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Statement by  
**former  
Willits  
police chief**

**Submitted by Alexis  
Blaylock, former WPD  
chief**

To the Willits community: After more than two years, my battle with the City of Willits is over. The city offered a settlement in order to avoid going to trial. Though I sincerely believe I would have prevailed at trial due to the significant amount of evidence I was prepared to present, I accepted the settlement.

I considered that of the four people instrumental to the problems I faced as chief of the Willits Police Department, three of them are no longer employed by the city. Two included a former lieutenant and a former sergeant with WPD, both of whom reportedly left as a result of investigations. The other is the former city manager who refused to allow me to do my job, and she prohibited me from conducting any investigations.

Time has proven that investigations were needed. I currently have evidence to support that the remaining employee, whom I will not name, has continued to spread false information and rumors regarding my performance during my employment.

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86 Brooktrails  
customers  
got water  
assistance  
overpayments

**Barbara O'Reardon**  
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In March 2022 it was announced that the State of California was set to launch a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, known as “LIHWAP,” in May. Customers who had difficulty paying their water bill could apply for the state assistance, and if they met the program qualifications, their water bill would be paid.

Many Brooktrails residents applied for the program. Recently, it was determined that some of those who applied for the assistance did not meet the qualifications of the program.

At the beginning of the January 10 Brooktrails Township Board of Directors meeting, General Manager Tamara Alaniz read the following statement: "Following the closed session at the last board meeting (December 13, 2022) the board unanimously agreed to settle with the State Resources Control Board enforcement action. The overpayment

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# Reservoirs are Ready

Brooktrails' Lake Ada Rose, above, and Lake Emily, below, both are a beautiful sight to see filling up after the January storms



Temporary bridge installation  
for Creekside washout set for January 24

***Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office***

January 18 – On Friday, January 20, 2023, Mendocino County Social Services staff along with the Sheriff's Office, Legal Aid and other resource agencies will be meeting with all residents of Creekside Cabins & RV Resort and

to discuss plans going forward, including relocation if the resident so chooses.

As the housing at the site is varied, resource plans for potential removal will have to be addressed on a residence-by-residence basis.



Additionally, Mendocino County staff, Caltrans and contractors will be meeting at the site today [Wednesday, January 18], to work on logistics for the temporary bridge to allow residents to exit the property.

Traffic control measures will be in place at the site on Highway 101 from January 24, 2023 through January 27, 2023 while the bridge is installed, utilized and subsequently removed.

The county continues to encourage the public to

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**Bridge**  
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# Absenteeism a key problem in local schools

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The public portion of the January 11, 2023 school board was convened at 5 pm by recently elected President Paula Nunez, after a closed session earlier in the day. The agenda was voted on and approved.

Executive Director of Student Programs Arora Chavez cued up a powerpoint on the Willits Unified California School Dashboard Equity Report, targeting academic progress in math and reading by school sites, and including factors such as absences and suspensions. Disparities in ethnic groups, the special education and English learner cohorts were highlighted.

The presentation showed many variations among school sites, but absenteeism stood out as a problem among all groups, prompting Chavez to comment, "As a district we need to support our families, and help get the kids to school."

Willits Teachers  
Association President  
Brandon Ludwig gave the  
WTA comments, wishing  
everyone a happy new

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**Problem**  
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# Help for residents of Creekside Cabins

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United Disaster Relief of Northern California has made several supply deliveries to the stranded residents of Creekside Cabins and RV Park north of Willits since the washout in the driveway cut off access to Highway 101.

This week, on Tuesday, January 17, the Ukiah relief organization made another visit with supplies.

“Over 100 residents have been stranded since December 30 due to a sinkhole,” United Disaster Relief posted Tuesday. “Thanks to our partnership with local food banks we were able to supply another pallet of non-perishable food. Our volunteers and residents helped make bags to deliver to each household.”

The volunteers also brought 75 meals from Willits Super Taco funded by the World Central Kitchen. WCK, an international “first on the ground” relief nonprofit founded by Chef Jose Andres, organizes food for those affected by natural disasters and

Read the rest of **Help** 

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## The 2023 Phone Book is coming!

Soroptimist International of Willits is busy working on the upcoming 2023 Willits Community Phonebook. Have you ever wanted to have your business advertised in the phonebook? Now is the time, and we want your ad. You can advertise for a year for as little as \$100 for a business card-size ad. Our phonebook is used by so many Willits residents.

