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Round Valley Library named 'Best Small Library' in U.S.

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Friends of the Round Valley Public Library Vice President Lew Chichester announced this week that the Round Valley Library in Covelo has been proclaimed the "Best Small Library in America 2024," by the esteemed *Library Journal*.

"I am thrilled and proud to announce that the Mendocino County Library, Round Valley Branch, has been recognized by *Library Journal*, the national publication for libraries and librarians, as the BEST SMALL LIBRARY IN AMERICA!"

"We are inviting the press, the politicians, and the public (that's you, your friends, family, in-laws and outlaws) to a reception and open house at the Library Commons [23925 Howard Street] on Saturday, September 14, from 1 to 3 pm to celebrate this wonderful award."

The *Library Journal* called the Round Valley Library "the hub" of Covelo, an anchor of the community, and a community connector.

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Toxic algae warnings for local rivers

Submitted by the California Water Boards

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and Mendocino County advise caution for anyone who fishes, or swims in the East Fork of the Russian River (Mendocino County) and the Navarro River in Philo (Mendocino County) as potentially toxic algal mats were recently discovered in the rivers. Because children and dogs are most susceptible to serious health impacts, it is recommended that they avoid touching any suspicious-looking algal material found in the water or along riverbanks.

During field training on August 9, 2024 the North Coast Regional Water Board staff sampled benthic mats in the East Fork of the Russian River at the access point across from Elledge Ranch Road (39.241443, -123.142949). Testing confirmed that potentially toxic algal mats are growing on the bottom of the East Fork of the Russian River. These mats may detach and become stranded on banks. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board is posting "Toxic

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Above, left: Auction items are available in a wide assortment for bidding to help raise money for Roots of Motive Power. Above, right: The yard is located on Commercial Street and will be open to the public during this weekend's Steam Festival celebration. Below: Chris Baldo showcases Maureen Jennison's annual reminder to remember to carve your images in reverse for the steam printing event! Oops!



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Broadband project breaks ground in Willits

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The City of Willits hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on August 23 at the Community Center, for what's called a "middle-mile" broadband infrastructure project in Willits.

California's Middle-Mile Broadband initiative is a statewide effort by the California Department of Technology to implement the nation's largest open-access, middle-mile broadband network," the City of Willits posted on Facebook.

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Patriot Day Ceremony on September 11

Submitted by American Legion Post 174

Each year, American Legion Post 174 of Willits has conducted a "Remembrance" Ceremony honoring local firefighters, law enforcement, and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001.

This year, this will be a joint effort – Willits High School and the American Legion, Willits Post 174. The Post will conduct a brief (15 minute maximum) ceremony on Wednesday, September 11 in the parking area in front of the main Willits High School building, flag pole location, 299 North Main Street. Gathering starts at 11:30 am, with the ceremony starting at 11:45 am

Please join us as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that "day of infamy" and the following days.

Note: Parking for the public is available at the north end, school parking lot. Seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

Covelo man surrenders on charges of criminal threats

By Sgt. J. D'Orazio for MCSO

On August 28, 2024 at approximately 11:02 pm, deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to contact the victim of possible criminal threats made in the Covelo area.

Deputies responded to the 23800 block of Howard Street, and, contacted the 33-year-old female victim. Deputies learned

Read the rest of **Threats**
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MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM
3rd Annual ImpRESSED Printmaking Exhibit: Turning the Page
NOW SHOWING!
September 7 & 8
Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival
Free Admission at the Museum
Printmaking in the Park 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
September History Makers
Every Wednesday from 2 - 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 11 - Press It! Air Clay Impressions
Sept. 18 - Stamp It! Make Your Own Stamp
Sept. 25 - Twist It! Book Press Printing
Wednesday is Free admission when you show your Mendocino County Library Card!

Above: The Mendocino County Museum is partnering with Roots to offer fun printmaking events and exhibits. Below, from left: Roots members address the crowd at a previous event. Hit-and-miss motors and antique items are displayed in the Rec Grove park. Some of the Roots equipment touches the sky. At bottom, left: Free rides on the steam train are always a hit at the festival. At bottom, right: Bring your money and bid big on the items!



Steam Up Weekend

Roots of Motive Power offers train rides, BBQ, and hands-on fun at annual Steam Festival

Submitted by Roots of Motive Power

Roots of Motive Power is proud to present its 42nd Annual Steam Festival! This event takes place Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8, from 10 am to 4 pm both days.

This year we hope that the Roots of Motive Power Festival will be our best event ever. Expect to hear whistles tooting and bells ringing, as Roots steams up at our Commercial Street yard.

Historic train rides and old logging equipment demonstrations will be going on throughout the festival weekend.

On Saturday, our annual Appreciation Barbecue begins at 4 pm. In addition to our world-famous BBQ, look forward to live music, a raffle, and a silent and a live auction which will fill the afternoon with cheers. Don't miss the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association displays, our guests in Rec Grove park.

This year, on both Saturday and Sunday, the antique machine show continues again with Steam Roller Street Printing. One of our Buffalo Springfield Steam Rollers will be making linoleum prints with the help of talented artists from around the state. Illustrator and printmaker Rik Olsen will be onsite on Saturday only. You can try your hand at print-making and say you did it with an antique steam roller!

All in all, it's a unique show you won't want to miss!



What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

No cement in City Park

To the Editor:

Dear City Council members: Please reconsider the plan to build a "roofed pavilion" in the northeast corner of City Park. Farmers Market manager wrote last week asking for reconsideration of the idea due to the use of cement, because cement is an environmentally

devastating substance. The Farmers Market is outdoors Thursday afternoons for three to four hours during good weather (May through October), and retreats indoors in the winter months to stay warm and dry, along with their many fine foods and services offered for sale.

Please rethink the use of the government funds and perhaps find an arborist like Dave Watts from the former Sanhedrin Nursery, who cares about how our town looks and what trees are most amenable to growing just the right height, etc., to replace the stunted trees that are never going to offer shade along the State Street side of Bud Snyder Park.

All the beautiful trees that lifted the sidewalk along Mendocino Avenue at the old Rexall Pharmacy could also be replaced with proven "street trees" that would give beauty and shade in some seasons without lifting the sidewalk!

Please DO NOT add cement walk/ride paths anywhere in City Park!

Carol Orton, Willits

Smartphones in school

To the Editor:

Thank you to school board member Jeanne King, for her letter (Willits Weekly,

August 15, 2024) about the alarming increase in mental illness and decrease in academic performance in teens today. In it she outlines how smartphones facilitate 24/7 access to social media, which has increased bullying, depression, addiction and anxiety. I also read "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt and think it's a must read for parents and educators.

Besides scaring the beegobies out of me and making me very sad, the book also gave me hope by offering four very well-thought-out solutions to these problems. The first two are for parents:

1. Don't give your child a smartphone before the age of 14. Flip phones offer less opportunities for distraction, sleep deprivation and addiction, and no access to social media.

2. Don't let your child have a social media account until s/he is 16.

The other two solutions are for schools:

3. Implement a system whereby students lock their phones away during school hours. Anderson Valley Unified has done this for a year and reports positive outcomes for student behavior at school and at home!

4. Give students more free time/recess at school to socialize and "play." More independence to explore and solve problems on their own improves social skills and helps build children's sense of competence and self-confidence.

Many more details about this problem and solutions can be found in Haidt's book. We adults don't have to stand by and watch our kids' mental health and academic success erode due to 24/7 access to screens. It's time for us to take responsibility and help our children out of this crisis.

Robin Goldner, Willits

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunches are \$8; \$75 for a 10 lunch card for Senior Center members.

Thursday, September 5: Open Faced Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
Friday, September 6: Asian Chicken Wrap, Cole Slaw
Monday, September 9: Beef Tips & Noodles, Veggies, Roll
Tuesday, September 10: Baked Chicken, Stuffing, Veggies, Roll
Wednesday, September 11: Shrimp Louie Salad, Garlic Bread
Thursday, September 12: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad
Friday, September 13: Italian Sub, Pickle, Chips

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

Pancake Breakfast: Every second Sunday, on September 8 this month, 8 to 11 am. \$10; \$9 center members; \$6 children under 8. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. \$10; \$9 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides \$2: 3 slices bacon, 2 sausage links. Breakfast includes Peet's Coffee and orange juice or milk.

