 / V 6:00 PM
October 27/28	Division Playoffs	TBD	TBD

WHS GIRLS SOCCER			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 17	Lower Lake <i>Upper Lake Tournament</i>	Willits	5:00 PM
August 19	Credo <i>Upper Lake Tournament</i>	Credo	4:30 PM
August 25	Tomales <i>Upper Lake Tournament</i>	Tomales	4:30 PM
August 27 - 29	Upper Lake Tournament	Upper Lake	TBD
September 1	Mendocino	Willits	5:00 PM
September 10	Middletown	Willits	6:45 PM
September 12	South Fork	South Fork	1:00 PM
September 15	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	6:15 PM
September 17	Clear Lake	Willits	5:00 PM
September 22	Kelseyville	Kelseyville	6:15 PM
September 24	Upper Lake	Willits	5:00 PM
September 29	Ft. Bragg	Willits	6:45 PM
October 1	Cloverdale	Cloverdale	4:00 PM
October 6	Middletown	Middletown	4:30 PM
October 8	Lower Lake	Willits	5:00 PM
October 13	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	6:15 PM
October 17	Kelseyville	Willits	1:00 PM
October 20	Upper Lake	Upper Lake	6:15 PM
October 22	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	5:00 PM
October 27	Cloverdale	Willits	6:45 PM
November 4	Division Playoffs	TBD	TBD

WHS BOYS SOCCER			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 17	Lower Lake <i>Upper Lake Tournament</i>	Willits	6:30 PM
August 19	Credo <i>Upper Lake Tournament</i>	Credo	6:00 PM
August 21	Mendocino	Willits	5:00 PM
August 27 - 29	Upper Lake Tournament	Upper Lake	TBD
September 10	Middletown	Willits	5:00 PM
September 12	South Fork	South Fork	3:00 PM
September 15	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	4:30 PM
September 17	Clear Lake	Willits	6:45 PM
September 22	Kelseyville	Kelseyville	4:30 PM
September 24	Upper Lake	Willits	6:45 PM
September 29	Ft. Bragg	Willits	5:00 PM
October 1	Cloverdale	Cloverdale	5:30 PM
October 6	Middletown	Middletown	6:15 PM
October 8	Lower Lake	Willits	6:45 PM
October 13	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	4:30 PM
October 15	Kelseyville	Willits	5:00 PM
October 20	Upper Lake	Upper Lake	4:30 PM
October 22	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	6:45 PM
October 27	Cloverdale	Willits	5:00 PM
November 4	Division Playoffs	TBD	TBD

WHS FOOTBALL			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 4	Piner	Willits	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
September 11	Middletown	Middletown	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
September 18	St. Helena	Willits	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
September 25	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
October 2	Cloverdale	Willits	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
October 9 *	Upper Lake	Willits	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
October 16	Ft. Bragg	Ft. Bragg	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
October 23	Stuart Hall	Willits	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
October 30	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
November 6	Kelseyville	Willits	JV-5:00 V-7:00 PM
November 13/14	Division Playoffs	TBD	TBD
* Homecoming			

REF Auction Results

Youth exhibitors earn a collective \$1,402,369.65 at 2026 FFA and 4-H auction

It was another record-breaking year for the total raised at the annual Redwood Empire Fair and Junior Livestock Auction, held Saturday, August 8 at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. It was there that some 337 local youth exhibitors showed their animals and sold them to local businesses and organizations at the auction to support the FFA, 4-H, and Independent participants. The top lots were given Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion titles, and additional special recognition was given to other exhibitors. Here is a list of those top animals, and then the full list of Willits, Laytonville and Covelo exhibitors, in order of show:

Grand, Reserve and Special Award recipients (all clubs):

Samantha Espinoza of the Anderson Valley FFA sold her 277-pound Grand Champion FFA Market Hog for \$23 per pound to Redwood Coast Fuels. **Maren Neumiller** of the Potter Valley FFA sold her 94-pound Grand Champion FFA Market Goat for \$40 per pound to Mendocino Roofing Inc. **Ryan Welter** of the Fort Bragg FFA sold his 1,350-pound Grand Champion FFA Market Steer for \$20 per pound to Redwood Coast Fuels. **Hanna Seever** of the Ukiah FFA sold her 145-pound Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb for \$70 per pound to Thurston Auto Plaza. **Garrett Weaver** of the Ukiah FFA sold his Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen for \$4,000 to Rescue Solutions. **Landyn Martin Lundgren** of the Willits 4-H sold his Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen for \$2,500 to Paul Riley Drywall. **Eden Hurn** of the Redwood Valley-Calpella 4-H sold her Grand Champion Market Turkey for \$2,700 to Aaction Rents.