Don't have a business, but want your personal info updated? We can do that as well. Send us your phone numbers – we will include your cell number also.

You can check the 2022 SIW phone book online at <http://willitsweekly.com/documents/SIW2022-WEB.pdf> to see if your listing needs updating.

Please email any updates—changes, additions, deletions, etc. to [willitsphonebook@gmail.com](mailto:willitsphonebook@gmail.com) before February 10th to ensure the changes are made. Thank you,

Vicki Ham, Soroptimist International of Willits

## Wood Street Parking Lot update

*Posted by the City of Willits*

Due to weather conditions, the Wood Street Parking Lot project set for last week was postponed. Now set for January 26 and 27, the project will close the northeast portion of the Wood Street Parking Lot.

A third-party consultant will be installing sampling equipment for the ongoing remediation of the old dry cleaners that was located on the property closest to that section of the parking lot.

The elongated parking spaces and the east exit onto West Mendocino will be closed during the installation of the equipment. The area will be closed again 14-days following the installation to extract the equipment (currently scheduled for February 9 and 10). The City will provide an update if these dates change.

## California Flooding Home Cleanup Hotline

*Posted by County of Mendocino*

From now until January 27, 2023, several relief agencies are staffing a free statewide hotline for the public to request help cleaning up from the recent flooding: 844-965-1286.

This hotline will connect survivors with reputable and vetted voluntary relief agencies that will assist in debris cleanup and mucking out, as they are able.

All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the expected overwhelming need.

## Literacy Volunteers seek tutors

The Literacy Volunteers of Willits group is looking for a few tutors to teach English to speakers of other languages.

This nonprofit program provides one-on-one assistance in reading, writing, and learning English as a Second Language.

If you have one or two hours free each week, we would love to have you join our group of volunteers. You will enrich the lives of those who want to communicate effectively in English.

Please message "Karen Fan Camp" on Facebook or stop by the Willits Branch Library for more information at 390 East Commercial Street, or call the Literacy Volunteers at 707-459-5098.

## Superior Court extends public hours

*Posted by Mendocino County Superior Court*

Mendocino County Superior Court has expanded its public hours at the clerk's offices in Ukiah and Fort Bragg and by telephone, as of January 17.

The clerk's offices will be open to the public from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The public phones will also be answered between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

The court's website provides

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## THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

## January 2023 update

*By Supervisor John Haschak*

The whiplashing that the weather has given us, from severe drought to flooding, has caused death and destruction. While the groundwater basins and reservoirs are filling up, trees are falling and roads are slippery. Much appreciation to our fire departments and other first responders along with the crews keeping the power on.

The Creekside Cabins north of Willits had a sinkhole where an old culvert collapsed. Residents have not been able to get in or out safely. The owner of the park has not performed the needed repairs. I have spent many hours with State and local officials working on a solution. Social Services regularly visits the site to check on the residents. The County is working with State partners to ensure the health and well-being of the residents. The responsibility of maintaining the park in livable conditions is on the owner, and the County will do everything possible to recoup any costs.

The Board of Supervisors will adopt a proclamation honoring Willits resident Edie Ceccarelli and her 115th birthday! We are celebrating Edie's status as the oldest person in the United States, 4th oldest in the world, and 63rd to have ever reached this milestone age. I hope that the skies are clear for her birthday party.

The County's financial books for the past fiscal year ending on June 30 have not been "closed." This normally happens by September. Without the final numbers, financial decisions are not well-developed because nothing is for sure.

The Board will make decisions on the emergency access routes in and out of Brooktrails, protections for riparian and wetland areas, and the wildlife exclusionary program. These will be before the Board on January 24. I have been working on these issues.

The desired outcomes are that we proceed with pursuing funding for the maintenance of the emergency access routes, seek grant funding to create a riparian/wetland ordinance (which is what every other county has), and accept the recommendations on how to handle wildlife conflict.

Brickhouse Coffee in Willits has offered to hold "Talk with Your Supervisor" forums. We are going to have these open discussions on the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 11 am. February 9 is the first one. Bring your ideas and solutions to making Mendocino County a better place for all.

Please reach out to me at [haschakj@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:haschakj@mendocinocounty.org) or 707-972-4214.