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

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

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

Results of 2024 Point in Time Count released

Submitted by Mendocino County Social Services

The Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care has released its results from the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, an annual count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in Mendocino County. More than 40 volunteers took part in this year's PIT Count, which was held on the morning of January 24, 2024. The data collected on that night is organized and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is typically approved and released back to the community in late summer.

In 2024, volunteers counted 779 individuals experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness – 227 of those individuals were in shelter, and 552 of those individuals were unsheltered on the night of January 23. Utilizing a location-based application, short surveys were administered to individuals and families residing on the streets and in vehicles, makeshift shelters, encampments, and other places not meant for human habitation throughout the county. Non-responsive observed persons were documented and included in the count totals as well.

Although a PIT Count is important to establish some dimension of the problem of homelessness in our local communities, the method is complex and limited and should be considered as just one amongst a variety of data sources needed to tell the whole story of homelessness.

In years past, PIT Count organizers and volunteers had not engaged sovereign Tribal governments to collaborate documenting the prevalence of homelessness on Tribal lands throughout the county. This year, in order to improve our collective understanding and outcomes, the PIT Count Planning Team contacted local Tribal nations and the Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority, which were eager to help in this effort, and worked closely with the PIT Count organizing team to train and coordinate teams of Tribal members and leaders to canvas Tribal land throughout Mendocino County. All known Tribal areas within Mendocino County were enumerated, ranging from the Cahto and Round Valley Tribes in the north to the Hopland and Yokayo Tribes in the south to the Manchester Band on the coast.

Tribal members familiar with the local areas surveyed the land and documented persons and vehicles known to be inhabited by persons experiencing homelessness. This local knowledge and access enabled Mendocino PIT Count Teams the ability

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Public advisory on pertussis prevention

Submitted by Charles Evans, MD, Deputy Public Health Officer

Pertussis (whooping cough), a contagious respiratory illness, is here in Mendocino County.

Babies younger than 1 year old and older adults are at greatest risk.

People with pre-existing health conditions are also at risk for developing a severe infection. Some of these conditions include but are not limited to immunocompromising conditions and moderate to severe medically treated asthma.

Prevent whooping cough by getting vaccinated.

Whooping cough spreads from person to person through the air from the start of symptoms and for at least 2 weeks after coughing begins.

If you've been exposed to someone with whooping cough, talk to your healthcare provider about preventive care. It's very important to treat whooping cough early!

Learn more at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/pages/immunization/pertussis.aspx#

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Redwoods and Discs

Brooktrails Golf Course hosts disc golf tournament, attracting players from across the country

After 66 holes, three days, and many miles of chasing flying discs through the redwoods of Brooktrails, the tournament ended. The Brooktrails Open disc golf contest, held August 29 through August 31, brought 148 of the country's best to compete in this scenic but often frustrating course which co-exists with the nine-hole golf facility at the Brooktrails Golf Course.

The par 73, 219 for the aggregate three days and three rounds, provided long fairways and tricky configurations of trees which seemed to reach out and interfere with the normal flight of the discs. The dense foliage on some of the holes attempted to eat or hide several of the discs that ventured into the brush. Without spotters, finding the discs was sometimes challenging.

Tournament Director Joseph Haggard, a local Willits resident, who with his family created Emerald Spirit Botanicals, worked tirelessly for the three days, checking participants in, giving instructions and hints to each foursome, keeping track of the proceedings, and making sure the scoring requirements were adhered to.

"There are no shotgun starts. It's all tee times," explained Haggard. "A group of four goes out every 11 minutes. We have 150 players, 22 holes. It's about 9,000 feet of play. It's one of our longest and biggest events.

"The winner gets \$1,200. It costs \$165 to play. It's not teams, it's individuals. It's

all online registration. The amateurs get a player pack worth about \$200. The pros pay for the cash payouts. We have local sponsors like Flying Dog Pizza, giving away pizza combos: pizza, salad, drink. Shanachie Pub is offering live music."

Other sponsors included Empower Wellness and Emerald Spirit Botanicals.

"My brother and I helped put this whole course together with the Basket Beaters [the local disc golf club]," Haggard said. "We're stoked to be able to sponsor and run the event.

"This is the first A-tiered tournament that has been done at the Brooktrails Golf Course," continued Haggard. "Last year, it was a B-tiered tournament. The different tiers are different levels of profession, essentially. A-tier is the highest level of tournament, before you get to a professional disc golf major event. People are encouraged to wear collared shirts and formal dress. This is one step up toward pro level.

"An A-tier has to have a minimum of \$3,000 added cash," Haggard said. "We have \$4,000 added cash for this year. The players buy in and that forms some of the pool and then sponsors come in and support. We had \$4,000 in sponsorships. This will be about the same payout as last year. I think last year, we had just over \$1,200. We're expecting the same this year."

This was a pro-am tournament, with

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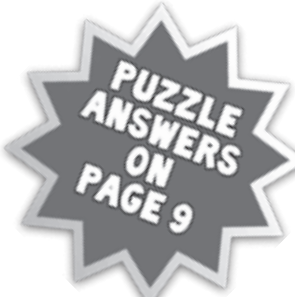
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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Level: Beginner

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!

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- Reciprocal of an ohm
- God of the sea
- A way to disfigure
- Positioned
- Tall tropical American tree
- Large deciduous trees
- ___ and ends
- Part of a machine
- Brews
- One who leads prayers in a mosque
- Indian state
- Partisans
- Top lawyer in the land
- Former Dodgers MVP
- Title for women
- Heated and allowed to slowly cool
- Copycat
- Sounds
- One-time Israeli diplomat Abba
- Part of (abbr.)
- Hateful

CLUES DOWN

- Collide
- European football heavyweight
- One who works for you
- Song
- Ancient marvls
- Bridge building degree
- Delivery boys
- Continent
- Submissive
- One who leads prayers in a mosque
- Indian state
- Partisans
- Top lawyer in the land
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- Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- Once more
- Irate
- Triangular spaces above a door
- Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik
- Atomic #58
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Natural logarithm
- Talk incessantly
- Went by
- Strives
- Fall back
- Manila hemp
- Not easily explained
- Former 'Double Dare' host Summers
- Mollusk
- Capital of Togo
- Letter of Semitic scripts
- Founder of Babism
- Indicates near
- Family of regulator genes
- Indicates before

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

August 26 to September 2

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **67 incidents** in this 8-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 26

6:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

9:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane.

August 27

7:21 am: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Railroad Avenue and issued a citation.

10:44 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report on an unwanted subject in the 400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Williams Street.

6:26 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:32 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

10:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

August 28

1:35 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

11:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

August 29

3:12 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

12:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Redwood Avenue.

4:18 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

10:48 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

August 30

10:33 am: Officers initiated a vehicle

theft investigation in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

3:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of East Valley Street and Boscabelle Avenue and issued a citation.

5:28 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of West Van Lane and South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:44 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:39 pm: THORNTON, Troy William (28) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Pearl Street following a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation.

August 31

8:19 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

8:41 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:00 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:19 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

September 1

11:15 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a warning.

7:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

10:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

September 2

3:45 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Pine Street.

3:48 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

3:08 pm: KUBAS, Michael Dennis (45) of Nice was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a theft investigation. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of petty theft of merchandise with priors, being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The rest of Threats

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the female was involved in a domestic argument with her boyfriend, who was identified as 41-year-old James Lamonte Mathis of Covelo. Mathis had left the residence prior to deputies arriving at the scene.

