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Ensuring election integrity in Mendocino County

Posted by District Attorney David Eyster

October 17 - As Election Day approaches, the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office wants to explain how responsibilities are divided when it comes to local voter eligibility and ballot integrity.

The staff of the Elections Division of Katrina Bartolomie's Office of Assessor-Clerk-Recorder, under the supervision of the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento, is responsible for verifying Mendocino County voter eligibility, timely delivering ballots to eligible voters, and ensuring the integrity and security of all returned ballots.

When the Elections Division has concerns or questions regarding even a hint of possible fraud, it refers such issues to the District Attorney's Office for investigation and, if appropriate, criminal action.

California law has long provided for the investigation by the local district attorney of possible fraud (versus the local sheriff or police departments) and, where appropriate, prosecution of actual fraud.

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Vote early, and track your ballots

Submitted by Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber

Sacramento – California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber is encouraging California voters to vote early and to track their ballot.

"Early voting provides flexibility for voters to exercise their constitutional right to vote," noted Secretary Weber. "California provides voters with many options to vote, and we want to make sure voters are aware of them. And tracking your ballot allows you to know where it is every step of the way."

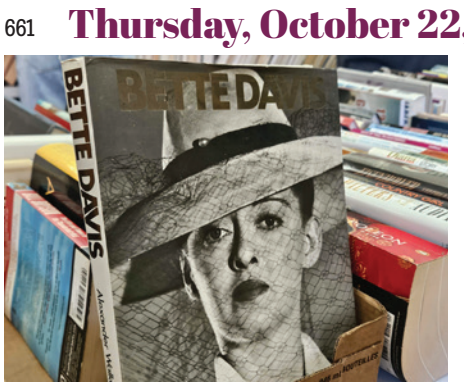
All active registered voters have been mailed ballots. Voters can vote their ballot and return it via:

A secure drop box. Voters can submit their completed ballot to a secure official drop box in their county or anywhere in the state. Secure ballot drop-off locations will be open through 8:00 p.m. on November 3. [In Willits, the official drop box is outside Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street.]

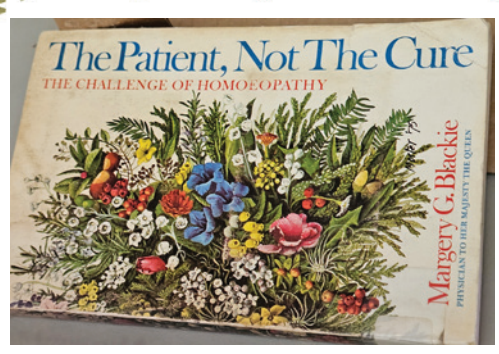
At a polling location. Voters can submit their completed ballot by 8 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2026, at any polling place or vote center in the state, or at

Read the rest of Ballots

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Photos by Maureen Jennison

Above, from left: This book about Bette Davis was still available on Sunday at the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale. Maggie loved the color illustrations on the cover of "The Original Diet" by Karen Cross Whyte. Everyone liked the botanical illustrations on the cover of "The Patient, Not The Cure" by Margery G. Blackie.

Linda Beebe and Olga O'Neill helped customers select books and ran the register during the sale.

Fall FOWL Book Sale

Friends of the Willits Library hold weekend fall book sale

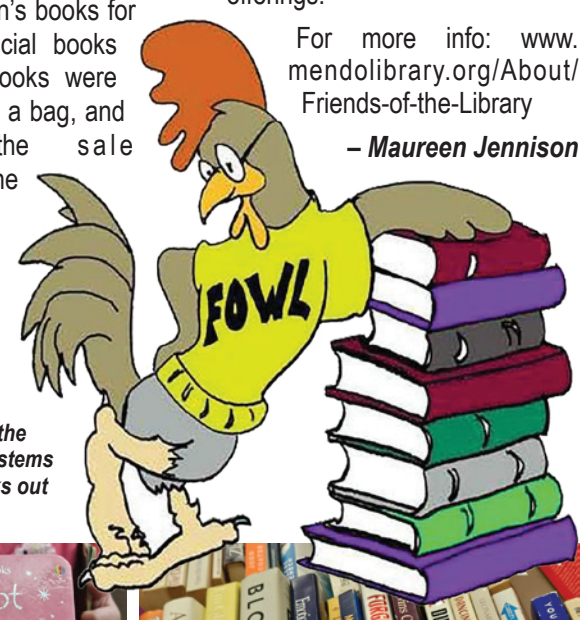
The Friends of the Willits Library were offering a wide selection of books to the community during their annual fall book sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday last week – the public was welcome to come grab some new reads for a great cause.

The sale, held now in the Willits Branch Library Conference Room, raises funds for the library and helps circulate books to excited readers.

Hardback and soft cover books were available for $1; children's books for $0.25 to $1, and special books for $3. On Sunday, books were available for only $3 for a bag, and on the Thursday before the sale weekend, members of the Friends of the Library were treated to a special pre-sale preview where they were able to get first dibs on the offerings.

For more info: www.mendolibrary.org/About/Friends-of-the-Library

– Maureen Jennison

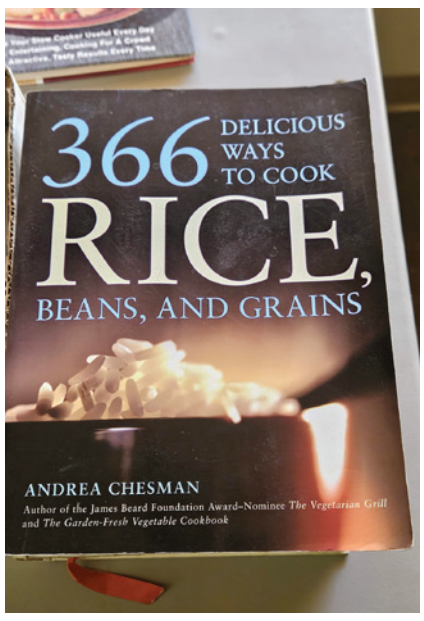


Below, from left: Shoppers peruse the book-topped tables at the Willits Library during the fall book sale. "That's Not My Fairy" was selected for purchase as the cover matched the dress of the shopper - the subject matter also was on brand with the shopper's interests. Many books spanning a variety of subjects were only $3 for a bag on Sunday. Further below, from left: You could eat it every day for a year - and a day!, and not repeat a recipe if you follow these recipes. Olga O'Neill noted her love of the palette of this book "Color en Mexico." Never too early to ensure a copy of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is handy for the upcoming holidays. At bottom: Students from Willits High School's Ag Systems Management class came to help move boxes into the library and put books out on the tables for the sale.











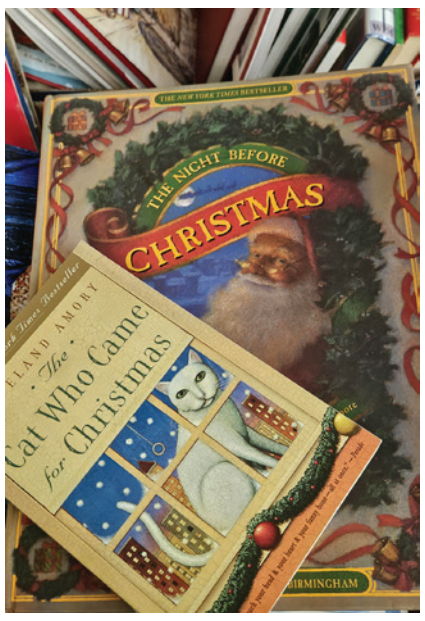




Photo by Amber Grable

County board appoints CEO, legal counsel

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At Tuesday's Mendocino County Board of Supervisors meeting, the supervisors voted unanimously to hire two top county officials. Sara Pierce who has served as Interim Chief Executive Officer since July 2026, was approved to become regular county CEO, effective immediately.

Attorney Michael Rossi, currently Lead Deputy County Counsel with Santa Clara County, was approved as the new county counsel for Mendocino County, effective December 6.