Jace Nunnemaker of the Willits 4-H sold his 275-pound Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$20 per pound to Rescue Solutions. **Eva Pinon** of the Willits 4-H sold her 84-pound Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Goat for \$45 per pound to Vulcan Materials. **Kaycee Silva** of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her 1,350-pound Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer for \$15 per pound to Gualala Supermarket. **Bridget Aiello** of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her 145-pound Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb for \$15 per pound to Les Schwab Tire Center – Ukiah. **Dean Anderson** of the Fort Bragg 4-H sold his Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen for \$1,750 to Les Schwab Tire Center – Willits.

Chase Vagt of the Ukiah Shamrock 4-H sold his Reserve Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen for \$2,750 to Johnson’s Custom Landscaping. **Sterling Scott** of the Willits 4-H sold her Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey for \$1,100 to The Munchery. **Aaron Gonzalez** of the Ukiah FFA sold his 263-pound FFA Reserve Champion FFA Market Hog for \$10.50 per pound to Chevalier Vineyard Management, Inc. **Joaquin Gonzalez** of the Potter Valley 4-H sold his 280-pound 4-H Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$11.50 to Gregg Simpson Trucking and Construction. **Danielle Estrada** of the Willits FFA sold her 78-pound FFA Reserve Champion FFA Market Goat for \$20 to Mendocino Forest Products.

Ayden Luna of the Fort Bragg 4-H sold his 80-pound 4-H Reserve Champion 4-H Market Goat for \$27 per pound to Pacific Gas and Electric. **Aubrey Fansler** of the Ukiah FFA sold her 1,338-pound FFA Reserve Champion FFA Market Steer for \$11 per pound to McCarty’s Auto Body. **Whitney Fansler** of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her 1,322-pound 4-H Reserve Champion 4-H Market Steer for \$10 per pound to Donahoo, Inc. **Katelyn Burbeck** of the Fort Bragg FFA sold her 145-pound FFA Reserve Champion FFA Market Lamb for \$29 per pound to Matt and Joye Robbins. **Natalie Aiello** of the Potter Valley 4-H sold her 145-pound 4-H Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb for \$16 per pound to Savings Bank of Mendocino County. **Juan Franco** of the Anderson Valley FFA sold his FFA Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen for \$750 to Theresa Gowan. **Austin Weaver** of the Ukiah Shamrock 4-H sold his 4-H Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen for \$1,100 to Les Schwab Tire Center – Ukiah. **Tyson Woodall** of the Ukiah FFA sold his 280-pound Purebred Champion FFA Market Hog for \$13 per pound to Thurston Auto Plaza.

Hannah Carbaugh of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 280-pound Duroc Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$11.50 per pound to MBC Construction. **Grady Fonsen** of the Willits 4-H sold his 270-pound Berkshire Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$28 per pound to Donahoo, Inc. **Rheagan O’Ferrall** of the Willits 4-H sold her 253-pound AOB Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$18 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes. **Judah Allen** of the Ukiah FFA sold his 275-pound Purebred Reserve Champion FFA Market Hog for \$12 per pound to Peterson Tractor – Ukiah. **Wyatt La Rue** of the Redwood Valley-Calpella 4-H sold his 263-pound Duroc Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$12 per pound to Langdon Day Farms. **Dreleena Warden** of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 240-pound Berkshire Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$19 per pound to Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Store. **Daya Maguire** of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 265-pound AOB Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog for \$12 per pound to Wylatti Resource Management, Inc.

WHS GIRLS SOCCER			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 26	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Brooktrails	11:00 AM
September 2	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Little River	11:00 AM
September 9	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Adams Spring	11:00 AM
September 16	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Buckingham	11:00 AM
September 23	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Healdsburg	11:00 AM
September 30	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Hidden Valley	11:00 AM
October 7	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Ukiah	11:00 AM
October 14	Lower Lake & Upper Lake	Windsor	11:00 AM
October 26	NCS D2 Qualifier	TBD	8:00 AM
November 9	Nor-Cal Championship	TBD	8:00 AM