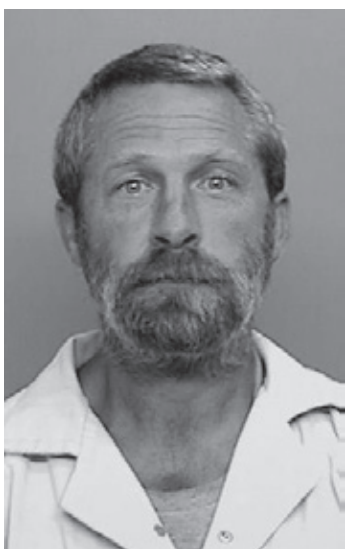
During the course of the investigation, deputies developed probable cause that criminal threats were made by Mathis towards the female. Deputies issued a BOLO (be on the lookout) for Mathis' arrest to all law enforcement agencies in Mendocino County. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate Mathis.

On August 29, 2024, deputies continued to try and locate Mathis to no avail. Due to the nature of the threats made by Mathis, deputies contacted the Mendocino County Behavioral Health Response Team to assist with contacting Mathis. The Behavioral Health Response Team attempted to contact Mathis to determine if he would peacefully surrender to deputies.

At about 8 pm, the Response Team was able to make contact with Mathis on the telephone. After speaking with Mathis, the Response Team convinced him to peacefully surrender to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Mathis was ultimately placed under arrest for 422 PC (Criminal Threats) and was subsequently booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$30,000 bail.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Behavior Health Response Team for their assistance with this peaceful resolution.



James Mathis of Covelo.



Buffie Campbell Schmidt



At left: Pomo artists greeted friends, family, and area art lovers for an opening celebration last Saturday at the Willits Center for the Arts. From left, Melody Williams, Buffie Schmidt, Michael Racho, Antoinette Ascencio, and Eric Wilder. Above: Quilt detail with three quail by Antoinette Ascencio. Below, left: The "Speaking Relatives" quilt illustrates the richness of the Pomo language through a community effort. Below, right: Eric Wilder's "Historical Trauma" burden basket poster. At bottom, left: This Pomo regalia headpiece and necklace created by Buffie Schmidt is used for tribal dances and ceremonies. At bottom, right: This ceremonial hand drum is used in traditional settings, along with clapper sticks.

Celebrating Pomo Culture

Art Center's September exhibit features works by local Native artists

The Willits Center for the Arts is home to a special exhibit of Native artists who have come together to celebrate Pomo culture. The exhibit tells a story of both tragedy and regrowth, presenting generations of traditional knowledge and skills through ceremonial objects and contemporary Native art.

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Buffie Campbell Schmidt has been a champion for Pomo traditions and community for decades. She is a basket maker who harvests much of the materials she uses herself. She is an herbalist, beader, and teacher, who also leads the Sherwood Band of Pomo Indians tribal dancers. She is a mother and a grandmother who has served on the Sherwood Tribal Council.

For the past two years she pioneered a Northern Pomo language curriculum for high school teachers in Ukiah. Her lovingly created baskets and regalia along with her iconic collection of native Pomo art and craft, set the tone for the exhibit.

Michael Racho has been a mentor to his family and tribe for over 50 years. Many of his pieces include abalone and other stones and shells gathered along the coastal areas of Pomo territory. He enjoys expressing his cultural values in his jewelry-making, and is passionate about passing his skills and traditional knowledge down to coming generations.

Stewart Wilburn Sr. is a Sherwood Tribal elder whose bead work is held in high regard. Wilburn gathers all the abalone

knowledge and skills through ceremonial objects and contemporary Native art.

Read the rest of Pomo Over on page 9



At far left: Shells, beads, rawhide, and other gathered materials form this large necklace made by Buffie Schmidt. At left: Brushes made from the edible soap root plant. Photos by Margi Gomez Guhde



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Beginning Thursday October 3
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Suzanne Piccetti-Johnson (707) 456-9676

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Group Facilitators



The Harmony Keepers featured at next Willits Daily Bread benefit, September 15

This third musical benefit presented by St. Francis Episcopal Church to help Willits Daily Bread continue to feed the hungry in the community features The Harmony Keepers: Kate Black and Anita Blu. The Harmony Keepers are becoming known for "polished and precisely matched beautiful vocal harmonies, accompanied with guitar and keyboard, and some songs with dulcimer or ukulele. Lovely renditions of music from Joni Mitchell, Carole King, James Taylor, Phoebe Snow, Laura Nyro, Leonard Cohen, and some new songs as well."

This family-friendly event is set for Sunday, September 15, from 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Commercial and Main streets. Admission by donation. After-show Soup & Bread dinner, \$5; bread donated by Emandal and Reza's Bakery. Donations can be mailed to: Willits Daily Bread, P.O. Box 1826, Willits, CA 95490.



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Thursday,
September 5

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, Thursday, September 5, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street, 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. "Storytime at the Farmers Market," from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin Steiskal reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome.

Friday, September 6

Build-A-Robot at the Library: Children, tweens, and families are invited to this hands-on robot-building activity featuring DIY Balance Car Robots at the Willits Library, Friday, September 6, from 3 to 4:30 pm at 390 East Commercial Street. "An exciting learning experience that covers basic principles of circuits, electricity, mechanics, and engineering." Each participant will have the opportunity to assemble their own robot using a simple wooden and electric motor kit, perfect for beginners. Recommended for children ages 8+, adult supervision required for children under 12. Registration is required: To sign up, please contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

The Aeolian Trio at the Art Center: Japan-based California jazz group Aeolian Trio takes the stage in the Great Room at the Willits Center for the Arts on Friday, September 6, from 7 to 9 pm. Featuring Shakhachi master Bruce Huebner, Tokyo guitarist Koufuu Suwa, and New York percussionist Todd Isler, reuniting ancient traditions and bringing them into the 21st century with jazz and world fusion sounds. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Tickets are \$20 in advance online at www.willitscenterforthearts.org, and \$25 at the door on the day of the event. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Info: email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707-459-1726.



'Steel Magnolias' continues at WCT: The beloved beauty shop comedy-drama 'Steel Magnolias' continues Saturday, September 6 at 7:30 pm, and through September 15 at Willits Community Theatre. Co-directed by Kelly Kesey and Lisa Wilcox, the Robert Harling classic features the intimate and remarkable experiences of six women in their loving and devoted friendships while they gather together at the local beauty shop. They come to Truvy's for her true wit and uplifting spirit, and for the way she can turn a sad moment into laughter. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door.

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What's Happening Around Town

Eric McFadden and Friends at Shanachie: Eric McFadden, guitar virtuoso/ songwriter/vocalist, with Steven Bates, vocalist, guitar player, and songwriter, and singer Gwyneth Moreland perform Friday, September 6 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B Main Street.

Saturday, September 7

Makers & Bakers Fundraiser at Methodist Church: Willits United Methodist Church hosts a Makers & Bakers Fundraiser at on Saturday, September 7, from 9 am to 1 pm. "We are having a fundraiser to raise money for the installation of air conditioning for our church. We will be selling crafted items as well as baked goods, and we will also have a table for gently used items." More info: 707-549-2855.

Willits Youth Soccer Fall Opening Day: Willits Youth Soccer kicks off the soccer season for Fall League on Saturday, September 7, at 9 am at the main field on East Commercial Street. 15 teams will be kicking off the soccer season for Fall 2024. Info <https://www.willitsyouthsoccer.net/> or willitsyouthsoccer@gmail.com

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival: The 42nd annual Steam Festival, featuring free passenger steam train rides, antique equipment demonstrations, steam roller printing, and more, is happening Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8, from 10 am to 4 pm both days at the Roots Yard, 420 East Commercial across from the Rec Grove. On Saturday enjoy displays by the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association in the Rec Grove, with live music, a raffle, a live and silent auction, and Roots' world-famous Appreciation Barbeque starting around 4 pm; tickets on sale at the event. Steam Roller Street Printing with one of Roots' antique Buffalo Springfield Steam Rollers is set for 11 am to 3 pm, both days: Try your hand at making linoleum prints with the help of talented artists from around the state, including Illustrator Rik Olsen who'll attend on Saturday.