## Correction

In Willits Weekly's January 12 article "Changing of the Guard," about the new owners of Dr. Kerr's dental office, as Willits dentist Dr. Alfred Kerr, DDS, prepares to retire this year, an incorrect name for the office was mistakenly added. Willits Weekly apologizes for the error.

## Thanks to all for help with the storms

*Posted by Sheriff Matt Kendall*

As we come out of this series of storms, I wanted to thank everyone in our communities and local government for their hard work and collaboration to meet the needs. Often we only see what is in front of us from the position we are standing in, while there are so many moving parts and varying needs in a county the size of ours.

We lost some lives during this storm – please keep those people and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Tragic events often highlight strengths we didn't realize we had – let's support these families in any way possible.

We still have a lot of work with the cleanup from fallen trees and debris left by the wind storms. We are continuing to see some slides into roadways due to the rain-saturated ground. Please pay attention while driving.

Our Mendocino County Department of Transportation and Caltrans crews continue to keep our roadways open, while local and state fire agencies are continuing to handle emergency calls with vehicle accidents and emergency response. Hopefully with this break in the storms we will move from fighting an uphill battle onto level ground, and eventually we will be moving into a downhill push.

The collaboration with our local tribes also served us well. Many of our tribal governments and leaders immediately reached out and helped in providing the resources and locations needed to disperse resources. We should all be grateful for the folks who came through for all of us during these times.

The preparations taken by our community members also lightened the load on us, which allowed us to take on the big problems with good results.

We still have several storm-related problems that we must continue to find solutions to. As we move from response to recovery, please try to be patient while these repairs are made.

As always thank you not only for supporting your neighbors and communities, but also for your support of the men and women serving at the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Follow "Mendocino Sheriff" on Facebook to keep up with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Matt Kendall's posts.



# Mendo Made

## New salon and barber shop now open next to Napa Auto, specializing in men's long hair

What does one do when their three-year-old comes home crying because they hated their first haircut? If you're sheet-metal worker, David Cruz, you get on YouTube and begin to learn how to become a barber.

"My son was turning three," David Cruz explained. "He hadn't had his hair cut since he was born. His bangs were coming down past his eyes. He didn't like to have his hair brushed. I was still doing sheet metal at the time. Amanda [his wife] took him to get a haircut. I never asked who did it. When I got home, he was in tears because he knew it wasn't right."

"It jerked and tugged at my heart so much that I picked up YouTube," he said. "Since my wife was already in that industry, she had everything I needed, every product I needed to get started. So, the transition was pretty easy. I started cutting hair out of the house. Amanda said, 'If you really want to make this happen, you need to get your license.' I got enrolled and here we are."

Mendo Made has been open at the site of the old Kenny's Barbershop at 1569B South Main Street, between Napa Auto Parts and Les Schwab Tires, since the beginning of the year. The shop currently has two barbers, Cruz and Master Barber Jezara Bertolucci, who has over six years of experience as a barber. She specializes in short cuts while Cruz's preference is longer hair styles, thus the name, Mendo Made.

"I specialize in long haircuts," David Cruz continued. "That's where I got the name Mendo Made Barber. Mendocino men are pretty much long-haired. I don't do a lot with clippers. I started off at a salon. I picked up the shears and never looked back. I really enjoy cutting long hair. That's what I practiced on and what I learned. I can pretty much do it all but I really enjoy styling. I'm kind of like a stylist barber and I'm one of the few that use a blow dryer. I love to style the hair and walk out pristine when they're done with their haircut. I also have a few women clients."

"David attended a school in Santa Rosa for barber and cosmetology apprenticeships," said Amanda Cruz. "He was at a salon in Laytonville and then at the Main Street Barbershop for a while. He really loved it there. They were very busy, so he learned a lot. He is grateful for that opportunity. Before barbering, he was doing sheet metal and HVAC. Anything he does, he puts his whole heart into."

"I started this barbershop to fill a need for my husband," said Amanda Cruz, owner of the shop. "I'm trained in cosmetology but I'm not currently doing hair because I'm being Mom. The opportunity just sat in his chair one day. The old owner retired and was looking for someone to buy it from him."

"They worked with us in order for us to be able to do this," she said. Read the rest of Barber Over on page 9

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At far left: Jezara Bertolucci loves to have her kids with her on Saturdays.

At left: Master Barber Jezara Bertolucci takes a relaxing moment with a book while she waits for a customer.

Below, left: David Cruz trims a client's hair.