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 2	Scrimmage	Ft. Bragg	4:00 PM
September 9	NCL 1	Cloverdale	3:30 PM
September 12	Viking Opener	Spring Lake	8:30 AM
September 16	NCL 1	Upper Lake	3:30 PM
September 26	Mendocino College Invitational	Mendocino College	TBD
September 30	NCL 1	St. Helena	3:30 PM
October 7	NCL 1	Middletown	3:30 PM
October 17	Yoshaany Rahm Invitational	Ukiah	TBD
October 21	NCL 1	Clear Lake	3:30 PM
October 28	NCL 1	Lower Lake	3:30 PM
November 5	CMC Championships	Spring Lake	JV BOYS RACE @ 1:30 PM VAR GIRLS RACE @ 2:15 PM VAR BOYS RACE @ 3:00 PM
November 11	Mendo Mile	Mendocino College	TBD

The rest of Auction

North County exhibitor-specific results

Eliana Martinez of the Covelo FFA sold her 241-pound FFA Market Hog for \$13 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Flint Davidson** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 74-pound 4-H Market Goat for \$20 per pound to Round Valley Indian Tribes. **Kord Campbell** of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 1,171-pound 4-H Market Steer for \$11 per pound to Acme Rigging & Supply Co. **Macy Lawrence** of the Willits 4-H sold her 121-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$17 per pound to North Fork Lumber Company.

Sophie Chavez of the Willits FFA sold her 122-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$17 per pound to the Saving Banks of Mendocino County. **Richard Bolton** of the Willits 4-H sold his 111-pound 4-H Market Goat for \$18 to Savings Bank of Mendocino County. **Kaydance Lopez** of the Willits FFA sold her 127-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$16 per pound to Aaction Rents. **Ember Whitcomb** of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 1,259-pound 4-H Market Steer for \$8 per pound to B & B Industrial. **Madison Lawrence** of the Willits FFA sold her 259-pound FFA Market Hog for \$15 per pound to North Fork Lumber Company.

Davin Swensen of the Willits FFA sold his 260-pound FFA Market Hog for \$10 per pound to Telecom Services Company. **Rodrigo Escareno** of the Covelo FFA sold his 145-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$18 to Safeway – Willits. **Zoeey Maguire** of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 239-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$15.50 per pound to Long Valley Health Center. **Maycee DeFranco** of the Willits 4-H sold her 107-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$17 per pound to Mendo Mill – Ukiah.

Simone Oxendine of the Covelo FFA sold her 241-pound FFA Market Hog for \$15 to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Aliciana Davila** of the Willits FFA sold her 1,193-pound FFA Market Steer for \$10 per pound to Round Valley Indian Health Center. **April Villegas** of the Willits FFA sold her 125-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$9 per pound to Les Schwab Tire Center – Willits. **Madeline Peters** of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 246-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$22.50 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Store. **Orion Novoa** of the Willits FFA sold his 255-pound FFA Market Hog for \$10 per pound to Earljlm James. **Tessa Simpson** of the Willits FFA sold her 1,254-pound FFA Market Steer for \$8 per pound to Intercounty Mechanical & Electrical, Inc.

Cailin Kelsay of the Willits FFA sold her 135-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$15 per pound to Steve Short. **Wade Hosford** of the Willits 4-H sold his 137-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$20 per pound to Hydro Pacific Garden Supply. **Emma Hulsey** of the Willits FFA sold her 260-pound FFA Market Hog for \$10.50 per pound to Mendocino County Deputy Sheriff’s Association. **Abram Carrillo** of the Covelo FFA sold his 145-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$14 per pound to Keith’s IGA. **Malia Niesen** of the Willits 4-H sold her 262-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$29 per pound to LACO Associates. **Arya Allenbrand** of the Willits 4-H sold her 265-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$14 per pound to Northern Aggregates, Inc. **Poppy Gunn** of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 269-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$12 per pound to Gravier’s Laytonville Chevron. **Charles Leek** of the Willits 4-H sold his 270-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$10 per pound to Wylatti Resource Management, Inc.

Waylon Williamson of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,350-pound FFA Market Steer for \$7.50 per pound to Graviers Laytonville Chevron. **Kelsey Escobedo** of the Willits 4-H sold her 145-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$25 per pound to Intercounty Mechanical & Electrical, Inc. **Emma DeFranco** of the Willits FFA sold her 271-pound FFA Market Hog for \$14 per pound to Sparetime Supply. **Aybrie Whitehurst** of the Willits 4-H sold her 273-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$16 per pound to Garman Family Land Company. **Adrian Davila** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 279-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$17 per pound to Round Valley Indian Tribes. **Emmett Zuffinetti** of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 229-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$14 per pound to Wylatti Resource Management, Inc.