In the Tuesday press release announcing Pierce's latest appointment, the board office notes she "brings extensive experience in county government and a strong commitment to public service," and states that "Pierce's appointment reflects the county's continued focus on effective leadership, collaboration, and providing responsive services to Mendocino County residents."

Pierce first worked for Mendocino County in December 2020 as a Senior Administrative Analyst in the Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, and Mitigation Division, supporting financial recovery efforts

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Highlights from Willits Unified

By John Baker, Superintendent, Willits Unified School District

As we move through the fall, I am pleased to share some recent highlights from Willits Unified School District. From cultural celebrations and adult learning opportunities to academic progress and athletics, there is much to recognize across our schools.

On October 19, Blosser Lane Elementary School hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, recognizing the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. These opportunities help strengthen the connections among our students, families, and schools.

Earlier, on September 30, Blosser Lane welcomed Priest Martinez and the Pomo Dance Group. A special thank you to our guests for sharing California Indigenous culture, songs, dance, and traditions with students and staff. We are grateful that our students could experience living Native culture and learn about traditions that continue to be practiced and shared with future generations.

Learning also extends

Read the rest of Baker

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

WFD Christmas Program gearing up

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again! The Willits Frontier Days Christmas Program is gearing up to help local children and families this holiday season.

We would like to remind the community that this is a referral-based program through Willits schools. It is not a self-referral program.

For more than a quarter of a century, our community has come together each Christmas to help less fortunate children in the Willits area. Through the generosity of local residents, businesses, and organizations, we are able to provide children with essential items such as rainwear, winter coats, shoes, sleepwear, blankets, and other necessities, along with special Christmas gifts.

Those who would like to help an individual child may select a card from one of our Giving Trees, which will be placed at participating businesses around town beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Each card will include the child's clothing, sizes, needs, and Christmas wish list. If you select a card but are unable to fulfill the entire request, we ask that you instead consider donating a new toy or clothing item in one of our designated drop-off bins. This helps us make sure each child receives both the items they need and something special they have wished for.

While selecting a single child works well for many of our supporters, others have expressed an interest in adopting an entire family for Christmas.

If you, your family, business, organization, or group would like to adopt a family, we ask that you contact us directly rather than selecting cards from the Giving Trees.

My name is Marcy Barry, and I am one of the coordinators for the Willits Frontier Days Christmas Program. I would be happy to assist you in choosing a suitable family to adopt.

You can contact me by email at willitsfrontierday@yahoo.com or by phone at (707) 272-5395. If I am unable to answer, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

To help us organize the program efficiently, we try to fulfill our Adopt-A-Family requests before our regular referral process begins in late November. If you are interested in adopting a family, please contact me as early as possible.

Thank you to everyone in our community who continues to support this program year after year. Your generosity helps make Christmas brighter for local children while also providing many of the essential items they need throughout the winter.

Marcy Barry, for the Willits Frontier Days Christmas Program

Hart for Supervisor

To the Editor:

October 15, 2026 – We live in District 3, and we support Eric Hart for Supervisor. We served on a fact-finding committee with Eric, researching proposed disruptions to the Social Security, Medicare, and Medi-Cal caused by Elon Musk's DOGE assaults. We were impressed by Eric's broad knowledge and reasoned approach to this emotionally charged subject.

We urge voters to support Eric Hart. He will make an excellent county supervisor.

Louis Rohlicek and Sally Rohlicek, Willits

Asking for your vote

To the Editor:

As Election Day approaches, I want to sincerely thank everyone who has supported, encouraged, and taken the time to speak with me throughout this campaign. I am truly grateful for the kindness and support I've received from our community.

As a fifth-generation Willits resident and a graduate of Willits High School and Mendocino College, this community has always been home to me. I decided to run for the Willits Unified School District board because I believe every student deserves a safe learning environment and a high-quality education that prepares them for success beyond graduation.

Throughout this campaign, I've remained committed to improving student success, ensuring responsible use of taxpayer dollars, and promoting transparency and accountability within our district. I believe our community deserves a school board that listens, asks difficult questions, makes informed decisions, and always puts students first.

Our district faces challenges, but I believe it also has tremendous potential. With dedicated educators, supportive families, and a community that cares deeply about its schools, we have the opportunity to set a stronger direction for Willits Unified.

If elected, I won't pretend to have all the answers, but I promise to listen, work hard, and approach every decision with the best interests of our students and community at heart.

This campaign has never been about a title or position. It's about giving back to the community that shaped me into the person I am today and helping ensure future generations receive the education and opportunities they deserve.

On November 3, I humbly ask for your vote. Together, we can strengthen our schools and build a brighter future for every student. Thank you.

Mason Rescina, candidate for Willits Unified School District board

Willits Teachers Association Resolution in support of Proposition 3

Submitted by WTA

Whereas, in 2012 and again in 2016, California voters overwhelmingly approved the current income tax rates on the wealthiest Californians — the top 2% — to protect public schools and healthcare from devastating cuts.

Whereas, for nearly 15 years, these existing rates have provided $120 billion for critical programs California families count on and have strengthened the state Rainy Day Fund, protecting our schools and healthcare when the economy slows.

Whereas, these existing tax rates have allowed the state to make important investments in the education and health of our children, from school lunches, smaller class sizes, and mental health counselors to children's healthcare and the Medi-Cal coverage that millions of Californians rely on.

Whereas, unless the existing rates are extended by the voters, they will soon expire. Without Proposition 3, California's 8 million public school and community college students will face billions in cuts, including teacher layoffs, overcrowded classrooms, and bigger class sizes, and families could lose access to healthcare, affordable prescription drugs, and the Medi-Cal coverage that millions of Californians rely on.

Whereas, allowing these tax rates to expire would give millionaires and billionaires a massive tax cut at the expense of our classrooms, clinics, and communities. Maintaining the existing rates on the top 2% helps ensure that California children receive the education and health care they need to thrive and achieve their highest potential.

Whereas, Proposition 3 maintains the income tax rates that the wealthiest Californians have paid for

Read the rest of WTA Over on page 4

CAL FIRE's new AwareCA app for your device

Submitted by CAL FIRE Sacramento

As California continues to strengthen emergency preparedness and public safety communications, CAL FIRE and local government emergency response agencies are announcing the availability of the AwareCA mobile application, providing Californians with another tool to stay informed and connected during emergencies.

"We know the public wants fast, accurate, mobile-first information directly from the agencies managing incidents on the ground," said CAL FIRE Director/Fire Chief Joe Tyler. "We have always provided timely and accurate information to the public during emergencies, and now with AwareCA, CAL FIRE can provide the public this information in near real time, where they want it, their mobile device."

AwareCA addresses the growing public demand for fast, accurate, reliable, and authoritative emergency information while reducing confusion caused by fragmented alerts, unofficial reports, rumors, and misinformation.

Developed through a collaborative process between CAL FIRE, Intterra, and local emergency response agencies, AwareCA was designed to support millions of users while ensuring agencies retain ownership of their data and maintain a single source of truth for public information. The app is designed to keep communities informed throughout all phases of an incident by providing:

- Near real-time incident updates
- Interactive emergency maps
- Warning and order evacuation zones
- Shelter and assistance locations
- Hazard information
- Road closures
- Push notifications and location-aware alerts

AwareCA will support a wide range of emergencies and incidents across California, including wildfires, floods, earthquakes, severe weather situations, hazardous materials incidents, and other large-scale emergencies.

All features of AwareCA are free for the user, including but not limited to:

- Adding locations of interest with notification distances
- Choosing different maps based on needs and preferences

Read the rest of AlertCA Over on page 9

Protecting your right to vote

Submitted by U.S. Representative Jared Huffman, 2nd Congressional District

The November 3 General Election is just two weeks away. As we approach Election Day, I want to make sure you have the information you need to cast your ballot and make your voice heard.

The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, and I've been working in Congress to protect it. That includes challenging the Trump administration's restrictions on mail voting, supporting legislation to combat voter intimidation and opposing the SAVE Act, which would cost Americans billions of dollars, create burdens for women, pose unnecessary risks for election administrators, and make it incredibly difficult for eligible citizens to register to vote.

Beyond my work in Congress, I also want to make sure you have the information and resources you need to exercise your right to vote.