Below, right: Amanda and David Cruz bring their kiddos down to the shop on Saturdays when they're not in school.

At bottom, left: David and Amanda Cruz pose with their kids who play in the shop on Saturdays.

At bottom, right: Tom, the shaving practice head at Mendo Made Salon and Barbershop.

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## Community assistance with MCSO theft investigations

*By Sergeant Jay Vanoven for MCSO*

January 19 – Cooperative effort between the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and members of our community has resulted in the successful conclusion of two theft-related investigations over the past several days, one a theft from a Ukiah retail store and the second, theft of residential mail.

Engaged members of the community are an integral part of effective law enforcement. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is grateful for the public who do their part to report suspicious activity and assist with our criminal investigations.

The cases described below highlight the value of a strong relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the communities we serve. Working together, we make Mendocino County a safer place to be. Great work to all MCSO deputies and community members involved in solving these cases!

### Theft from Ukiah shop

On January 11, 2023, at about 11:48 am, MCSO deputies responded to a reported theft from the Mouse House, a business in the 2200 block of North State Street in Ukiah.

Deputies learned two subjects entered the store, approached the register as if to pay for several items and instead ran out the door with the

items and fled in a vehicle.

The female suspect, Kelly Lavone Rogers, 38, from Willits, was later contacted and found to still be in possession of the stolen items. Rogers was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail.

The male suspect remained unidentified, and deputies had no further leads on his identity. A Sheriff's Office Facebook post was published, including a photograph of the male. Less than two hours after the posting, a community member called in and provided information identifying the male as Salvador Silva Riva, 31, from Cloverdale.

Further follow up on this information confirmed that Riva was the male suspect who stole from the business. The stolen property was returned to the business, and the case has been forwarded to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office for potential prosecution.

### Mail theft

On January 14, 2023, at about 7:17 am, Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a reported theft from a residential mailbox in the 2800 block of Old River Road in Ukiah.

An alert resident saw a vehicle pull up to his mailbox, and a male adult exited the passenger door. The male removed mail from the mailbox, and

the vehicle sped away. The resident reported the incident promptly and with good detail.

Deputies responded to the area and were able to locate the vehicle described as being used in the mail theft.

The vehicle was being driven by Amanda Terlouw, 23, from Ukiah. The front seat passenger was identified as Kraig Nowlin, 35, of Ukiah, and a rear seat passenger was identified as Nichole Sotille, 43, of Laytonville.

Sotille had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants for her arrest. Sotille was determined to not be involved in the theft. She was arrested on the warrants and later released with a notice to appear in court.

A search of the vehicle revealed articles of mail from 16 different residences from the Old River Road and Yokayo Tribe Ranch Road area.

Based on evidence and statements gathered, Terlouw and Nowlin were arrested for Theft of Identifying Information and Conspiracy to Commit a Crime. A search of Terlouw's person incident to arrest revealed she was in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both subjects were booked into the Mendocino County Jail where they were to be held in lieu of \$15,000 bail.







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‘M3GAN’

The Story: Cady (Violet McGraw) is a deeply sorrowful young girl. She’s newly orphaned. Cady is adopted by her yuppie Aunt Gemma (Allison Williams), a brilliant and self-absorbed robotist. Gemma has invented a little-girl-sized humanoid robot with a powerful artificial brain. The robot’s name is Megan (played with appropriate creepiness by three actresses: Amie Donald and Jenna Davis and Kimberly Crossman).

Cady is introduced to Megan and they bond. In the time-honored tradition of all movie devil dolls, pretty Megan the robot doll is helpful, kind, and very, very protective. At first, We all know that is not going to last. Homicides are sure to follow.

My Thoughts: I liked the flick. I didn’t expect much. The spooky devil doll trope goes way back. The talking ventriloquist dummy in “Dead of Night” (1945). The smirking dolly Chucky, in “Child’s Play” (1988), and then all the sequels). I saw “Annabelle” (2014) or maybe a sequel) at the Noyo some time ago.

I’m happy to report that “M3GAN” the-spooky-doll movie feels somewhat new. Maybe because AI (artificial intelligence) is in the news with existing chatbots like Google’s LaMDA and/or ChatGPT, and the current squawking over self-driving Teslas (which don’t actually exist, only human-controlled beta test versions are on the road). So, “M3GAN” as a concept feels fresh, or at least newly thawed. Enjoy.