Gemma Derby of the Covelo FFA sold her 240-pound FFA Market Hog for \$18 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Health Center. **Gabriel Bowes** of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,171-pound FFA Market Steer for \$9 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority. **Charlie Pinon** of the Willits 4-H sold her 117-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$17.50 per pound to Sparetime Supply. **Chase Hoaglen** of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 243-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$17.50 to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Store. **Daniel Hosford** of the Willits 4-H sold his 77-pound 4-H Market Goat for \$32 per pound to 101 Trailer & RV Supply. **Baylee Baker** of the Willits 4-H sold her 256-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$15 per pound to the Snodgrass family. **Skylar Whipple** of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 260-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$18 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes. **Courtney Grooms** of the Willits FFA sold her 263-pound FFA Market Hog for \$16 per pound to Kreations Auto Body – Willits.

Angelina Leyva of the Willits FFA sold her 121-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$10 per pound to Mendocino Animal Hospital. **Jacob Swearinger** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 266-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$17 per pound to the

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Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Jase Reno** of the Willits 4-H sold his 266-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$15 per pound to Willits Redwood Company. **Riley O’Ferrall** of the Round Valley 4-H sold their 127-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$16 to Keith’s IGA. **Roy O’Ferrall** of the Covelo FFA sold his 135-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$17 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Tyler Knight** of the Long Valley 4-H sold his Rabbit Meat Pen for \$700 to Les Schwab Tire Center – Willits.

Wyatt Klee of the Willits FFA sold his 283-pound FFA Market Hog for \$16 per pound to Geo Aggregates. **Selene Hinman** of the Covelo FFA sold her 145-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$14 per pound to Keith’s IGA. **Wyatt Escobedo** of the Willits 4-H sold his Poultry Meat Pen for \$2,600 to Intercounty Mechanical & Electrical, Inc. **Justin Rountree** of the Willits 4-H sold his Market Turkey for \$1,150 to DNA Hardwoods LLC. **Caden Kelsay** of the Willits FFA sold his 230-pound FFA Market Hog for \$8 per pound to Wyatt Nichols. **Theo Card** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 233-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$20 to the Round Valley Indian Tribes. **Johanna Whitcomb** of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 1,253-pound 4-H Market Steer for \$6 per pound to Northern Aggregates, Inc. **Malayna Lavenduskey** of the Willits FFA sold her 120-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$10 per pound to Gravier’s Laytonville Chevron.

Isabella Arkelian of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 126-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$17 per pound to Wylatti Resource Management, Inc. **Caeleb Hanover** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 257-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$19 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes. **Arabella Mondo** of the Willits FFA sold her 260-pound FFA Market Hog for \$8 per pound to Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty. **Anakin Mota** of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 264-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$17 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Marcos Davila** of the Willits FFA sold her 1,272-pound FFA Market Steer for \$7 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Store. **Joseph Arkelian** of the Willits 4-H sold his 1,278-pound 4-H Market Steer for \$6 per pound to Shell Lane. **James Hoyle** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 131-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$16 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Wesley Freeman** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 266-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$17 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Convenience Store. **Cole Simpson** of the Willits FFA sold his 267-pound FFA Market Hog for \$9 per pound to Peterson Tractor – Ukiah.

Cameron Lindsey of the Willits FFA sold his 269-pound FFA Market Hog for \$8 per pound to Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty. **Trenton O’Ferrall** of the Willits 4-H sold his 271-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$18.50 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Wiley Williamson** of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,320-pound FFA Market Steer for \$8 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Bayleigh Maughs** of the Willits FFA sold her 145-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$12 per pound to K+D Timber Works. **Logan Carrillo** of the Covelo FFA sold his 145-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$12 per pound to Keith’s IGA. **Gunner Britton** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 276-pound 4-H Market Hog for \$20 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Health Center. **Chayce Britton** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 1,348-pound 4-H Market Steer for \$7 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes-Senior Center. **Colt Quiroga** of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 145-pound 4-H Market Lamb for \$15 per pound to the Round Valley Indian Tribes. **Payton McCoy** of the Covelo FFA sold his 145-pound FFA Market Lamb for \$17 per pound to Wylatti Resource Management, Inc.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

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

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

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

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

Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom
• A University for Soul
• Spiritual Living Courses
• Spiritual Discussions
• ECK Light & Sound Services
More information?
Call 530-224-8703
www.eckankar.org

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

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

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

St. John Lutheran Church
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
(707) 459-2988
24 Mill Creek Drive
Facebook.com/stjohnswillits
ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Willits United Methodist Church
Labyrinth and Peace Garden
A place to find comfort where all are welcome
Pastor Jaime Rogers-Fairchild
Sunday Worship at 10:30 am
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Thursday, August 20
Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Summer Market outdoors at City Park on Commercial Street, Thursday, August 20, from 3 to 5:30 pm, for the freshest produce available, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot and cold food from local businesses, along with crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. The market honors EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits to double your dollars.