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Donnie & Friends at Shanachie: featuring local harmonica (aka "Mississippi saxophone") player Donnie, joined by friends and fellow musicians possibly including Gary Bouley, Jeff Martin, Rasta Sean and Tom G. among others, playing an improvisational variety of Chicago style Blues, Rock, Funk, Latin, and West African music. Saturday, September 7 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

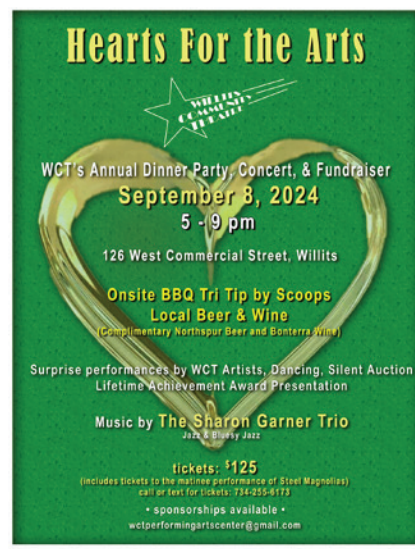


Sunday, September 8

42nd annual Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival: Roots' annual Steam Festival, featuring free passenger steam train rides, antique equipment demonstrations, steam roller printing, and more, is happening Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8, from 10 am to 4 pm both days at the Roots Yard, 420 East Commercial across from the Rec Grove. See Saturday, September 7 listing for more details.

'Steel Magnolias' at WCT: The beloved beauty shop comedy-drama 'Steel Magnolias' continues Sunday, September 8 at 2 pm (part of WCT Gala, see next listing) and 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Check Friday, September 6 listing for more details.

Hearts For The Arts Gala at WCT: Annual dinner party, theater show, concert, and silent auction to benefit the Willits Community Theatre is set for Sunday, September 8, including a matinee showing of "Steel Magnolias," followed by an outdoor BBQ tri-tip and vegetarian options dinner and dessert, and live entertainment by the Sharon Garner Trio to be held at a private creekside residence in Willits. The \$125 ticket for the fundraiser also includes complimentary Bonterra wine and NorthSpur Brewery beer. Tickets are available by phoning or texting Amythyst Romero at 734-255-6173.



Wednesday, September 11

2024 Patriot Day Ceremony: American Legion Post 174 conducts a "Remembrance" Ceremony honoring local firefighters, law enforcement, and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001. Wednesday, September 11, 10 am to 12 pm, at the old Rexall parking lot downtown, 90 South Main Street, 3 to 5:30 pm. Local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. "Storytime at the Farmers Market," from 3:30 to 4 pm, with Library Assistant Tobin Steiskal reading selected juvenile picture books. All are welcome.

11 in the parking area in front of the main Willits High School building, flag pole location, 299 North Main Street. Gathering starts at 11:30 am, ceremony starts at 11:45 am. Note: Parking for the public is available at the north end, school parking lot. Seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

Women's Health Day at Long Valley Health Center: Women's Health Day is set for Wednesday, 11, from 9 am to 4 pm at Long Valley Health Center, 50 Branscomb Road, Laytonville. The mammogram van will be onsite, plus well-women exams, health education, goody bags and snacks. Free chair massage with a mammogram or pap appointment. Call 707-984-6131 x114 to schedule your visit.

History Makers at the Museum: The Mendocino County Museum presents family friendly themed crafts and activities inspired by the permanent gallery exhibits on Wednesdays from 11 am to 3 pm. In September, the exhibit is "ImPRESSED: Turning the Page," the 3rd annual printmaking exhibit at the Museum. The Wednesday, September 11 activity is "Press It: Air Clay Impressions." 400 East Commercial Street. Program attendance is included with regular Museum admission. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays with your Mendocino County Library Card. Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365



September 13 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, September 14

Sit-N-Sew: Second Saturdays at the Willits Library, September 14 this month, from 1 to 5 pm. Drop in - bring your sewing project and have fun. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolib.org or 459-5908.

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Sunday, September 15

'Steel Magnolias' closes at WCT: The beloved beauty shop comedy-drama 'Steel Magnolias' closes with a 2 pm matinee, Sunday, September 15 at Willits Community Theatre. Check Friday, September 6 listing for more details.

Benefit Concert for Willits Daily Bread: The 3rd musical benefit presented by St. Francis Episcopal Church to help Willits Daily Bread continue to feed the hungry in the community features The Harmony Keepers: Kate Black and Anita Blu. "Lovely renditions in beautiful vocal harmonies of music from Joni Mitchell, Carole King, James Taylor, Phoebe Snow, Laura Nyro, Leonard Cohen, and some new songs as well." Sunday, September 15, from 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis Church, Commercial and Main streets. Admission: Donations accepted. After-show Soup and Bread Dinner, \$5; bread donated by Emandal Farm and Reza's Bakery.

ONGOING EVENTS

September Exhibit at WCA: The September show at the Willits Center for the Arts features the works of multiple local Pomo artists, including Eric Wilder, a member of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, and Buefle Campbell Schmidt, a descendant of the Sherwood, Noyo, and Yokayo bands of Pomo Indians. "This event is a celebration of the cultural heritage of the Pomo people and an invitation to the community to immerse themselves in the stories and traditions that have shaped the region." WCA is open Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm, at 71 East Commercial Street, and admission is free.

Willits Community Services & Food Bank: WCS offers food grocery distributions to families in need twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. 344 Railroad Avenue. Please bring an I.D. We are looking for volunteers for our warehouse, window, food delivery drivers, and fundraising volunteers. For information call: (707) 459-3333

Free Food Pop-Ups: Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program's Food Pop-Up in Willits offers two events per month, first and third Thursdays, at 1250 Blosser Lane. Info: outreach@fbfoodbank.org; 707-964-9404

Willits Tennis Club: Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am at the Willits High School courts. New members welcome. Free. Show up or call 707-484-3385.

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

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Sack lunches served at the City Park (or across the street in case of rain) every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. Come early to be assured a lunch! Provided by various churches and community organizations.

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: igregory@saber.net or visit Willits Boules Club on Facebook.

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym: Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers free classes for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. More info on current classes: call or text Sensei Mike Tobin at 707-354-0565.

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

Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.
Info: www.mendolib.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.

Story Time: Friday mornings each week, 10:30 to 11 am. Join us in the children's area of the library.

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to noon. We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe". Topics will range and will be announced ahead of time.

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, now 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

Tech Help: Now every Saturday from 11 am to 12 pm: Is your computer on the friz? Want to install a new app? Bring your tech questions and get help from the library's tech savvy volunteer

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library, from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome!

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Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

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Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English
10:30 a.m. - Spanish
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Harrah Senior Center Monthly Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, September 8th, 2024
8:00am - 11:00am
1501 Baechtel Rd. Willits, CA 95490
Breakfast includes biscuits and gravy with side of eggs OMELET.
All you can eat pancakes, 1Pm, sausage OR 2Pm, bacon, 2 eggs, cup of coffee, milk or juice.
(Extra Sausage, Bacon, eggs and juice for additional cost)

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events
Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street
Saturday Scramble: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. Bring any instrument you can play and sign up to perform a 15-minute set with other local musicians. "Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!"
Bluegrass String Jam: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm - welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which members from out of the area may drop in!"
Wednesday Open Mic Night: Shanachie Pub presents its popular Open Mic Night every Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world. Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7 pm, you can be entered for the lottery. Lottery determines order from which you pick your 20 minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm.

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3rd annual Printmaking exhibit "IMPRESSED" at the Museum. See 9th on Saturday!
Steam Roller Printing at the Park 11 am to 3 pm - Saturday and Sunday. See 9th on Saturday!