My office has compiled voting resources to help you check your voter registration, understand your voting options, return and track your ballot, and contact your county elections officials ahead of November 3.

Every eligible American deserves the opportunity to participate in our democracy, and I'll continue fighting to protect that right.

To keep up with the work I am doing as your representative, please subscribe to my newsletter, and follow me on Bluesky, Facebook, Twitter/ X, Instagram, and Threads. Thank you, and stay well.

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

Have something to say?

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Above, from left: Kylyn Watkins took home the buckle for 2026 Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo Top Hand for the day. The buckle was sponsored by Ronnie Seever in memory of Brian Beeson. Callie Grissom took home the Breakaway buckle. Team All Ranch No Cattle included, from left: Ashley Carr, Kylyn Watkins and Danielle Barry, and they not only won the all-girls team buckle, but also brought home the win for the all-around Ranch Rodeo buckle; the first time an all-girls team has won the overall award in 15 years. Chance Stamper took home the Ranch Bronc buckle. Jaydon Silva took home the Bull Riding buckle. Below, from left: Bethany Grieve participates in the Breakaway Roping event. Cowboys smile together, including, from left: Rod Thieman, Lee Persico, Bob Albonico, and Lou Bugenig. Wacey Vann rides in the Ranch Bronc class where he placed second behind Chance Stamper.



Ranch Rodeo

15th annual Mary Burgess Memorial Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo held October 10 at Willits grounds

Barbecue, rodeo, coloring, vendors, food and more were all available to see and enjoy at the 15th annual Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo held Saturday, October 10 at the Willits rodeo grounds.

Several individual awards were given out, including an all around award for the rodeo's cumulative scores.

Winners are as follows:

Coloring contestant winners: 5 and under: Brielle Reno; 6 to 8: Hadley Vogel; 9 to 12: Macy Lawrence.

Cook off winners:

Judge's Choice: Ribs: Rib Stars; Beans: Rib Stars; Bread: Red, White & Blue Rodeo Queens.

People's Choice: Ribs: Red, White & Blue Rodeo Queens; Beans: Rib Stars; Bread: Red, White & Blue Rodeo Queens.

Best Decorated: Red, White & Blue Rodeo Queens

Breakaway winner: First place: Callie Grissom; second place: Kylyn Watkins; third place: Danielle Barry.

Ranch Bronc results: First place: Chance Stamper; second place: Wacey Vann.

Bull Riding results: First place: Jaydon Silva; second place: Milo Dillard; third place: Aaron Manning.

Calf Branding: First place: 3 Amigos; second place: All Ranch No Cattle; third place: Lazy M Ranch

Team Sorting: First place: Lazy M Ranch; second place: All Ranch No Cattle; third place: 3 Amigos.

Ranch doctoring: First place: All Ranch No Cattle; second place: Geizer Cattle Company; third place: 3 Amigos

Trailer loading: First place: T&T Hookers; second place: Lazy M Ranch; third place: KW Livestock.

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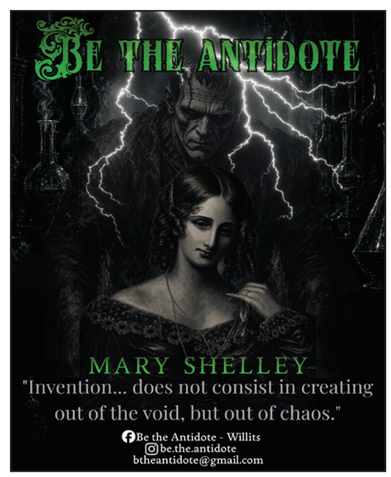
Above: Team T&T Hookers participates in the Ranch Branding class at the rodeo including Dan Moore at left, Danielle Barry on the steer, and Cody Cuthbert, right. Judge Jarron Nunnemaker watches on the fence.

At right: Rib Stars including team members Steven Spackman and Mike Miltmore.

Below, from left: Little Lake Fire Department Station 54 team's Deena Rutledge and Drew Lewis. Brooktrails Fire Department's "Thicker Than A Snicker" team's Jeramy Stevens and Jorge Zaragoza. Red, White & Blue Rodeo Queens team's Jenn Drew, Kevin Kvasnicka and Windi Kvasnicka.

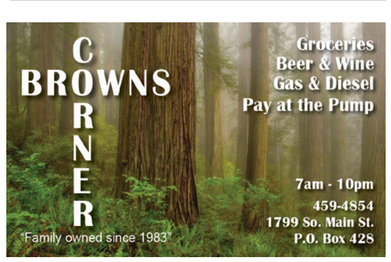
Action photos by Rob Brodman
Winner and BBQ photos by Marcy Barry















Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

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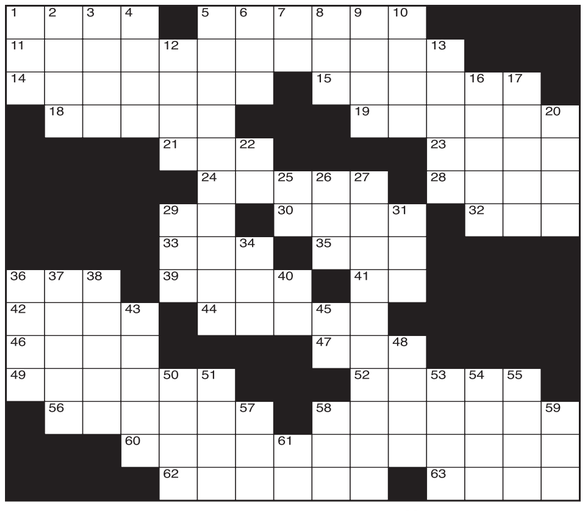
HOW TO SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

CAUGHT READING WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. 'The Mount Rushmore State'
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

October 5 to October 11

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **89 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 5

11:17 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Coast Street.

3:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

4:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

5:00 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

5:19 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 600 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

5:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

5:29 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Commercial Street and Bray Road and issued a warning.

5:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

October 6

8:21 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

12:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

2:34 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

5:57 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Nancy Lane and issued a warning.

October 7

8:51 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:07 pm: JORDAN, Dustin Lee (47) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole.

October 8

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

7:47 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street and issued a citation.

8:50 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:16 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:58 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

7:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of North Main Street and East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

8:10 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Madrone Street and South Main Street and issued a warning.

October 9

7:06 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Baechtel Road and Shell Lane and issued a warning.

8:34 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Marin Street and issued a warning.

9:19 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Main Street and East Oak Street.

6:19 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

11:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Holly Street.

October 10

11:08 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

11:23 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

October 11

10:14 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

11:54 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

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Passed by Willits Teachers Association at their October 7, 2026 meeting

No Kings

Willits demonstrators at Babcock Park exhort passers-by to vote November 3

Last Saturday, October 17, the No Kings movement held its fourth demonstration, although it had a more subdued and pointed theme: To convince people to take an interest in the workings of their ever-present government, to have their voices heard, to become engaged citizens, and to that end, vote on November 3.

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There was no march across town, no speeches, very few anti-Trump signs, just exhortations to be a part of the process of democracy. Babcock Park, where the demonstration took place, is a very visible location with many cars passing by on Main Street/Highway 20, many of whom honked in solidarity with the message the organizers Willits Indivisible put forth. Throughout the country, approximately 3,300 No Kings demonstrations took place, with over a million people raising their voices to get out the vote.

"We're not marching today because, for one, for those of us who organize marches, it's a hell of a lot of work, because we want to make sure that people who are crossing intersections, especially really busy ones are safe," explained Kim Bancroft, one of the organizers. "It took at least 40 people, 40 peacekeepers. Also, it seemed important to literally make a stand and have a whole lot of people at this park where a lot of traffic goes by.

"The point today is that we want to make a presence about the importance of voting and voting early. We're trying to keep it non-partisan. There is a sign up at the other end that says 'Vote for truth, kindness, in the rule of law.' That wouldn't be a political statement, but under the current administration, all of those things have gone by the wayside. We're trying to stay positive, emphasize that if we don't like the way things are going, then we have a vote and we can hopefully make a difference.