August 21 at 8:45 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, August 22
Donnie & Friends at the Pub: Our local Mississippi Saxophone player Donnie, who honed his talents sitting in with Black Masters of the blues in Oakland, San Francisco and Berkeley, is joined by local friends and fellow musicians playing an improvisational variety of Blues, Rock, Funk and more. Saturday, August 22 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



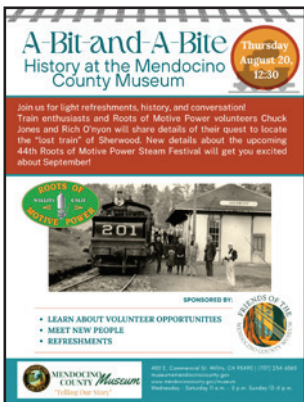
Friday, August 21
Vendor Fair: This month's Vendor Fair, Friday, August 21, at Adri's Salon and Carstar Kreations, 1615 A and 1619 South Main Street. 2:30 to 6: 30 pm. Shop local, support community! With beaded items, resin art, dresses, crocheted items, and much more.

The Munchery's 3rd Anniversary Party: Presented by Lupine Driver, Friday, August 21, starts at 6 pm at the Munchery, 1797 South Main Street. Food and drinks. Free entry. All ages.

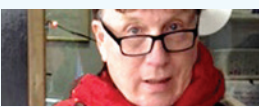
Dallas Burrows at Shanachie: A singer-songwriter from New Braunfels, Texas who thrives on the road and the experiences it brings, capturing moments from life and travels, and the stories along the way. Friday,

Democrat of the Year Dinner, August 22

3rd District Supervisor John Haschak is honored at the annual Democratic Party of Mendocino County dinner, Saturday, August 22 at the Redwood Valley Grange, 8650 East Road. \$75 ticket includes full dinner and dessert by Chef Denny. 5:39 to 9:30 pm. Tickets (almost sold out) at https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mcdcdoty2026



COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES
‘PAW Patrol: The Dino Movie’
The Story: Full-length (foolishly lengthy) feature cartoon. The PAW Patrol are out at sea when a huge storm tosses them onto an unknown island where dinosaurs live. At the same time, Mayor Humdinger, the wee doggies' arch enemy, has landed on Dinosaur Island in search of giant diamonds – oh my!
Many near disasters happen, and then even more even bigger disasters keep all the doggies rescuing each other. Also, also our plucky canine heroes rescue some friendly dinosaurs, big ones and little ones. Hurrah for our brave doggies!
My Thoughts: There are a few obnoxious pussycats, but they get swept away in the nonstop maelstrom of cartoon Nature Gone Berserk! I believe your kids of pretty much all ages will enjoy the movie despite the abrupt disappearance of the pussycats. Poor nasty kitties gone bye-bye!
Parents: PAW Patrol kids will be well-entertained. Braveness is celebrated, as well as stick-to-it-iveness. So the moral growth of your children will not be impeded by the endless racket of all the poor threatened doggies on the brink!
Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.



Dan Essman
Columnist

EBT and WIC cards and matches benefits to double your dollars.

Friday, August 28
Funkasaurus at the Pub: Horn-driven, rhythmic, and warm, Funkasaurus moves easily from smoky soul-jazz grooves to full-throttle funk, delivering a live sound that is danceable, colorful, and super groovy. Friday, August 28 at 8 pm. \$10 cover. 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, August 29
Mariposa Market 47th Anniversary: Celebrating 47 years on Saturday, August 29, from 10 am to 4 pm at Mariposa Market, 500 South Main Street. Vendors, Demos, Samples, Sales, Raffles, Music and more.

Laytonville Crawfish Bowl at the Rodeo Grounds: the 101 Community Fund presents the return of the Crawfish Boil, Saturday, August 29, 12 noon to 10:30 pm, at the Laytonville Rodeo Grounds. Enjoy crawfish, locally sourced food, regional beer and wine, and outstanding live entertainment, including Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes, The Desert Nudes, Funkasaurus, Silky Puma, While We're Young, Alex Saxon, and Son of Po. Tickets \$45 at https://events.humanitix.com/laytonville-crawfish-boil

Frankie & the Lost Souls at the Pub: Existential indie folk rock from wife-and-husband duo Erica and Sebastian. Saturday, August 29 at 8 pm. 50 South Main Street.