Harvest Winemaker Dinner in Hopland, September 14
Bonterra Organic Estates and the Good Farm Fund host a Harvest Winemaker Dinner on Saturday, September 14 at the picturesque McNab Ranch in Hopland. Garden reception at 5:30 pm showcases appetizers featuring ingredients from local farmers, plus a wine tasting with Bonterra senior winemakers, with the option to take a vineyard tour. Dinner at 6:30 pm is a three-course feast prepared by renowned Mendocino chef, Olan Cox, using hyper-local, organic ingredients, and thoughtfully paired with Bonterra's award-winning Regenerative Organic wines. Guests will dine with a local farmer who has received one of Good Farm Fund's capacity-building grants, and who will speak to the impact the grant has had on their farm. Just 50 tickets will be sold. Vegetarian and vegan options are available upon request when making reservations. For reservations and more information, visit bonterra.com/wines/2024-harvest-dinner/

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Willits Senior Center & The Willits Lions Present: Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner
Friday, September 15, 2024 3:00-5:00
St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church Commercial & Main Street
Admission Donations Accepted
To Help Willits Daily Bread continue to feed the hungry in our community
Soup & Bread Dinner \$5.00
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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



Wise Lady

This special lady was given the right name! She is a regal lady behaving very nicely on a leash.

She is affectionate and curious. She loves to play with her ball and dump over water containers.

She likes wading and playing with other dogs. This older gal has a bit of gray around her muzzle to show her wisdom.

Lady would do best in a home without children, but could be happy either with or without another dog. She can be protective at times, but looks to you to try to understand what you want from her.

Lady is looking for a family ready to give a second chance to an older dog. She would be grateful, and love you forever.

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

Sweet Naomi

Naomi is a mellow girl with a beautiful soul. She loves to just chill and play with her toys or chew her bone. Naomi listens well and enjoys being near you. She rides well in the car, and she does great with kids, cats, and other dogs.



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

Lively Tender



Tender is your typical friendly, active, playful kitten! If you're looking to get a new feline friend for your family, look no further!

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from noon to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1 to 1:30 pm) on Saturdays. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com. Call 707-467-6453 for more information.



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Above, from left: Volunteers Eva King, Ruthie King and Katherine Flink help in the kitchen. Artist Barbara Phelps shows her sculpture of a fallow white deer that lives on the property (it was sold at live auction for \$2,200). Kyle Brandon, Dr. Jon Glycer, and Grace and Manny Orozco make up the Rotary lobster cooking crew.



At left: Three hundred diners spread out around the newly cleaned sculpture of Seabiscuit. Below, left: A plate of prime rib, baked potato, and green beans was prepared by Black Dog Catering and volunteers. Below, right: Philanthropic Educational Organization members serve the lobster to those in line.

Claws for a Cause

Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center annual fundraiser has another entertaining and successful year

"My name is Ashland Bradshaw," wrote one satisfied parent, a story which was related to Claws for a Cause attendees by Ellen Bartholomew. "My 5-year-old daughter, Ivy, started at Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center this last May. In the past four months I have been astounded by the progress my daughter has made in her language, communications, and overall emotional well-being.

"Before starting at STRC, Ivy needed regular prompting to communicate her wants and needs," wrote Bradshaw. "She was able to say two or three words at a time, but the process of her thinking to her saying her words was slow and difficult for her. In the past month, I have seen a notable improvement in Ivy's language skills. She can communicate her wants and her needs with much more ease and she is able to string together five or six words at a time now.

"One of the first skills that Erin [STRC Director Erin Holzauer] works on is having Ivy tell the horse to 'walk on,'" Bradshaw wrote. "Ivy has been learning that her words hold great power as she makes the horse walk. This has been a huge confidence booster for her in her language skills. Ivy is so excited for horse therapy each week. She is engaged, relaxed, and yet thrilled when she is at STRC. It has been such a joy to watch my daughter connect with the horses and Erin as she has. The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center has been a phenomenal therapeutic experience

for my daughter, and I am excited to see her thrive as we continue. Thank you."

This honored and established program works. It teaches clients horsemanship and a kinship with animals, which helps their ability to communicate, bolster their confidence, and generally creates greater self-esteem.

Each year, the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, with help from the Willits Rotary Club, the Professional Educational Organization, and others produce an amazing, well attended (about 300 people), fun, and lucrative event, called Claws for a Cause (a reference to the traditional lobster portion of the dinner).

The gala usually produces as much as \$90,000 with the tickets (\$100 each), silent auction, and live auction. The event evinces the generosity of the donors who give items to be auctioned or bid without restraint for the many eclectic items of utility and / or artistic value. At the time of this writing, the numbers had not yet been tallied but with the enthusiastic bidding and the Cascade of Giving as an indication, the numbers should again be sufficient for needed improvements, maintenance, feed, and vet bills. The only thing the riding center needs for the immediate future are volunteers to help the learning and / or physically challenged clients.

Prior to the auctions, a local group, the Back Porch Trio,

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From far left: Volunteer Tam Adams, of Emandal - A Farm on a River, helps serve. Chuck and Jill Persico are happy to attend the Claws for a Cause fundraiser - Jill donated a monthly lunch for two for a year at her Loose Caboose restaurant. Erin Holzauer and her 7-year-old daughter, Katherine, pose for a photo.

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The rest of **Pomo** From page 5

shells used in his extraordinary pieces, which form part of Buffie Campbell Schmidt's collection.

Antoinette Ascencio is a quilter, beader, and basket maker who combines her traditional knowledge, skills, and love for her Pomo community with a Western education, to inform her almost 30 years of community-centered work. As an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper she has participated in both local and national organizations to build leadership skills and promote empowerment among Native youth. She presents a wide range of artwork at the WCA exhibit, using beading, painting, and quilting to express her creativity. Ascencio's daughter Kayla Lowell creates beaded medallions that include a variety of glass beads and pine nuts.

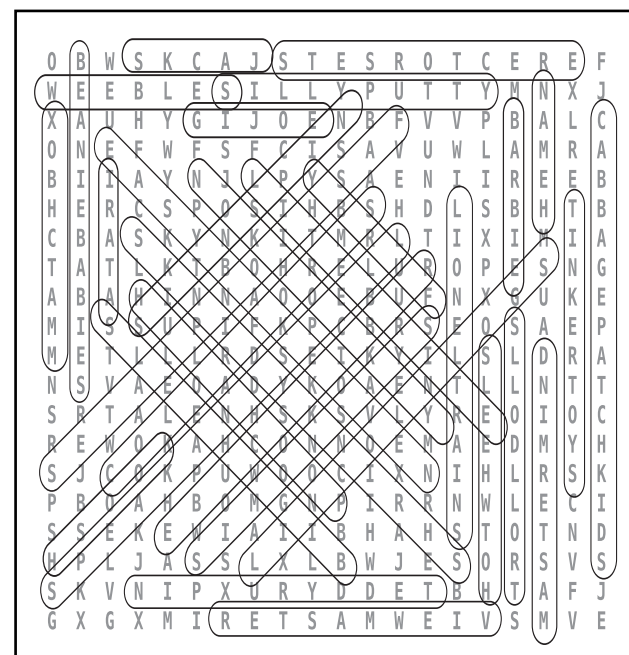
Artist Eric Wilder is also a Kashia Pomo tribal leader and arts champion from the South Coast in the Manchester area. A graphic designer by trade, he also has a deep background in video game creation. Wilder's artwork reflects his Native upbringing and highlights his deeply felt connections to the Pomo culture. A number of his detailed pen and ink drawings, like "Culture Doesn't Stop," illustrate the enduring Pomo response to the coronavirus, with the community continuing to gather and harvest acorns and performing timeless and traditional ceremonies.


His "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women" poster commemorates the National Day of Awareness dedicated to the Missing and Murdered People movement. Wilder's "Native Outreach" logo, created for the California Indian Heritage Center in Sacramento, represents the exchange of ideas and collaboration between the many California tribes. "Follow the negative space in the middle of the design. You can go out through the leaves and acorns and back again," Wilder explains.

Willits is fortunate to be home to Pomo people, whose culture and craft enriches the wider community. Willits Center for the Arts is an area treasure, nurturing local artists and bringing new art and experience to all of us. Check out the Pomo show at the Willits Center for the Arts now through September 22. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm.



Eric Wilder's "Native Outreach" circular acorn logo represents the exchange of ideas between the many California tribes.





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The rest of **Golf** From page 3

several classifications of both amateur and professional players, and this was the first year that the tournament was been recognized by the Professional Disc Golf Association.