"Perhaps we can make a difference," Bancroft said. "We're seeing a lot of the country turning. I would like to believe that No Kings is part of that equation. There are a lot of visible resistance all over the country. There is also the resistance of the courts, with the judge, who said, 'you may not cut down trees.' So many court cases. Then, of course, the upsurge of Democrats, even in Republican districts, like for Talarico in Texas."

The two hours of the gathering was in a spirit of fellowship and earnestness in getting out the vote – having citizens participate is the bottom line of democracy. Each has a voice, and voting is the prescribed method of creating or trying to create a country that works for all its people.

"The importance of today is to make sure that people go out and vote," said Third District Supervisor John Haschak. "I delivered my ballot at the county office to make sure that it got delivered. I put it in the drop box. I think that these are critical times for democracy, and we all need to have our voices heard, all sides of an issue. Everyone should be concerned about what is going on in our country. Voting is the way to show your approval or disapproval," Haschak said.

Mary Burns, a stalwart Indivisible participant, sees the power in massive numbers of citizens raising their voices, "There are 3,000 events like this all across the country, from barbecues to great big marches. It's all about getting the vote out. It's positive and joyful because voting is our superpower. We want to get everybody to vote before Election Day, all across the country, so we can be sure to get counted and that there's no shenanigans on Election Day. We want to be 'Too Big to Rig.'"

Melinda Dillon is concerned with trying to get as many people to vote as is possible. "I think the idea is to have things so simple that we can keep up the energy," said Dillon. "We just need everybody to vote. That is the bottom line here. It might be too much to expect them to vote how we would like them to, but the more intrinsic thing is to vote, to exercise being a participant in our democracy, whoever you're voting for."

In addition to the candidates who are running for the various offices, propositions are many this election cycle and can be quite confusing. To this end, several ballot parties have been offered to delve deep into the real meanings and effects of the measures. "There have been ballot parties to try and understand all the propositions, at the library and WELL. I think a lot of people understand that we have to pay attention and educate themselves. We have to bother to find things out," said Dillon.

Organizer Kate Black reminded the participants that this is an ongoing process. "Every Friday, here at Babcock Park, from 5 to 6 pm, come join our vigil. The more people we have the better."

















At top, left: Bonnie Belt brought a sign with a double meaning – if the red letters are read separately. At top, right: Automobiles passing by honked to share their support for the No Kings rally. Above, left: Fran Gardner and Valerie Boman hold a sign that depicts the simple message of the day. Above, right: The main message of the demonstration was that people need to reclaim their voices and vote. At left: This button refers to the administration's claim that many of the liberal demonstrators are being paid. At right: Jennifer Mahoney wore a simple message as she watched over the crowd. Below, left: Damian held up his grandmother's sign when he wasn't playing. Below, right: Willits Indivisible organizer Kate Black gives last-minute instructions and suggestions to the safety crew.

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Thursday, October 22

Medicare 101 Workshop at the Library: Free Medicare workshop for community members turning 65, retiring, or simply wanting a clearer understanding of their Medicare options. Hosted by Sky Savarese. Important changes to Medicare in 2027 will also be covered. Thursday, October 22 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Fall Market outdoors at City Park on Commercial Street, Thursday, October 22, from 3 to 4 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. See October 15 Farmers Market listing for more info.

Donate Toiletry Items at the Farmers Market: Donate men's and women's toiletry items (soap, shampoo, lotion, tooth care products, deodorant etc.), feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and disposable wipes to help those in need, Thursday, October 22 from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Willits Farmer's Market and choose a coupon from a local eatery! Items will be distributed at the Willits Food Bank.

Friday, October 23

Sherwood Elementary School Fall Festival: Join Sherwood Elementary School for another fabulous Fall Festival, Friday, October 23 starting at 5 pm at 32600 Sherwood Road. Come in costume and enjoy a lasagna dinner, win prizes in our game room, take a stroll through our spooky path, and celebrate with our student performers! Raffle tickets for great prizes available from the Sherwood School family. You don't need to be present to win! For more info, please call 707-984-6769.



Party In Pink at the Grange: a Zumba Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on Friday, October 23 from 6 to 9 pm. This is a free community event to raise money for the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County. The suggested donation is $10. There will be a DJ, yummy baked goods, amazing raffle prizes, breast cancer information and resources, and of course, Zumba! Wear pink and come dance with us for a great cause.

WCS Haunted House: Willits Charter School Theater Arts presents "Coma Dreams," the annual Haunted House. "Follow Dr. Oneiro into the mind of a patient trapped in a mysterious coma." Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, 7 to 9 pm. Suggested donation: $5; group special: 5 people for $20. 1431 South Main Street.

Post Modern Prometheus at Shanachie: a musical journey through space and time, with psychedelic navigators; Kage on guitar, Structure on bass, and Professor Box on drums, who will accurately align your chakras and kundalini to unblock the poison fed to you on a daily basis. Friday, October 23 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, October 24

Willits Makers Meetup at the Library: Do you like making things? Woodworking, electronics, crochet, sew…. If you make it, join us to get inspired and share ideas. Saturday, October 24 from 10 am to noon. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

"License Plates to Dinner Plates" at City Park: 1st annual Community Give Back Fundraiser benefitting Willits Meals on Wheels and Ukiah Plowshares. A community event bringing people together to support those in need in our local community. Saturday, October 24 from 11 am to 4 pm at Willits City Park. Family-friendly event, with food vendors, craft vendors, and info booths.

Boo Bash at Willits Kids Corner: Get those costumes ready and join us for a spooktacular afternoon of family fun! Saturday, October 24, from noon to 4 pm. With Halloween carnival games, Guess the Pumpkin's Weight, Candy Corn Guessing Game, Cake & Cookie Walk, Halloween photos with Franky's Photos; Goodies, prizes & spooky surprises! $10 admission for play and activities. Willits Kids Corner, 90 South Main Street.

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Latchkey at the Pub: Mixing elements from countrified soul, '70s AM radio, and four-part vocal harmony, and putting the results through a punk rock filter, Latchkey presents an invigorating twist on the Northern California festival vibe. Saturday, October 24 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, October 25



Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join us at the Grange for a wonderful collection of comfort foods – all you can eat of our "scratch" pancakes (sourdough, wholegrain, Hank's famous buttermilk, or gluten-free) plus organic, local farm-fresh scrambled eggs, Beeler's Quality bacon, real butter, juice and organic coffee or tea for only $13! ($11 for Senior plate, $5 for kids under 10). Extra sides of organic fruit, Amish organic maple syrup, fresh fruit syrup or bacon for a small additional fee. This month's fourth-Sunday breakfast, October 25, is the last breakfast of 2026. 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Punch cards are available for purchase: $100 buys 10 months of breakfasts, a savings of $30 a year.

Thursday, October 29

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors at Fall Market outdoors at City Park on Commercial Street, Thursday, October 29 – set to be the last outdoor market before moving the Grange - from 3 to 4 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. See October 22 Farmers Market listing for more info.

Friday, October 30



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

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

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

Saturday, October 31

Halloween Drop-in Celebration at the Library: Visit the Willits Branch on Halloween for fun games and activities. Friday, October 31, 10 am to 5:30 pm. There will be treats for kids in costume! 390 East Commercial Street.

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



Ghoulish Drinks at Methodist Church: The treaters at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, are providing Ghoulish drinks for weary trick-or-treaters. The drinks are free to all brave enough to come to our side of town. We are across from the Grange and will be serving from 5:45 pm until about 7:30 pm. Our Ghoulish drinks will be both warm and cold (nothing from the witches' kettle); all that are thirsty are invited to stop by. This will be our 15th year of welcoming the trick-or-treaters and their families.

All Hallows Eve at St. John Lutheran: If you're visiting the Mill Creek Drive neighborhood this All Hallows Eve, Saturday, October 31, stop by St. John Lutheran Willits! We'll be serving hot dogs, candy, and candy alternatives – plus smiles, warmth, and prayer. From 6 to 9 pm, at 24 Mill Creek Drive. Our lower parking lot opens at 6 pm for easy access and safety. Bathrooms available. Fun for all ages. Our Vicar will be on site for anyone seeking a moment of blessing or encouragement.