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

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

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

Mobile Showers Available in Willits: Mobile shower is in Willits every Monday and Tuesday from 2:30 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 Daily Bread.

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, one of our locals will host an open jam at Shanachie Pub. Bring any instrument and explore your creativity!

Bluegrass String Jam: An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm, with all Bluegrass musicians welcome!

Wednesday Open Mic Night: Every Wednesday– Enter your name in the lottery from 3 to 7 pm to choose your 20-minute time slot, with performances beginning at 7:20.

WILLITS LIBRARY ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Wednesdays, 2 to 4 pm, in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe."

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

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

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from the American Red Cross, Duell Parks and Josie Shun. "We're here to explain what we can do. We have information on wildfires and earthquakes. Whenever there's a disaster, we're there to help the clients. We'll send a disaster action team out and see what we can do to help them out. We're there for the first 72 hours, to offer hotel room vouchers. We give a card with a pre-set amount of money to use for hotels, determined by the amount of people in the family, for a certain amount of time," said Parks.

Heather Wilber, Membership Engagement manager for the Girl Scouts, had a booth where she explained: "There are two troops in Willits, a Brownie troop which is second and third grades, and a Daisy troop which is first grade. One of the troops meets at Willits Charter and the other at Brookside. We are the largest women- and girl-led organization in the world. I'm here to support National Night Out, because we, as Girl Scouts, follow the Girl Scout law. One of the tenets is to respect authority, and we believe it's important to know those boundaries. There are certain authorities that you do need to listen to. The police are one of those."

Davina Sentak is a chaplain with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. "I'm here to support National Night Out," Sentak said. "We're building connections between law enforcement and the community. We are all in this together. Chaplains provide crisis support. For the staff and their families, we're a source of support and encouragement. We respond on callouts with the coroner's office and difficult cases to provide support for the community."

The American Legion Willits Post 174 was represented by Carolyn Ponikvar and Kennedy Cooper.

National Night Out is done at thousands of locations and municipalities throughout the country, mostly on the same evening. According to the National Night Out website, https://natw.org/ "National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."

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gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, other identities" community."

Also represented were the Mendocino College Native American Student Outreach programs, the Mendocino Land Trust which preserves large tracts of land, a prescribed burns organization that works to prevent widespread fires, and California Trout, an organization that does "work on aquatic restoration around the state to recover the wild fish populations," according to Ashley Shannon, project manager.

The Friends of the Round Valley Library always have a presence at the Blackberry Festival and are proud to say that the library won the award for the Best Small Library in America. The library is a cultural center of the town, and the Friends put on the Blackberry Festival, provide space for the local radio station, KYBU 96.9, manage the Friday farmers market, provide a commercial kitchen for anyone's use, and have a cafe.

"The importance of the festival is to bring the community together," said festival organizer, Marylou Mlecek. "I think for many of us, it's the opportunity to see old friends. We just met a couple that haven't been here in probably 20 years. They used to live here. It happens all the time on this day."

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favorite activity is "whooooo knows!" and who loves to eat mice. She was hit by a car, and was not eligible for release after rehab due to a permanent wing injury); Rosie, the Rose-Haired Tarantula; Dewie Hopper, the African Pixie Frog; and Precious, the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake.

"We did presentations at locations with temps that spanned 105 degrees to 59 degrees, it was wild!" noted Kerschner. "Mendocino is a lovely county, and it's always so fun to visit the libraries there with the animals."

Kerschner was pleased that the Fort Bragg attendance was so high that the group had to move across the street to the Veteran's Hall to accommodate everyone ... and he was very pleased that the Point Arena library welcomed him with pastries: "That's the key to Gabe's heart!" he laughed.

"Willits is always a fantastic stop," Kerschner continued. "It was wonderful to see the packed audience of all ages and how excited they were to be a part of the interactive program."

The presentation is held at the conclusion of the library's Summer Reading Program, and has taken place for several years. Kerschner is excited to return next summer, and there's even rumors of Tater the Capybara hopefully returning for the 2027 event.

As a non-profit, Wild Things is always happy to receive donations and support from the public to continue their efforts. Info on how you can help can be found easily at https://wildthingsoutreach.org/get-involved/.

On their website, they note: "Conservation Ambassadors' Wild Things was founded in 1987 for the purpose of housing and caring for displaced wildlife. With the help of these animal ambassadors, we have been educating the public with a message of conservation and appreciation for natural wonders for almost 40 years. Our hope is that through meeting these animals and hearing their stories, future generations will gain a greater appreciation for the natural world."