"We have people flying in from the East Coast. We have people driving in from Oregon and Washington. This has become a destination spot. Recently, Brooktrails was nominated as the number-two ball-disc hybrid golf course in the world. We also got number-two disc golf course in California. That's helping us get good players," said Haggard.

With 120 or so out-of-towners coming into the area to compete, some Willits businesses noticed an uptick in sales. Flying Dog Pizza had one of its biggest weekends and several other businesses mentioned to Haggard that their sales increased.

Haggard additionally created a raffle at the event that raised an extra \$500, which was donated to the Brooktrails Fire Department.

Many of the professionals knew each other and many ended up in foursomes of friends, even though in the larger classifications, the foursomes were mixed up each day, so they might not be playing together throughout the tournament. Some smaller classifications had only four participants, so they played as a unit each day.

Willits Weekly went out with two of these smaller groups. The first was a foursome of mixed professionals, ages 60 and up, consisting of Jeff Fiedler, Les Swift, Todd Williams and Dirk Garner. Each had a slightly different method of flinging the disk, some forehand and some backhand, with different stances, but all were adept.

The second was a group of professional women players, ages 40 and up, who were all good friends, having competed together for several years. This group consisted of Jenny Umstead, Kristine King, Jenna Johnson, and Johanna Atkinson. They were focused and serious when shooting or planning their shots but extremely jovial in between with a defined sense of humor. They mused that they probably had 100 years of experience between them.

In the end, the pro payouts totaled \$12,681, with the top player, Andrew Miranda, receiving \$1,205, having shot 31 under par for the three days.

There is talk of expanding the tournament to two weekends next year, with 300 players. They are looking for local sponsors to help finance the contest next year. Contact joseph@emeraldspiritalternatives.com for further information on sponsorships. For more information on the Basket Beaters disc golf club, join their Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/538669296259357/.

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Multi-Family Yard Sale on September 7 (Saturday) and September 8 (Sunday) from 8 am-2 pm both days. 555 Mill Street Willits. Sports cards, plates and more, jewelry, clothing, shoes, kitchen/ housewares/ some furniture. No Early Birds pls.

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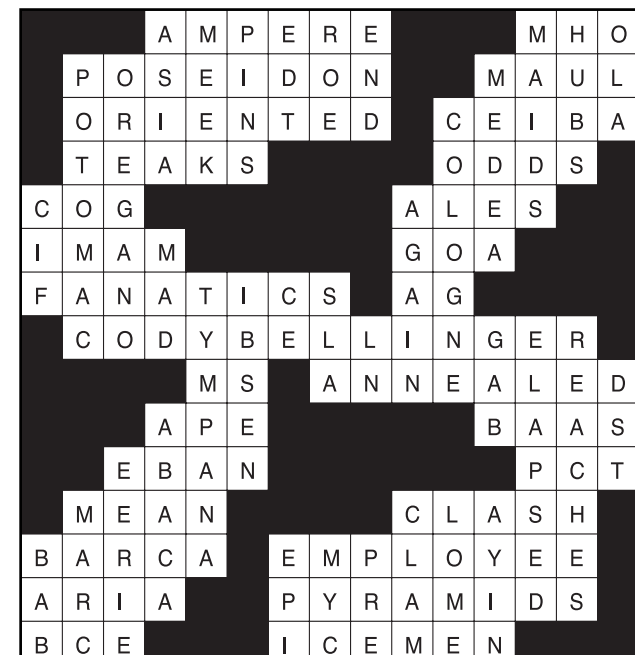
entertained the crowd with their blend of recognizable oldies from the '50s on up to the present. The dinner, at least the prime rib portion, the salad, and vegetables, were prepared by Black Dog Farms and Catering, led by chefs Caroline Radice and Jason Pluck, with organically grown and locally sourced foods. This was a departure from the filet mignon dinners prepared by Adam Celaya which have delighted diners in the past.

Prior to dinner, there was a cheese station for the attendees to graze, as well as sweet corn bisque soup and bruschetta being passed around the dining area. The first course was Golden Rule Gardens mixed lettuces with cucumber and basil, after which the prime rib, baked potato, and green beans were brought to the tables. The Rotary Club provided and cooked the lobster. Dessert consisted of Golden Rule Gardens blackberry pies, provided by Kemmy's Pies.

After dinner, the venerable auctioning team of Tom Allman and Rachel Britten began the auction, offering such items as tickets for two great seats at a Golden State Warriors game, an ocean fishing trip, a white fallow deer sculpture by artist Barbara Phelps, a Cabo Golf and Spa Resort seven-night stay, a tile-festooned bench crafted by Cody Bartholomew and decorated by the clients of STRC, an American Flag crafted in metal by MetalFX, and a wine fridge with Rotary-donated wines. The bidding was hot and heavy with people and companies bidding a lot more than they logically should as a way of donating to this worthy cause.

Each year, Britten offers a Cascade of Giving, this year to benefit a STRC project of providing a rest area for parents so they can comfortably observe their children as they work the program. It began with Billy Harris and Nicholas Casagrande donating \$2,500 in the name of Linda Buelti, who passed away recently, and a challenge to the others to match the number, which three others did. Britten collected donations in a descending amount to \$50. In the end, this portion of the evening produced around \$22,300.

For those who would like to learn more or donate their time as volunteers or donate money to this effective and dedicated group, visit: www.seabiscuitridingcenter.org/ or their Facebook page. Or contact the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center at seabiscuitridingcenter@gmail.com or 707-391-3873.





Above, from left: Laytonville artist Susie Racecar's "Ride To The Coast." Racecar's "Feed the Deer." Racecar's "Boomer's." Below, left: Willits Artist Bob Comings' "Plank Man," 1994. Comings' "Ghostgirl's Shadow," 1992.

'Seeking the Light | A Long Strange Trip' opens at Mendocino College Gallery

Submitted by Mendocino College

The Mendocino College Gallery is thrilled to present "Seeking the Light | A Long Strange Trip" a two-person show featuring select works by Bob Comings of Willits and Susie Racecar of Laytonville. An opening reception is set for Thursday, September 5, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

The back-to-the-land movement of the 1970s swept many young people out of urban centers to seek sanctuary in rural settings, including Mendocino College Gallery's featured artist, Bob Comings. In the early 1970s Comings and his wife, artist Linda MacDonald, moved from the San Francisco Bay Area to a 14-acre forested property north of Willits which they named "Nada Farm."

Self-taught artist Susie Racecar, of the same generation, has always lived off the beaten path. From her 301-acre hilltop property above Laytonville, Racecar has been making large-scale paintings in relative isolation for the last 30+ years. She is a rare, hidden gem of the outsider art genre.

Racecar and her musician boyfriend, Rique, refurbished the Laytonville Fire Station building, turning it into a private gallery for 100+ of her paintings and recording studio. Her work has never been shown beyond 30 miles from where it was created, until now.

Comings, on the other hand, hails from an academic arts background. He received his MA from San Francisco State University in 1968, after which he taught design and life drawings there. Once settled in Willits,

Comings started teaching in the newly formed Mendocino College Art department in 1977, a job he loved until he retired in 2004.

Comings and Racecar share a love for high-key color and the organic complexity of patterned mark-making. Beyond that, their work diverges in concept and style. Racecar's richly narrative works will take viewers on a journey, whereas Comings' works introduce modern and surprising modes of mark-making, including decalomania. Coined a Visionary artist by author and critic Thomas Albright in his book "Art of the San Francisco Bay Area, 1945 - 1980," Comings "creates systems that are alive, open-ended and require the viewer to participate."

Both in their early 80s, Comings and Racecar bring a breadth of experience to share, benefiting Mendocino College students and the broader community with their rich and uniquely personal styles and perspectives on art making.

You can also hear more about this show, which runs through October 27, and the artists on a KZYX interview with Jazzminh Moore, gallery director, at www.kzyx.org/show/art-waves.