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

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Teenage Sex and Death at Camp Miasma'



Dan Essman
Columnist

The Story: Movie about Kris (Hannah Einbinder), a movie-maker who wants to re-imagine and remake a historic sex and slasher flick. That older flick takes place in a summer camp full of teenagers. Camp Miasma has a deep lake in the center of the woods. In that older horror movie, the camp is haunted by the murder by drowning of a poly-gendered teenage monster. This He-She-It monstrosity has a square metal head and a peculiar name: Little Death. (Quite intentionally, "Little Death" is also slang for orgasm.)

Little Death is more or less brought back to life (don't ask how, because I don't know and anyway it's a horror movie). Little Death carries and brandishes two, black razor-sharp lances made of iron or steel. And in that first movie, Little Death kills all the teenagers, usually when they're having sex. That's because slasher flicks of a particularly sordid genre go by the primal rule: sex-kiss-hug-screw and it's "howdy do and a deadly bloody goodbye for you."

So, lotsa teenagers and adults are killed. No particular reason beyond random sexual intercourse of some variety or another. Meanwhile, Gillian Anderson plays Billy Presley, an actress who was the lead in several "Camp Miasma" movies. She seems jaded by the genre. Also, quite seductive in a kindly, older Girl Scout kind of way.

My Thoughts: Clearly, this is not a horror flick, it's satire. Lotsa blood is spilled. Poor over-sexed teens. They're driven by stormy hormones and get caught and slaughtered with their pants down and torn-up blood-stained blouses. Primal terror and over-the-top (even kind funny) gross-out butchery, all combine to create a horrific montage of blood-soaked coitus interruptus. It's the wages of sin. The sin is pre-marital sex. It's quite titillating. And "O' the bloated box office!!!"

Parents: Goodness! No!

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









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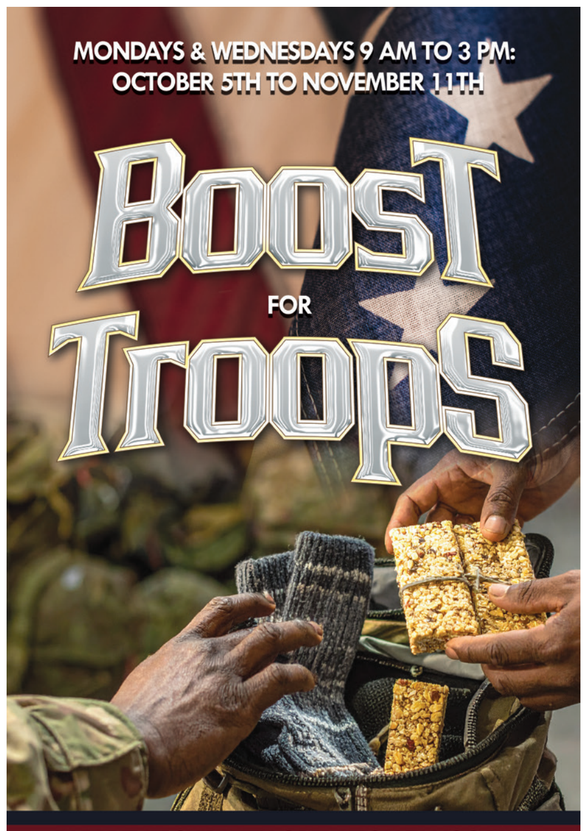
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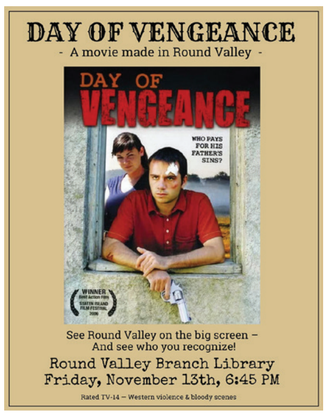
'Behind the Redwood Curtain: Cannabis in California' at the Museum

The new cannabis exhibit "Behind the Redwood Curtain," continues at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, through November 28. A homegrown exhibit to empower audiences to reflect on and learn about the culture of cannabis in California, with a focus on the years between the 1970s to legalization in 2016. Mendocino County Museum winter hours: 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Saturday. Open Sunday, October 25 for the last Sunday open date of the year.

























Spooky Fun Week at the Museum

Spooky fun at the Mendocino County Museum all week, Wednesday, October 27 through Saturday, October 31, during open hours 11 am to 5 pm. Activities include Scavenger Hunt with trick or treat prizes, Photo Booth with dress-up props, Festive Fall Book Nook, and Pumpkin Coloring Station. 400 East Commercial Street.













Above, from left: Constance is normally in costume mode but added a few makeup touches. Kimber Holmes came down from Laytonville to help out and to add her costume to the festivities. Dayle and Michael Deer can always be counted on to attend events with the most flamboyant costumes. Prana, who played Eddie in the Willits Community Theatre production of Rocky, entertained the audience. At right: Michelle "Bubbles" Fordyce from Earlier Productions, addresses the audience and lets them know what is coming.

Rocky Horror

Two sold-out shows at the Noyo Theater celebrated a 50-year counterculture tradition

Rocky Horror, both on stage and on screen, is an enigmatic exercise in countercultural phenomenon. Since 1973, when "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" was first seen on the London stage, and soon after was made into a film, it soon became an underground staple at midnight movie showings. Rocky Horror gained a cult following that has been sustained for the 50 years since its inception.

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Early on in its showings, audience members, especially those who were frequent viewers, developed routines for the attendees to augment what was going on, on the screen. Throwing rice, lighting matches or glow sticks, throwing toast and toilet paper, and talking back or along with the movie became practically a necessity at theater viewings.

The story of a young couple whose car breaks down in the rain, in a spooky wood, who find themselves in the lair of the eccentric transexual sensual alien Dr. Frank N. Furter and his band of flamboyant misfits and a lad, named Rocky, whom he has just created and has passion for. They sing. They dance. They express their sexuality freely, seducing the young couple, Brad and Janet, into their alternate lifestyle, with an emphasis on freedom and being open enough to become the persons they are inside, stripping away inhibitions and any form of societal pressure to join polite society.

Last Saturday, Michelle "Bubbles" Fordyce (From Earlier Productions), along with the Noyo Theater and the Velvet Rebellion Collective (who are staging their own production of Rocky Horror at the Thirsty Axe in Ukiah on October 30), and Draft Punk (who donated all the drink proceeds to the Willits Center for the Arts), to recreate some of the hilarity and pure fun of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and all the shenanigans that aficionados have come to expect and love. There were colorful costumes depicting the characters of the movie, worn by the attendees and by the actors who performed on the stage and around the theater, illustrating the film. Several items were available for purchase to throw or to utilize at appropriate times.

Organizers encouraged people to dress up. "Traditionally, you dress like your favorite character," Fordyce said, "with a lot of fishnets, leather, a kind of punk-biker, some glamour, and glitter…. There is some etiquette – you can only say certain things a few times. When you throw props, you throw up and back, except for the back row. We don't want anybody hitting the screen or the people who are acting out the scenes. It's pretty much liberation expression – that celebrates being weird, especially during spooky season."

All ages were represented at the show, from 18 to 80s. Most of the audience members were veterans of the Rocky Horror genre and knew what to expect, while others brought their curiosity, having just seen the show on home video. Those who had never seen the movie in a theater previously (known as "virgins") were called up on stage to be acknowledged for their courage in venturing into this full crowd practicing temporary insanity, and to receive a symbolic spanking.

As the crowd filtered in, they were treated to a solo performance by local talent, Shovelman, with his spacy melodic music reminiscent of Robin Trower, but with a more folky sound, very appropriate for the eclectic atmosphere.

Finally, the show began, and the energy level immediately ascended to a level of a moderately well-behaved mob, shouting, laughing, throwing soft objects, blowing bubbles, and generally acting along with the film. As the film happened, the "shadow actors" took the stage and acted out what was occurring on the screen, creating a sense of the bizarre and sublime.