Visit their website at https://wildthingsoutreach.org/, send an email to programs@wildthingsoutreach.org, or give a call to 530-878-2618 for more info.



Photo courtesy Willits Grocery Outlet

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zolpidem (marketed as Ambien) into the beer. Later, after she was already incapacitated from the first spiked drink and sexually assaulted, Mayo forced on the victim more spiked liquid before he repeatedly raped her.

Drugs commonly used in drug-facilitated sexual assaults, like zolpidem, are primarily fast-acting central nervous system depressants. These substances – particularly when mixed with alcohol – can rapidly impair a victim's behavior, perception, and decision-making capacity, putting the victim at a severe physical and mental disadvantage. Central nervous system drugs are used by predators seeking to commit sex crimes as CNS drugs quickly metabolize and are eliminated as evidence from a victim's system, often before the crime can even be reported.

Zolpidem, normally used for patients suffering from insomnia, rapidly produces muscle relaxation and sedation, leaving victims unable to defend themselves. Its effects include slurred speech, loss of the ability to verbally and physically resist, staggering gait, and impaired coordination.

For a naive or new user, zolpidem can cause a rapid shift from consciousness to deep stupor or coma. Victims of zolpidem poisoning experience anterograde amnesia, meaning they experience partial or complete memory loss for events occurring while under the influence.

In sexual assault cases, zolpidem causes a cognitive slowing and impaired judgment which reduces a victim's ability to consent through any accepted norm of informed, voluntary choice. A person under the influence of zolpidem could appear alert but, instead, is operating without executive control or memory encoding.

The Respiratory Care Board of California, a division of the Department of Consumer Affairs, obtained a court order early in the local prosecution restricting defendant Mayo's license, an order that prevented him from working in the respiratory therapist field pending the outcome of his Mendocino County charges.

With Wednesday's prison sentence now entered in the books, it is expected that the Respiratory Care Board will now permanently revoke Mayo's license to practice in the respiratory care field.

The law enforcement agencies that worked to gather evidence against Mayo were the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Justice DNA crime laboratory in Redding, and the DA's own Bureau of Investigations.

Special thanks are again extended to witnesses who brought their special training and expertise to bear in court through expert testimony. Those experts were Dr. Kristen Marin (Sexual Assault Response Team) of Adventist Health Ukiah Valley; Carolyn Heitsman (DNA) of the DOJ crime lab; Richard Kreutzer (digital forensics) of Lake County; and toxicology expert, Dr. Marc A. LeBeau of Missouri.

These types of prosecution are not possible without victims having the courage and confidence to come forward and cooperate – both in the short and long terms – with the investigating agencies and the prosecution.

The trial attorney last May, DA David Eyster returned to court Wednesday afternoon – with the victim looking on from the gallery – to argue why Mayo had earned and should receive the maximum state prison commitment.

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Victoria Shanahan presided over the August 12 sentencing hearing and ordered the defendant serve the 11-year commitment.

Judge Shanahan did not mince her words in addressing Mayo during the hearing. As the hearing was concluding, the judge looked directly at the defendant and sternly told him, "You deserve every year of the 11 I have imposed."

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McKinney also thanked staff, Visit Willits, the City of Willits, including Public Works Director Davey Bowles, and the Willits Food bank and Willits Daily Bread, who distributed food products that would otherwise have gone to waste after the June 24 earthquake damage shut down the store.

He then introduced Willits Mayor Tom Allman, and thanked him and the city for working to get Grocery Outlet reopened. "The city has been so behind us," McKinney said. "Davey Bowles has been amazing. I call him, and he's here for an inspection. 'Davey, I need you here tomorrow, 8 am for an inspection,' and he's here."

"This is not about an earthquake," said Mayor Allman. "This is like Rocky, who got down and got back up. Grocery Outlet doesn't just provide food for our community, it provides necessities for us, and it provides jobs. It creates taxes.... A lot of people suffered during the earthquake," Allman said, "but Grocery Outlet understood its mission! Karen and David, you're part of our community, our community loves you. Congratulations and welcome back!"

International Overdose Awareness Day at Howard Hospital, August 26

Submitted by Adventist Health

In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day, Adventist Health is bringing communities together across Mendocino County for "A Day of Remembrance and Hope," a series of gatherings dedicated to remembering those lost to overdose, supporting those impacted by substance use disorder, and raising awareness about hope, recovery and available resources.