Parents: I recommend that you take your kid to see something else. Maybe “Avatar 2” or “Puss in Boots 2.”

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

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Willits High School Girls Basketball vs. Cloverdale: The WHS Varsity and JV girls teams take on Cloverdale at home. Friday, January 20, Varsity starts at 7 pm, JV at 5:30 pm. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

Adrian + Meredith at Shanachie Pub: ‘Adrian + Meredith take their fearless, blistering, and Balkan-tinged Americana to new heights on their sophomore record, ‘Bad for Business,’ a raucous, rebellious and home-spun variety show.’ Visit [adrianpluseredith.com](http://adrianpluseredith.com). Friday January 20, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Willits High School Girls/JV Wrestling Tournament: January 20-21, Starts at 9 am. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

Saturday, January 21

3rd Annual Bob Colvig Invitational Wrestling Tournament: Wrestling starts at 9 am at Willits High School. Entry fee, \$10 per wrestler, \$5 per spectators. “Weight classes will be pooled and we will run 3-4 persons ‘round robin’ format.” Saturday, January 21. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

“Telling Your Story, Legacy and Memoir,” Author Talk and Tea event: Mendocino County Museum presents a special two-part program led by guest author and historian Kim Bancroft. On Saturday, January 21: “The public is cordially invited to join Bancroft for an author talk and afternoon tea at the museum. Bancroft will discuss her book, ‘Writing Themselves into History: Emily and Matilda Bancroft in Journals and Letters.’ Guests are encouraged to wear Victorian attire, along with Kim herself.” Bancroft will be back at the museum on Saturday, February 18 for a “Legacy and Memoir” writing workshop. Event tickets will be \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 17 and under, including museum admission. More info: visit [www.mendocinocounty.org/museum](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/museum) or call (707) 459-2736. Saturday, January 21, 1 to 3 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, Willits.

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**Dellow at Shanachie Pub:** “Dellow, a California based songsmith in the vein of Bob Dylan and Tom Waits, carries the tradition of wrapping the naked truth in a blanket of melody and prose uniquely familiar to the shared personhood of human experience.” This event follows the Bluegrass String Jam at 3 pm (see Ongoing). Saturday, January 21, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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**Sunday, January 22**

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** 8 to 11 am, every 4th Sunday. “Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast. \$10 buys you a plate of the best ‘scratch’ pancakes and local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Choose our sourdough wholegrain, gluten-free, or Hank’s Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, Beeler’s Quality Bacon, organic fresh eggs made to order, real butter, orange juice, organic coffee or tea. All for only \$10, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for children under 10. A hint from your server: If you come before 9 am, the seating is open and food comes faster.” Sunday, January 22, 8 to 11 am. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street.

**Tuesday, January 24**

**Willits High School Boys Basketball vs. Roseland University:** The WHS boys teams take on Roseland University. Tuesday, January 24, Varsity starts at 7 pm, JV starts at 5:30 pm. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

**Wednesday, January 25**

**Willits High School Boys and Girls Wrestling teams vs Cloverdale & Middletown:** 4:30 pm at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

**Thursday, January 26**

**Farmers Market:** The weekly Farmers Market at the Little Lake Grange. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Thursday, January 26, 3 to 5:30 pm. Enjoy “Tobin’s Tales,” story time from the Willits Branch Library and the Farmers



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**Michael McNevin, Angie Heumann & Jay Brown at Shanachie Pub:** “Michael McNevin is a touring singer-songwriter and a stalwart of the California and American folk scene. Angie Heumann of the Blushin’ Roulettes writes earthy Americana folk songs, belting stirring sagas of damsels in their bliss and distress in a clarion vibrato. Jay Brown is a roots music one-man-band from Black Mountain, North Carolina.” Thursday, January 26, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**“Small-Scale Farming in Mendocino and Lake County-Successes and Challenges” Zoom class:** The first of a free four-part series of classes presented by West Center called “Labor of Love: Building and Sustaining Your Farming Business.” This January 26 class will be an open discussion with local farmers and guest speakers Gowan Batist and John Bailey, director at University of California Hopland Research and Extension Center, and facilitated by Sydney Grange of Meadow Farm. Thursday, January 26, 10 to 11 am. Register for this and other West Center classes at [www.westcenter.org/training/](http://www.westcenter.org/training/)

**Friday, January 27**

**Willits High School Girls Basketball vs. Lower Lake:** The WHS girls teams take on Lower Lake at home. Friday, January 27, Varsity starts at 7:30 pm, JV at 5:30 pm. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

**Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie Pub:** “Sonoma County based duo Hilary and Christiane have a wide range of material that is folk-based Country and Blues, which they arrange with their unique vocals and harmony, and support with an array of instruments: harmonica, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, and banjo.” Friday, January 27, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

## Ongoing Events

**Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & Vinyl:** “Sign-ups start at 4 pm. Game starts at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams of two, winner takes the pot! We’ll have the games on all day. Beer, wine, pizza, we’ve got everything you need!” Flying Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main Street.