There were two showings, the first at 7 pm and the second at 11 pm – basically a midnight showing by the time the actual film began. Both shows were sold out. It was a night filled with a reasonable amount of insanity, merriment, counterculture, fantasy, laughter, and nostalgia. Everyone had a story of when they first saw the film and the many midnights.

"Don't dream it, be it," was the message of the film, and for one night, it was permissible to be separated from everyday reality, societal influences, and to just enjoy one's fellow human beings on an uninhibited plane of existence.

More info: Earlier Productions: www.fromearlier.com; The Velvet Rebellion Collective www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560756133389 and the Noyo Theater:] www.noyotheater.com/







At left, above: The shadow actors danced to everybody's favorite, "Let's Do The Time Warp Again." At left: Isaac, Shovelman, Frankle warmed up the audience as they were coming in, with his unique sound and instrument, Above: Crystal Schiffbauer-Bowles, of the Velvet Rebellion Collective, came dressed up flamboyantly, to be one of the shadow actors on the stage while the movie ran

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Above, left: New Mendocino County Counsel Michael Rossi, from Santa Clara County.
Above, right: Mendocino County CEO Sara Pierce, appointed from the interim position on Tuesday.

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during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was promoted to Principal Administrative Analyst in June 2021, Acting Deputy CEO in April 2022, and Deputy CEO in January 2023. In October 2023, she was appointed Acting Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, later serving as Acting Assistant CEO in March 2025 and Assistant CEO in November 2025. Most recently, she was appointed Interim CEO in July 2026.

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chair Bernie Norvell stated: "As a board member, and for the past year as chair, I have developed a strong working relationship with Sara Pierce. She is open to new ideas, approaches challenges with an unbiased perspective, and remains focused on finding solutions. I am confident she will serve both the board and Mendocino County well, and I have no doubt she will lead the county in a positive direction."

Pierce's new three-year contract compensates her with a salary of $275,000 per year, with estimated total annual compensation of $481,000, including salary as well as benefits.

Regarding her appointment, Pierce stated: "I am grateful and honored the Board of Supervisors has granted me the opportunity to serve the citizens of Mendocino County. I am eager to help address the challenges we face by utilizing knowledge gained from my county employment, as well as my experiences and relationships I have built in the healthcare and agriculture industries. The county can only move forward if we work together. I am committed to open communication and breaking down silos which not only the public faces, but also those obstacles county staff face. I want to see Mendocino County succeed, as it is a special place – it is the place my family has called home for over a century."

New County Counsel Michael Rossi

The board's second unanimous vote on Tuesday was to hire Michael Rossi, currently with Santa Clara County as Lead Deputy County Counsel.

"Rossi brings nearly 30 years of legal experience in public service with an extensive background in county government, civil litigation, and legal advisory services, the press release announcing Rossi's hire stated. "He has served with the County of Santa Clara since 1996, including as Lead Deputy County Counsel since January 2016."

Throughout his career, the press release continues: "Rossi has provided legal counsel to numerous county departments and agencies, working closely with executive leadership and elected officials on a wide range of legal and policy matters. His experience includes civil litigation, environmental protection, labor and employment law, public health, and the development of local ordinances and legislation."

In his current role as Lead Deputy County Counsel with Santa Clara County, Rossi oversees a team of attorneys and support staff responsible for advising county departments and enforcing state and local laws. "He has also played a key role in emergency response efforts, including serving on Santa Clara County's Emergency Operations Team during the COVID-19 pandemic and assisting in the development of emergency public health ordinances," the press release states.

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chair Bernie Norvell stated: "On behalf of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, I am delighted to welcome Michael Rossi as our new County Counsel. Michael brings exceptional legal skill and integrity to this role, and his counsel will serve this board and every resident of Mendocino County well."

Rossi will officially begin serving as Mendocino County Counsel on December 6, 2026. Rossi's contract compensates him a salary of $275,000 per year, through December 6, 2023, with estimated total annual compensation of $460,000, including salary and benefits.

Rossi earned his Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from Claremont McKenna College.

Rossi expressed his enthusiasm for joining Mendocino County, stating: "It is a great honor to serve the Board of Supervisors and the County in this important role. I look forward to working with the extraordinary attorneys and professionals in the County Counsel's Office, along with the board and county staff, to support our community."

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beyond our K–12 classrooms. Willits Adult School is offering a citizenship preparation class to support adults preparing for the U.S. citizenship test, including those developing their English language skills. The six-week session meets one day per week and began October 13, with the first class held from 6 to 9 p.m. We appreciate the opportunity to support community members pursuing this important personal goal.

Our latest California School Dashboard results also show encouraging progress. The Dashboard uses several measures to describe school performance, with colors ranging from Red to Orange, Yellow, Green, and Blue. These results help us recognize improvement while identifying where additional work is needed.

Several accomplishments deserve recognition:

• Willits High School: English language arts and mathematics improved from Red to Orange. The graduation rate reached 97.6%, and the College/Career Indicator reached 74.1%, with both indicators earning Blue ratings.

• Blosser Lane Elementary: English language arts, mathematics, and chronic absenteeism improved to Yellow, while science reached Green.

• Baechtel Grove Middle School: English language arts improved for the second consecutive year, moving from Red in 2024 to Yellow in 2026. Chronic absenteeism decreased by 5.2 percentage points compared with last year.

• Brookside Elementary: Chronic absenteeism decreased by 7.7 percentage points.

• Sherwood School: English language arts and mathematics improved for the second consecutive year, including a 36.4-point gain in the mathematics indicator. Chronic absenteeism decreased.

These gains reflect the sustained efforts of students, teachers, classified employees, school leaders, and families. We recognize that improvement does not mean our work is complete. Strengthening academic achievement and helping students attend school consistently remain priorities.

Our student-athletes have also been busy representing their schools in football, girls' golf, and soccer. We appreciate their commitment, teamwork, and perseverance, along with the dedication of our coaches and the encouragement provided by families and community supporters.

On Friday, October 23, district staff will participate in professional development focused on instruction. This dedicated time supports our continuing efforts to strengthen teaching practices and improve learning for students.

Finally, I want to thank our teachers and classified employees for their daily dedication. Whether teaching, supporting students, preparing meals, transporting children, maintaining facilities, or keeping school offices running, each employee contributes to our students' success.

Thank you to our families and the Willits community for your continued partnership. Your involvement and support make a difference in our schools every day.

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During the almost 16 years since District Attorney Eyster took office in January 2011, the Elections Division has made less than 20 referrals to the District Attorney, which in turn were all diligently investigated by the peace officers assigned to the DA's Bureau of Investigations.

A general review of those referrals found:

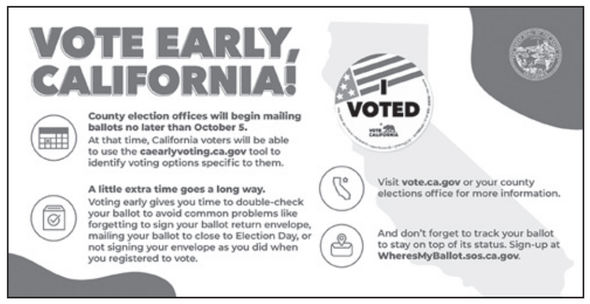
• None involved a non-citizen voting or attempting to vote in any national, state, and/or local election.

• Almost all involved elderly citizens and others who became confused and needed help with paperwork or navigating/understanding the process.

• None was found to be an intentional act of election fraud.

Elections staff verify, and the District Attorney investigates any election matter referred to his office. That process works as intended by California law – and continues to work here in Mendocino County.

If you are feeling confused or have questions about your voter registration status or your ballot, please contact Mendocino County Elections at mcvotes@mendocinocounty.gov or (707) 234-6819.



The rest of Ballots From page 1

that voter's county elections office. Voting locations offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.

By mail. Mail your ballot back as soon as possible after you receive it. To be counted, your ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day (November 3, 2026). We recommend mailing it at least 7 days before Election Day as mail may not be postmarked by the United States Postal Service until the following day in some locations. If you mail it closer to Election Day, take it to a United States Post Office and ask a postal employee for a manual postmark.

