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***CELEBRATE SUMMER AND DISCOVER LOCAL HISTORY!
MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM OFFERS A FREE DAY
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!***

Looking for fun and affordable activities for summer? Visit the Mendocino County Museum, located in the heart of Willits! Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm, the Museum shares and celebrates the stories, lives, people and places of our region.

From a 10,000 year-old Clovis Point to storefronts of historic businesses, the Frolic shipwreck to Seabiscuit's legacy, 19th century stagecoaches to a 'new settler' hippie van, the Museum offers many opportunities to explore local history.

Peer into the windows of Dr. Withrow's Dental Office, J.F. McNamee's General Store, Emery's Millinery Shop and the beloved ice cream and soda fountain known as the Willits Creamery. View earlier forms of mass transit with stagecoaches, horse-powered wagons and buggies, including a surrey with the fringe on top!

In Woven Worlds: Native Peoples of Mendocino County, follow an incredible time line from Coyote to casinos, first contact to self-determination. Watch videos of dancing, basket-making and harvesting hops. Play clapsticks, practice basket weaving and compete in the stick gambling game at interactive kiosks.


The exhibit: Veterans' History: Personal, highlights the stories of the 22 servicemen from Mendocino County who died in the Vietnam War. The Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam War Veterans granite memorial located just outside the Museum commemorates and honors their sacrifice.

Take a stroll through Main Street: Then & Now, a re-creation of Willits Main Street circa 1914, featuring over 200 photos of 'then and now' downtown Willits, accompanied by stories highlighting town history from the late 1800s to the present.

The Museum Gift Shop features local handcrafts, gourmet foods, vintage toys, unique giftware, and nature-inspired jewelry. Diverse book selections showcase Native American literature, local history, western pioneers, trains, logging heritage, and many wonderful children's books.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey stated, "The Mendocino County Museum is an opportunity for everyone, from visitors to longtime residents, to learn more about the people and places that make up the fascinating history of Mendocino County. I take my family to visit it every year over the 4th and look forward to another memorable visit."

The Mendocino County Museum and Gift Shop are open Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for students up to 18 and children 6 and under are free. Admission is **FREE** the first Wednesday of every month! The Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits, across from Recreation Grove Park. For more information call 707-459-2736.

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