**Willits Center for the Arts January show:** WCA’s first art exhibit of the New Year features ceramics by Sofia Alaoui and metalwork by Rod Jamison: “Rod Jamison began his journey creating art, painting, and welding in Arizona. He was influenced by Southwest arts, especially in Sedona, Arizona where he spent a few years. Sofia Alaoui was born in Minnesota and moved to Mendocino County seven years ago. She has been passionate about working with clay since she first learned how to throw on the wheel at age 15. Her work is inspired by antiques, and minerals and infused with a large influence from her Moroccan heritage.” The show can be viewed on weekends from 11 am to 5 pm at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

**The Redwood Empire Food Bank:** Twice-monthly drive-thru food distribution in Willits, second and fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income seniors 60 or older), and diapers.

**“Garraoke” at Diggers Bar:** Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. “From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!” The next show will be Friday, January 27. Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

## Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

**Open Mic Night. Every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20-minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm.** Music starts at 8 pm. “An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises.”

**Saturday Scramble:** Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, hosted by Tyler B. “You’re invited to 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!” The next show will be Saturday, January 28 at 3 pm.

**Tyler Grass & The Sherwood Mountain Boys!** “Every first and third Thursday evening of the month at 7 pm. Come check out this new event with some of our favorite locals playing bluegrass & more!” The next show will be Thursday, January 19.

**Bluegrass String Jam!** “This new event happens every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm, and welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! This jam is listed as an official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, so you never know which members from out of the area may drop in!” The next show will be Saturday, January 21, 3 pm.

## Weekly Events at the Willits Library

**390 East Commercial Street. Info: [www.mendlibrary.org](http://www.mendlibrary.org) or 459-5908.**

**Story Time:** Tuesday through Friday each week, 10:30 to 11 am. “Start your morning listening to a story. 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.”

**Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and Engineering Club:**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 to 4:30 pm.** “Open to everyone with an interest in open source and everyone who wants to develop their creative and engineering skills.”

**LEGO Club:** Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. “It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building.”

**Writer’s Block Group:** Wednesdays, from 5 to 6:30 pm. “Open to young-adult and adult writers to share their ideas and writings in an environment of supportive and creative suggestions and feedback.” Hosted by Librarian Benjamin MacBean. Willits Library meeting room.

**Games at the Library:** First and third Fridays of the month, 4 to 5:30 pm. “Calling all board, card and tabletop role-playing game players! All ages and player levels welcome. Bring your own games to add to the fun!”

**Spinning & Knitting:** Every Saturday at the library from 1 to 4:30 pm. “All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm.”

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Doors Open At: 7am Coaches meeting: 8am Check ins close: 8am Wrestling starts: 9am

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**Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm**

Sheriff’s Youth Activities League offers a free Karate Program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym. Beginner to intermediate group, youth 7 years old and above. There is an annual \$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). For more info call or text Mike Tobin SENSEI at 354-0565. Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street.

**Pottery Classes with Sofia Alaoui**

**Willits Center for the Arts, starts January 22**

A six week course on Sundays, from January 22 to February 26. \$325 plus materials and firing, \$50. “Classes begin with a demonstration of techniques. As students work on their projects, Sophia will be there to achieve their vision.” To register visit [willitscenterforthearts.org](http://willitscenterforthearts.org). WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

## “2023 Financial Strategies for Entrepreneurs & Business Owners”

**January 26, 5 to 8 pm at the Willits Community Center**

Brought to you by the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Topics will include Chamber of Commerce resources, tax requirements & strategy, how to plan for retirement, business loan opportunities, employee requirements & wellness strategies, health insurance options, and how to properly invest for growth. Featured speakers will be Nicholas Casagrande of NC Financial Group, Ryan Vessness of Blue Zone Project, and Robert Gernert & Stacey Caico of EDFC. This event is complimentary but attendees must RSVP by January 19 at 707-459-7910 or [info@willits.org](mailto:info@willits.org). Beverages & food will be available. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

## Willits Sober Grad “Drive-Thru Jambalaya Feed”

**Saturday, February 4, pickup 11 am to 1 pm, Willits High School front loop**

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In a photo taken in May 2020, four disc golfers stand at a safe distance at the Brooktrails course – Brandon Long, Curtis Beaudry, Kyle Powell and Tom Brown.