Voters are encouraged to sign up for Where's My Ballot https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/ to track where their ballot is every step of the way. Voters can choose to receive texts or emails about when their ballot is mailed, received, and counted.

Eligible Californians who have not yet registered to vote and wish to vote in the upcoming election have already missed the deadline to register online to vote, midnight October 19, 2026, but eligible Californians who have missed that deadline and would like to vote in the November 3, 2026, election can register to vote conditionally.

Voters can find information about voting options specific to them at https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/. Toll-free voter hotlines are available in numerous languages. More information can be found at vote.ca.gov.

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• Selecting layers to control which hazards get displayed

• Viewing the map to quickly find incidents and emergency information

• Following incidents and sharing critical information with contacts

• Receiving alerts about fast-moving incidents directly from agencies

• Following response assets such as aircraft

• Viewing Caltrans traffic cameras and ALERTCalifornia wildfire cameras

During fast-moving emergencies, information can change quickly. AwareCA is designed to help Californians stay connected to updates from the agencies responsible for managing incidents, reducing reliance on unofficial sources and making it easier to find relevant information in one place.

Residents are encouraged to download the app and enable notifications for areas where they live, work, travel or have loved ones. AwareCA is now available for download on mobile devices in the App Store and Google Play.

For more information, visit Aware.ca.gov.

All Schools Canned Food Drive, through November 16

Submitted by WCS

Please participate in the Willits All Schools Canned Food Drive that started October 19 and continues through November 16. During this time food barrels will be available at all participating Willits school sites and at the Willits Unified School District office for your canned food donations, Thank you!

Please help Willits Community Services feed the hungry in our community. The foods we receive are used to supply emergency food and supplemental groceries to low-income families in need.

Your contributions are very much appreciated!!

Willits Community Services and Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, has been serving our community since 1981. Questions? (707) 459-3333.

In-person driver's ed class in Willits

Submitted by Roadrunner Driving School

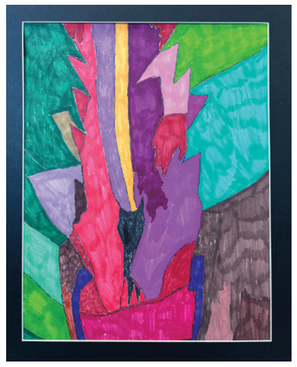
Skip the online course, and complete Driver's Ed in person during Thanksgiving break!

Roadrunner Driving School is offering a 4-day in-person Driver's Education class in Willits, November 22 to 25, 2026.

Open to teens and adults. Class runs 8 am to 3 pm each day. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. $200 per student. Register at https://roadrunnerdrivingschool.com/

WILLITS SENIOR CENTER 7th ANNUAL
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Drawing begins at 5pm!
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Above, left: "Stripes of Color." Above, right: "Zig Zag Colors." Below, left: "Reaching Toward the Sky." Below, right: "Window in the Flowers."







Above: WHS artist Sabrina Love, 11th grade, smiles as she holds two more of her art works interpreting Georgia O'Keeffe's iconic flower paintings.

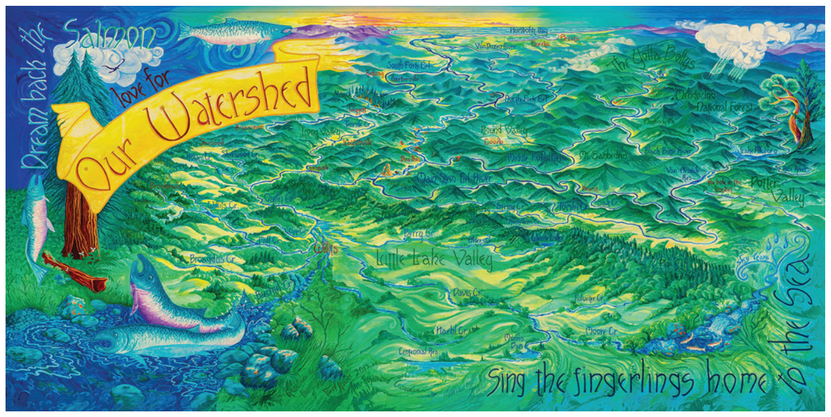
WHS ARTIST OF THE MONTH

A Love for Art: Sabrina Love

Submitted by Carolyn Bakewell, WHS

Sabrina Love is an enthusiastic 11th-grade artist at Willits High School who dedicates herself to making art every day. "I love art so much because it's calm and relaxing." she says. These artworks are Sabrina's personal interpretations of Georgia O'Keeffe's iconic flower paintings. "She is one of my favorite artists because I love her colors, shapes, and flowers," she said. "They make me feel colorful and happy."

Sabrina discovered her love for creating art in Mrs. White's classes at Baechtel Grove Middle School. Today, her artistic journey continues to flourish in Ms. Bakewell's classes at Willits High School, where she is developing her skills, exploring her creative voice, and growing into the artist she is meant to be.











Above, left: Photographer Ree Slocum's high-resolution photo of the original Eel River Watershed mural, graphically enhanced for the new vinyl version. Above, right, top: The high-resolution vinyl printout of the Eel River Watershed mural, being worked on in Rosamond Crowder's shop. Above, right: Mural creator Rosamond Crowder, right, with a couple friends and helpers after they finished the job. At far left: Volunteers work on installing the new stainless steel frame for the mural on the side of Beverage House / Smoke Shop on Main Street. At left; Volunteers helped install the new, replacement mural on the side of Beverage House last week.

Captions courtesy Eel River Watershed mural

Eel River Watershed mural returns

Submitted by Eel River Watershed Mural

At long last Willits' beloved Eel River Watershed mural is back up in all its original brilliance. Designed and painted by Rosamond Crowder with assistance from Kier Walter, the mural was commissioned by Friends of the Eel River in 2012.

It shows the entire watershed from headwaters to the mouth in Humboldt County. The foreground features the Outlet Creek Basin where Willits is located. Familiar landmarks like Mount Sanhedrin, Shimmins Ridge, and Pine Mountain help orient the viewer.

In recent years the mural has shown signs of deterioration. The new owner of Beverage House (formerly Village Liquors), Zack Neama has been doing upgrades to the building and some of the panels were taken down during painting.

Crowder and Friends of the Eel River solicited donations and were able to raise enough funds to bring back the mural in a new form.

Photographer Ree Slocum had the presence of mind back in 2012 to take a high-resolution photo which has been transferred to vinyl and stretched on a stainless steel frame especially designed for the task. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Please join Rosamond and Kier on Friday, October 23 at 3 pm to celebrate the reinstallation.

We will meet at the Beverage House where the mural is located (across East Valley Street from the post office) for a re-dedication and celebration. We will move on to the Willits Environmental Center for a chat and refreshments. Please come!

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3rd District Supervisor

"…he will lead Mendocino County with integrity, honesty, and a quiet strength that speaks volumes."
Michealle Havenhill

"Eric cares deeply about this community's people, land, resources and organization… He is exactly the kind of person we want representing our interests and helping our community sort problems and find solutions. He is deeply intelligent, professional, and he listens. I endorse him without reservation..."
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Vote Now !! Use an official ballot drop box or vote in person by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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CITY OF WILLITS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LITTLE LAKE MOBILE HOME PARK WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

(NORTH MAIN STREET PIPELINE EXTENSION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits (City) intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Little Lake Mobile Home Park (LLMHP) Water System Improvements (North Main Street Pipeline Extension) ("Project"). The public hearing to consider adoption of the IS/MND will be held at City Hall located at, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490, on Wednesday, December 9th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

A pipeline extension to serve the LLMHP would require the installation of approximately 1.1 miles of up to eight-inch pipeline along N Main Street. N Main Street used to be the main route of Highway 101 before a Highway 101 bypass was constructed around the City. Since the completion of the Highway 101 bypass, much of the N Main Street right-of-way (ROW) has been transferred to the County, and N Main Street is now primarily a County maintained roadway. However, the bridge over Upp Creek and a portion of the road to the south of the bridge is still maintained by the California Department of Transportation. The new pipeline would need to cross Upp Creek by connecting to the existing roadway bridge, which is located between the City limits and the LLMHP, or by jack and bore under Upp Creek. An access route at the intersection of North Main Street south of the bridge would be a part of the Area of Potential Effects APE as well as an extended area east of the road to allow for jack and bore. It is anticipated that the majority of the pipeline would be under the roadway pavement or right off the shoulder of the roadway (between three to five feet from the edge of the pavement). Either open-cut or trenchless installation methods would be used for pipe installation. For segments of the pipeline that would require open-cut installation, this would require the cutting and rehabilitation of the pavement.