Overdose and substance use disorder continue to have a profound impact on individuals and families throughout Mendocino County. Behind every statistic is a person – a parent, child, sibling, friend or neighbor – and a circle of people whose lives have been forever changed.

"Overdose affects more than the individual — it impacts families, friends and entire communities," said Austin Peterson, Lead Substance Use Navigator. "These gatherings are about remembering the people we have lost while also reminding those who are struggling, and the people who love them, that there is hope. Help is available, recovery is possible and no one should have to navigate this journey alone."

Adventist Health is also encouraging community members and team members to wear purple on the day of their local event as a visible symbol of remembrance, hope and solidarity with those whose lives have been touched by overdose and substance use disorder.

Community members and Adventist Health team members are invited to attend one of three gatherings. In Willits, on Wednesday, August 26 from 2 to 3 pm, in the back of Roots Café, 1 Marcola Drive. In Ukiah, on Wednesday, August 26 from 11 am to 12 pm, at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, at the Old Helipad, and in Fort Bragg, at Adventist Health Mendocino Coast from 12:30 to 1:30 pm, near the flagpoles in front of the hospital.

Reducing the stigma surrounding substance use disorder is an important part of helping people seek support. By creating opportunities for open conversation, increasing awareness of available resources, and approaching substance use disorder with compassion, communities can help more people find a path toward treatment, recovery and hope.

A Day of Remembrance and Hope is open to the public, and all community members are invited to attend.

City of Willits

Swimming Pool

2026 Fall Schedule

August 17th

Monday:

Lap Swim 6:00-8:00 a.m.

Tuesday:

Water Aerobics/Lap Swim 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Lap Swim 6:00-8:00 a.m.

Friday:

Lap Swim 6:00-8:00 a.m.

Saturday:

Lap Swim 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Water Aerobics 11:00-12:00 p.m.

Admission Prices:

Lap Swim \$5

Water Aerobics \$7

Water Aerobics Senior Discount \$6

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Mendocino College launches Mural Painting course with striking new campus art

Submitted by Mendocino College

A new student-created mural is now on display in the dining area near Schat's Café in the Lowery Student Center at Mendocino College's Ukiah campus. Measuring 8 feet high by 16 feet wide, the mural was created by the first cohort of students enrolled in Mendocino College's new Mural Painting course (ART 224).

Co-taught by Art faculty members Lisa Rosenstreich and Jazzminh Moore, the course expands Mendocino College's painting curriculum by introducing students to mural painting through both historical study and hands-on practice. Students examine how murals have been used around the world to communicate ideas, celebrate communities, and shape public spaces while learning the collaborative process of designing and creating public artwork. The addition of the course reflects the Art Department's commitment to providing students with opportunities to create artwork that engages directly with the campus and broader community.

The project began with a guiding question: *What does Mendocino College mean to you, and how would you express that visually?* Students Kelly Foutz, Angel Garcia, Patience Gruey, Jessica Hernandez, Thalia Luciani, Sarah Reith, and Brigid Roche collaborated throughout the development of the mural, with guidance and technical support from instructors Lisa Rosenstreich and Jazzminh Moore.

Through discussion, sketching, and collaborative design, several themes emerged. Students described Mendocino College as a place of encouragement, creative inspiration, personal growth, environmental stewardship, and a deep connection to the surrounding landscape.

These themes are woven throughout a composition that begins with a student reading a book about fish, which transforms into an imagined journey following salmon across the length of the panels. As the mural unfolds, the imagery becomes increasingly dreamlike and symbolic, reflecting the transformative power of education, imagination, and creative exploration.

Campus landmarks are interwoven with symbols of learning, support, music, art, and community. Elements from the local environment – including water, salmon, a bear, California poppies, native wildlife, and the surrounding landscape – reflect the college's commitment to sustainability and its connection to place.

As the inaugural mural created through Mendocino College's new Mural Painting course, the project celebrates student creativity, collaboration, and the power of public art. It now serves as a welcoming visual landmark for students, employees, and visitors who pass through the Student Center each day.

To learn more about Mendocino College's Art Department and explore classes offered this fall, visit www.mendocino.edu.



Above: This detailed view of the new Mendocino College mural show featured elements of the county's natural landscape, as well as symbols of art, community and education.

At left: Mendocino College students Kelly and Patience work on the mural in progress at the Ukiah campus.

Below, left: Instructors and students stand in front of the completed new mural at Mendocino College in Ukiah.

Below, right: Student Angel Garcia works on a fish stencil for the mural outside during Art 224 at Mendocino College.



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