Mendocino College Gallery is located in the Center Theatre Lobby, 1000 Hensley Creek Road in Ukiah. Regular gallery hours Tuesdays: 12:30 to 3:30 pm; Wednesdays: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm; Thursdays: 12:30 to 3:30 pm; and by appointment. The gallery is also open for most Mendocino College Center Theatre performances.

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"At *Library Journal* we have been inspired over the past few years to see a growing number of libraries step up to address some of the nation's most pressing issues," the September 2024 *Library Journal* story about the award begins, "ensuring their services are inclusive and provide connectivity for as many people as possible, offering sustainable practices that everyone can take part in, and contributing to their community's safety and resiliency. Every so often, however, we come across a library that has been doing this work from the start, out of necessity as well as ideals."

The story, by Lisa Peet, executive editor, goes on to present some history and background about Round Valley, and the history of the local library, which "was founded in 1978 as the Covelo Public Library, run by a handful of volunteers in a former laundromat."

Partnerships between the library and the Round Valley Indian Tribes are highlighted in the story, which describes the "complex, difficult history" of the Round Valley Indian Tribes, "a confederation of smaller tribes forcibly relocated from their own lands by white settlers, in the mid-19th century, to the homeland of the Yuki tribe," and details the relationship between tribal government today, including "hosting tribal programs and community events year-round, as well as collaborating with the Round Valley Indian Health Center community outreach department on nutrition classes."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak told *Library Journal* that he regularly used the Round Valley Library meeting room when he was campaigning. "It's the center of the community," he said. Haschak still is a regular visitor to the library, "particularly on Fridays, when he spends time at the Farmer's Market and talks with residents about what's on their minds. 'Pretty much everything revolves around that library in the town – the café, radio station, meetings, forums, parties, movie nights, you could just go on and on,'" Haschak says.

The annual Best Small Library in America Award was created by *Library Journal* in 2005 to showcase the exemplary work of libraries serving populations under 25,000. The winning library will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 from Ingram; its representatives will be recognized at the Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference in Springfield, Massachusetts.

To read more of in-depth story about the Round Valley Library (and to see photos by former Willits Weekly photographer Ree Slocum that accompany the *Library Journal* story), visit www.libraryjournal.com/story/mendocino-county-library-round-valley-branch-community-anchor-best-small-library-in-america-2024

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Algae Alert" signage at the East Fork of the Russian River based on statewide guidance.

Recreational users are urged to be alert when recreating in the water. The North Coast Regional Water Boards will provide regular updates to inform the community when postings are removed on the California HAB Reports Web Map at https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/where/freshwater_events.html

While harmful algal blooms are caused by algal or cyanobacteria that grow floating in the water, some algae or cyanobacteria grow attached to the bottom surface of waterways and can form algal mats. If you see algal mats the recommendation is for children, dogs, and adults to not touch or inadvertently ingest any algal material in the water or found stranded on the riverbanks.

In addition, dogs should not drink water directly from the rivers. If your dog is exposed, please wash them immediately. These recommendations are based on the potential health risks posed by the toxins that can be produced by algal organisms, commonly cyanobacteria, that can form algal mats.

The potentially toxic algal mats can be found either attached to the bottom, floating in the water, or stranded on the riverbank. The appearance of algal mats ranges from bright to dull-green, orange, brown, and maroon material. In summary, when in doubt avoid touching algal mats.

The Water Boards recommend that people practice healthy water habits while enjoying the outdoors this summer at your local lake, river or stream:

- Heed all instructions on posted advisories if present
- Avoid algae and scum in the water and on the shore
- Keep an eye on children and pets
- If you think a harmful algal bloom or toxic algal mats are present, do not let pets and other animals go into or drink the water or eat scum/algal mats on the shore
- Don't drink the water or use it for cooking
- Wash yourself, your family, and your pets with clean water after water play
- If you catch fish, throw away guts and clean fillets with tap water or bottled water before cooking
- Avoid eating shellfish if you think a harmful algal bloom is present

Get medical treatment immediately if you think that you, your pet, or livestock has gotten sick after going in the water or incidentally ingesting the mat material. Be sure to alert the medical professional to the possible contact with cyanobacteria. Also, make sure to contact the local county public health department.

To report a bloom, do one of the following:

- Fill out the Bloom Report Form at <https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/do/bloomreport.html>
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For more information about Harmful Algae Blooms, please visit <https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on **September 11, 2024**, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a Public Meeting, located at 111 E Commercial Street, Willits, California, on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard: Emergency Operations Plan, Part 1: Basic Plan

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the staff report, and agenda will be available on the City's website at <http://ca-willits.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter/CityCouncil-1>.

Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Dusty.Duley@cityofwillits.org or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. All public comments received will be provided to the Council and uploaded to the City's website in advance of the meeting. All interested persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

/s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk
Posted Date: September 8, 2024
Publication Date: September 5, 2024

Interior Department funds \$325 million for access to the outdoors

Submitted by U.S. Department of the Interior

Last month, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced the distribution of \$325 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Assistance Program to all 50 states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia – the largest annual distribution from the program since 1979.

Investments from the LWCF are helping support the Biden-Harris administration's "America the Beautiful" initiative by funding locally led outdoor recreation and conservation projects that protect and enhance access to America's great outdoors.

"The Biden-Harris administration is deeply committed to ensuring that all Americans, no matter where they live or how much money they earn, can enjoy the outdoors," said Acting Deputy Secretary Daniel Davis. "The Land and Water Conservation Fund is helping us deliver on that commitment through locally-led and community-driven projects that are creating greener neighborhoods, more recreational opportunities, and improved access to nature."

The LWCF was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. The fund helps strengthen communities, preserve history and protect the national endowment of lands and waters. Since its inception in 1965, the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program has funded more than 46,000 projects in every county in the country.

In 2020, Congress permanently funded the LWCF at \$900 million per year with wide bipartisan support through the Great American Outdoors Act, which was signed four years ago this week.

At no cost to taxpayers, the LWCF, administered by the National Park Service, supports increased public access to and protection for federal public lands and waters – including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas – and provides matching grants to Tribal, state and local governments to support the acquisition and development of land for public parks and other outdoor recreation sites.

"Communities in every corner of the nation have benefited from the Land and Water Conservation Fund's incredible investments," said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams. "With increased investment into locally led efforts, the Land and Water Conservation Fund continues to represent the best of America while putting communities and equity first."

Allocations within the LWCF Stateside Assistance Program for each state and territory are determined through a formula set in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and is largely population-based. States and Territories further allocate these funds to local projects. This fiscal year, NPS provided guidance to states to work more closely with Tribes and underserved communities during the development of their Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans.

The state of California is set to receive \$27,358,194; Oregon \$4,793,191, and Washington state is receiving \$6,896,599.

About the National Park Service: More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 430 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov



Community leaders celebrate at a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new Chain of Rocks Park in St. Louis, Missouri. Photo courtesy of Great Rivers Greenway

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to include many vehicles of persons who were experiencing homelessness who previously would not have been reported. As a result of the new collaboration with Tribal governments and communities, we can now produce data that illuminates and reveals a deeper level of understanding of the impact of homelessness amongst Native populations and on Native lands.

Several significant factors influenced the PIT Count in 2024, which in turn impact our ability to compare previous years' counts with 2024. For the first time in over a decade, the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care retained the services of a professional consultant to assist with planning, data collection, and analysis. The introduction of an experienced professional brought new and different techniques of analysis and strategies of estimation.

As noted above, strengthened partnerships with Tribal governments and communities increased our collective ability to assess homelessness in and around Tribal lands with a thoroughness and sensitivity we haven't achieved in many years.

Additionally, our PIT Count Team sought and included specific information from our school district partners about families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. As a result, our

indicators for family homelessness are slightly higher than in years past, likely resulting from past under-reporting, rather than an increase in actual family homelessness.

In conclusion, although we note and acknowledge that unsheltered homelessness appears to have increased from the 2023 PIT Count, we believe that the factors described above contributed to a more accurate and comprehensive PIT Count than we've experienced in the recent past.