In order to connect the LLMHP system to the City, the proposed Project is anticipated to involve the following project components:

- Approximately 6,000 feet of up to eight-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe installed along/within N Main Street;
- Connection to existing 10-inch City water main;
- Up to eight-inch gate valve assemblies;
- Up to four-inch City meter and backflow prevention device at LLMHP property entrance;
- Attachment of pipeline to existing Upp Creek bridge;
- Three fire hydrants; and
- Minor onsite LLMHP distribution system modifications to connect system to new City meter.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an IS/MND has been prepared, evaluating the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The City has determined that potentially significant environmental impacts can be reduced to less than significant level with implementation of identified mitigation measures. Copies of the IS/MND are on file and available for public review upon written notice to City of Willits - 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490. The public review period during which the City will receive comments on the proposed IS/MND begins on October 22, 2026, and ends on November 23, 2026. Comments should be in writing, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis CA 93611, or email at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The Project site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.

Publication Date: October 22, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

WW 632

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Notice is hereby given that **SMOKEY'S BBQ, LLC** has applied to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for an On-Sale Beer and Wine for Bona Fide Public Eating Place **(Type 41)** license at the premises located at **1611 S. Main St., Ste D, Willits, CA 95490**.

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of this license may file a public protest with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Protests must be submitted in writing or online within 30 days of the date the physical on-site notice was posted at the premises, or within 30 days of the first date of this newspaper publication, whichever is later.

Protests may be sent via mail to the local ABC District Office at:

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Santa Rosa District Office

50 D Street, Suite 130

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Public protests may also be submitted electronically via the ABC public website at www.abc.ca.gov.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

WW629

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0366

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

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

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

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

/s/ Bryan Arnold, Managing Member

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

WW630

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0367

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

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

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

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

/s/ Bryan Arnold, Managing Member

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

LEGAL NOTICES

WW631

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0368

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

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

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 9, 2026.

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

/s/ Bryan Arnold, Managing Member

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

WW632

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0370

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

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

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder on October 14, 2026.

/s/ Dahvi Hooper

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

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!

For Rent

Small 2 bed 1 bath home in downtown Willits with large back yard and small storage $1650 + Dep. Lincoln Realty: 707-459-4599.

For Rent

Fairly large commercial bay ready for your business. Available now. Rent range $1000 to $1150. Lincoln Realty: 707-459-4599.

For Sale

Barely used Log Splitter. DeWalt 28 Ton, hydraulic 196cc. Bought Sept 2025, Home Depot. Used four days then put in storage. DeWalt 3-yr Limited Warranty. $1,200 or best. Call 707-385-9333

For Sale

2014 Harley Davidson Dyna. Low miles, garage kept. Well-maintained. $3,000 or best offer. Call at 530-790-5866.

Indoor Yard Sale

Giant Indoor Yard Sale – Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler). **Saturday, October 24** from 8 am to 4 pm

RV/Trailer Space for Rent

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

Classified ads are just $15 for 30 words for two weeks. Email us your ad today to include your ad here next week! willitsweekly@gmail.com

LEGAL NOTICES

WW615

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0345

The following person or persons are doing business as Lunas Health, 291 School St., #2, Willits, CA 95490; mailing address: 422 Larkfield Center #492, Santa Rosa CA 95403; 707-370- 8774

Registered owner: Peds2Psych NP Nursing Corporation, 422 Larkfield Center #492, Santa Rosa CA 95403.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

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 September 23, 2026.

/s/ Medie Jesena Parrott, owner

Publication Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

WW628

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2026-F0360

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

Registered owner: Brisa Shepherd, 3900 N. State St. SPC 10, Ukiah CA 95482.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

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

/s/ Brisa Shepherd

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

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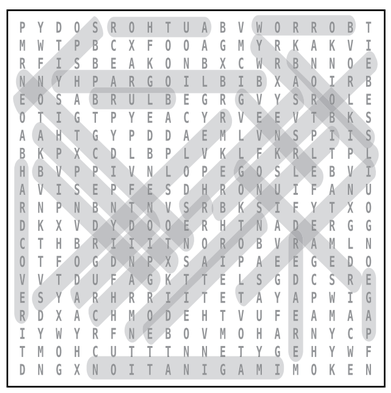
Ranch rodeo overall winners: First place: All Ranch No Cattle; second place: 3 Amigos; third place: Lazy M Ranch.

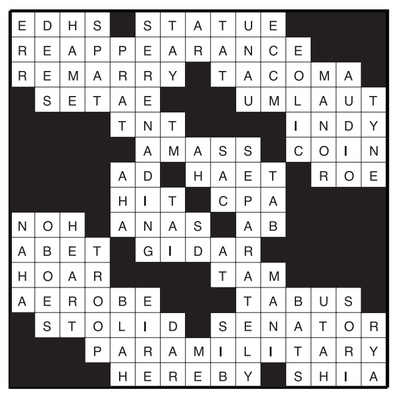
Overall girls team winner: First place: All Ranch No Cattle; second place: Kat's Crew.

Top hand/horse winner: Kylyn Watkins

Teams who competed in the 2026 event included: Kat's Crew with members Callie Grissom, Nicol Kunka and Raylene Sizemore; Geizer Cattle Company with members Kevin Gregorio, Blair Beeson and Ashley Molnar; T&T Hookers with members Danielle Barry, Dan Moore and Cody Cuthbert; 2 Girls and a Guy with members Nicol Kunka, Rob Salvador and Andrew Molina; 3 Amigos with members Matt Olivera, Brian Ortiz and Kyle Starkey; Lazy M Ranch with members Dan Moore, Blair Beeson and Kevin Gregorio; Bravo/Sanchez with members Matthew Bravo, Mario Sanchez and Lauren Sanchez; M Lazy A with members Blair Beeson, Jessie Jones and Cody Alvarez; All Ranch No Cattle with members Danielle Barry, Kylyn Watkins and Ashley Carr; KW Livestock with members Drew McElfresh, Raylene Sizemore and Trent Watkins; and Two & ½ Men with members Bryan Ortiz, Matt Bravo and Mario Sanchez.

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





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Well-Mannered Marble

Marble is a 1-year-old girl weighing 42 pounds, with a wonderful start on becoming a well-mannered companion! She already knows how to sit and shake, walks nicely on a leash, enjoys playtime, and is eager to learn new things. Marble can be a little shy when first meeting new people, but she warms up quickly and is ready to make friends once she feels comfortable.

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

Sweet Mango

Goofy and sweet Mango is full of fun, always ready for an adventure, and has a special talent for making people smile. Mango is a young medium mixed breed dog, just over a year old, weighing about 50 pounds. Whether she's playing, exploring, or just being her wonderfully quirky self, Mango knows how to brighten every room she enters. Mango's adoption fee is fully sponsored: $0 cost adoption, thanks to the McMillen Real Estate team!



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



OBITUARY |

Steven Brown

Steven Wayne Brown of Willits was born August 6, 1958, to James Earl Brown and Patricia Joan Carver. He left his earthly body, October 1, 2026. Steven was father of four children: Jason Mobbs, Hannah Lesley, Taylor Brown, and Jessica Brown along with eight grandchildren.

He had lived many lives: A high tree faller in Alaska, a machinist at Daniel Steel, and Metal Fx, and a truck driver. Grandpa Henry Cooper from Cooper Trucking Cloverdale taught Steven much on the yard about mechanics. He was also a paratrooper in the US Army E-3.

We the family and friends will gather in his honor December 5, 2026 at The Munchery in Willits, 10 am to 3 pm.

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