## Brooktrails Disc Golf course named 2nd best in the world

**Submitted by Brooktrails Community Services District**

Heads up, Willits! Brooktrails Disc Golf Course has been named the #2 best in the world disc golf course on active courses by UDisc, the app for disc golfers.

Out of a worldwide inventory of over 13,000 courses, Brooktrails received a score of 94.5/100 and ranked just under the top disc golf course in the world. Only Krokhol Disc Golf Course in Norway received a higher rating.

Marcus Newby operates the Brooktrails Golf Course and was interviewed by UDisc for the ranking article. Newby is quoted in the article about the location, saying "It's just pure beauty, honestly."

And, after last year's ranking in the top 5 disc golf courses of any kind in California, this reclassification is a rewarding development for Newby, who operates the golf course with only a part-time employee and volunteers.

The Basket Beaters Disc Golf Club does volunteer maintenance and holds tournaments to help benefit the course a couple of times per year. "This is very exciting news," says Joseph Haggard, a Basket Beater member.

All are hoping that the new ranking will encourage visitors – and locals – to spend more time at the course. The golf shop also serves snacks, beer and wine for players and their guests to enjoy.

Use the following link to read more about how the rankings were determined, and to see the other courses in the article: <https://udisc.com/blog/post/10-best-disc-golf-courses-at-active-golf-courses>

*Below: Disc golfer Brandon Long works on his putts on the practice cage. At bottom: Kyle Powell tries a long disc golf putt at the Brooktrails Golf Course in 2020.*

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FILING DEADLINE: Applications must be received by BTCSD no later than Friday, February 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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OBITUARY |

## Pauline Grzanich

Pauline Grzanich, a longtime Willits resident, passed away on December 18, 2022.

Pauline was born on January 10, 1947, in Oakland, California to Edward and Mary Grzanich, and grew up in Durham, California. Pauline attended Durham schools, graduating from Durham High School in 1965.

Pauline graduated from California State University, Chico in 1970 and began teaching in Willits at Baechtel Grove Middle School, teaching 5th grade for five years before moving to Brookside Elementary School. She made Brookside her home for the next 30 years. Hundreds of young students were welcomed in her classroom over the years before she ultimately retired in 2005, after 35 years of teaching. She was very proud to receive the 2005 Teacher of the Year award.

Pauline was active in many community organizations in Willits, including the American Association of University Women and St. Anthony's Ladies Guild. She enjoyed spending time at the Willits Center Senior taking tole painting classes, playing Bingo, and socializing.

Pauline was known for her quick wit, generosity, and sense of humor. A lifelong educator, Pauline was also a student of the world, who was renowned for her encyclopedic knowledge of family and local history, as well as social connections.

Pauline leaves her brothers, Edward of Oroville, California, John of Durham, Joe (Lauraine) of Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada, and Dan (Cathleen) of Durham, and her sister Dianne (Don) McNeal of Willits.

She is survived by nieces and nephews: Courtney (Johannes) McNeal, Austin (Ashley) McNeal, Salem McNeal, Christine (Steve) Campbell, Meghan Grzanich, Jesse (Ashley) Grzanich, Mary (Daniel) Coutts, Mark (Tressa) Grzanich, and Caroline Grzanich; and 10 grandnieces and grandnephews: Angie, Lilly, Dorian, Whitney, Teagan, Payton, Henry, Gia, Elizabeth, and Claire.

Her parents and niece Claire Grzanich preceded her in death.

A Rosary Mass will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 6 pm at St. Anthony Catholic Church at 61 West San Francisco Avenue in Willits, with a Mass of Christian Burial held on Friday, January 27, 2023, at 1 pm at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Reception to follow at St. Anthony Parish Hall.