The disruption of the pandemic, an influx of new opportunities to address and assess homelessness, and variation in counting methodologies have contributed to an unstable data collection environment in the past five years or so.

To that end, we consider 2024 as a baseline year for the PIT Count experience in Mendocino County. We look forward to being able to analyze and understand our own data in a more robust and useful manner as we move forward toward our collective goal of ending homelessness in our communities.

A detailed PIT count report can be accessed at the CoC website at <https://mendocinoccoc.org/pit-counts>.

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According to a press release from the California Department of Technology, "The Willits groundbreaking is a 1.14 mile joint-build segment of the 280-mile California Department of Technology / Arcadian Infracom project that will run along State Route 101 between Eureka in Humboldt County and Marin and Contra Costa counties.

"It is an important section that will deliver high-speed, dependable, equitable and affordable broadband to previously unserved residents. This part of the CDT-Arcadian Infracom project is an important component of the approximate 8,000-mile statewide Middle-Mile Broadband Network."

In a Facebook post with photos of the groundbreaking, state Sen. Mike McGuire wrote: "Access to high speed internet isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. Laying a new segment of publicly owned broadband in Willits today - kicking off 276 miles of infrastructure to help close the digital divide. Stay tuned - we've got much more progress coming soon!"

The City of Willits post continues: "This Middle-Mile Broadband project represents a significant investment in California's future, aimed at enhancing connectivity, supporting local businesses, and improving quality of life for residents. Willits Mayor Sabrina Rodriguez expressed enthusiasm for the project and recognized the importance it will have for the community by bridging the digital divide through improved connectivity on a global scale.

"The City of Willits is already starting to devise solutions to take advantage of this digital resource to stimulate economic growth," the post continues. "The Willits City Council appreciates all the support provided by the California Department of Technology and their partners to make this level of commitment in our community."

Governor Gavin Newsom's 2021 "Broadband for All" initiative aims to ensure that all residents have an equal opportunity to access their digital futures. The project includes \$3.25 billion to build, operate, and maintain a statewide, open access, state-owned Middle-Mile network - high-capacity fiber lines that carry larger amounts of data at higher speeds over longer distances between local networks and the world.

Construction began on the statewide network in October 2022 and over 8,000 miles are scheduled to be completed by December 2026.



Above: Officials attending the August 23 groundbreaking ceremony at City Hall for new broadband infrastructure in Willits pose for a photo. Below, left: Crew members at the August 23 groundbreaking for a 1.14 mile segment in Willits of new broadband infrastructure along Highway 101. Below, right: Willits Mayor Sabrina Rodriguez speaks at the podium during the groundbreaking for the California Department of Technology / Arcadian Infracom broadband project.



Above: Tanker 122, the first of seven fully converted C-130 Hercules airtankers CAL FIRE is adding to its firefighting arsenal.

CAL FIRE's new Hercules airtanker completes first mission

Submitted by CAL FIRE Sacramento

CAL FIRE is proud to announce the first successful initial attack mission of Tanker 122 the agency's first fully converted C-130 Hercules airtanker.

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 1, Tanker 122 delivered 8,000 gallons of retardant on the Record Fire with two trips of its 4,000 gallon tank. The flight crew of three departed the McClellan Air Tanker Base as part of the response to the Record Fire near San Jacinto in Riverside County.

CAL FIRE Director/Fire Chief Joe Tyler said: "This marks a historic milestone in the agency's ongoing commitment to protecting California's citizens. I'm incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication of our crews and the innovative spirit that got us here."

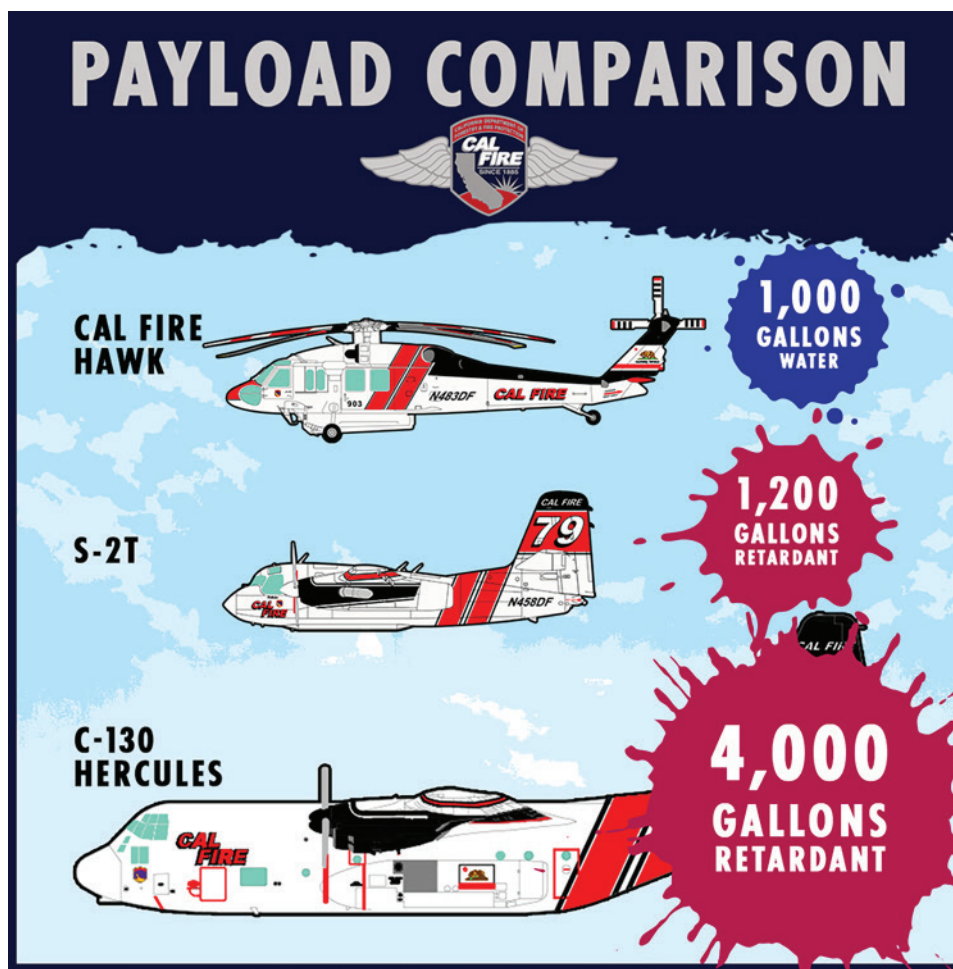
Tanker 122 is the first of CAL FIRE's seven C-130H aircraft to complete a firefighting mission and was placed into service on Monday, August 26. The 4,000-gallon tank and a state-of-the-art retardant delivery system with advanced programming enabled the pilots to deliver precise retardant coverage on the Record Fire.

"The C-130H's ability to deliver massive quantities of retardant gave our firefighters on the

ground the support they needed," said Pilot in Command Bryan Baker.

Check out a video of the

CAL FIRE maintains the world's largest and most effective aerial wildland firefighting fleets to protect the citizens and natural resources of California.



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Second 100 people:
FREE food voucher for one item

Third 100 people:
FREE Voucher for one carnival ride

FRIDAY, 9/13:
3 pm & 7 pm: MUSIC - JIMMY BECKER LAWN STAGE
5 pm: APPLE BOWL - VARSITY SOCCER ARENA
8 - 10 pm: DANCE - RODEO ARENA

SATURDAY, 9/14:
12:30, 3:30 & 6 pm: MUSIC - JIMMY BECKER LAWN STAGE
8 pm: CCPRA RODEO - RODEO ARENA
9:30 pm - 12 am: DANCE RODEO ARENA
DEAN TITUS AND THE COYOTE COWBOYS

SUNDAY, 9/15:
10 am: SHEEP DOG TRIALS, FINALS RODEO ARENA
Noon: PARADE - HWY 128 TO RODEO ARENA
2 pm: CCPRA RODEO - RODEO ARENA
6 pm: DANCE - RODEO ARENA
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