OBITUARY |

## Bill Meyerhoff

William Joseph Meyerhoff aged 91 passed away peacefully on January 7, 2023, in Willits. Bill was born August 10, 1931 to Carsten and Mary Meyerhoff in San Francisco, California.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Linda, his favorite daughters Cathie Gernhardt, Patty Wright, Cindy Savage, and Kim Taylor-Wilson, and his favorite sons, Bill Meyerhoff, Jr., Tim Meyerhoff, and Clint Taylor; along with his 22 favorite grandchildren and 34 favorite great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter Pam Meyerhoff and son Dean Taylor.

He was the Tire King of Pacifica, CA, having owned and operated Seaview Tire and Brake Center from 1960 until passing it on to his sons and semi retiring to Willits in 1981, becoming the King of the Hill developing the mountain property that he fell in love with as an 18-year-old city kid.

Bill was a long-time member of the Pacifica Lions Club and a pillar of the community. Upon relocating he became a member of Willits Rotary in 1982 and made many friends over the years chairing several fundraising events including projects for the Firehouse, Howard Hospital, and the restoration of the Seabiscuit Stud Barn.

His infectious laughter echoes in the hearts of many.



## LEGAL NOTICES

WW407  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2022-F0627  
The following person is doing business as Grant's Goodies, 291 School Street / P.O. Box 712, Willits, CA 95490.  
Registered owner: Grant Georgios Fisher, 16750 Walker Lake Road, Willits, CA 95490.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 2022.  
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on December 13, 2022.  
/s/ Grant Fisher  
Publication dates: January 11, 19, 26, February 2, 2023

WW410  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2023-F0612  
The following person is doing business as Mendo Timber Construction / Mendo Timber, 3815 Chiquapin Drive, Willits, CA 95490.  
Registered owner: Eric C Hackney, 3815 Chiquapin Drive, 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.  
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/s/ Eric C Hackney  
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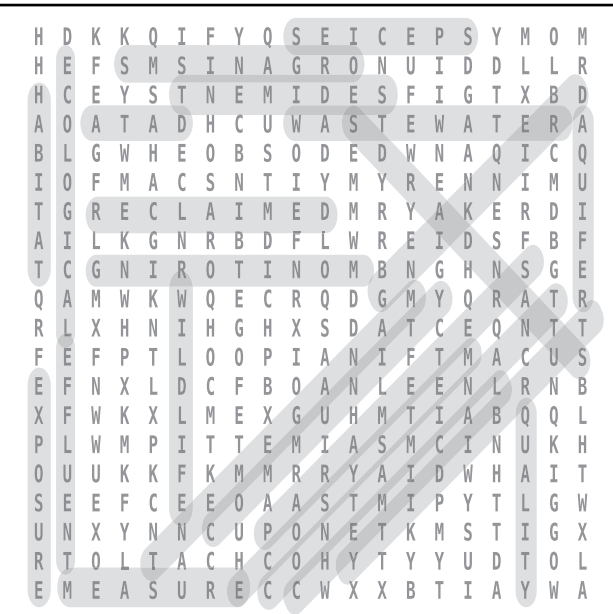
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Find the registration link at Willits Redwood Little League Facebook Page

Questions  
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### Mama Farrah

Farrah is a mama who came to us with nine puppies. Now they are adopted and it is Farrah's turn to slowly ease into becoming an independent dog, in a home we hope! She is a shy 2-year-old girl from Merced, who clearly did not get a lot of positive human interaction. She is now living in a big yard with other dogs and is loving the companionship of her four-legged pals.

Farrah will need time and patience, a secure yard and home as well as another dog to become more confident and social and blossom into the loving dog she shows signs of wanting to be!

To learn more about Farrah or view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://www.milofoundation.org) or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19.

Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.



### Handsome Jon Snow

Meet Jon Snow! This gorgeous young dog is a real treat. When Jon Snow isn't showing off his good looks, he loves to let loose in the play yard and make new doggie friends. Jon hasn't met a person or dog that he doesn't like and we think he is a must-meet!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. We are open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: [www.mendohumanesociety.com](http://www.mendohumanesociety.com), our Facebook page, and on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).

### Purring Cleo

Cleo was dumped at the shelter with six young kittens. Despite the start, she was a wonderful mother. Now that most of the kittens are adopted, she is spayed and ready to go to her own new home. She is very sweet and friendly, loves people and being petted, and purrs easily. She is a very calm and lovely cat.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Cleo or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at [www.mendocinanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendocinanimalshelter.com).



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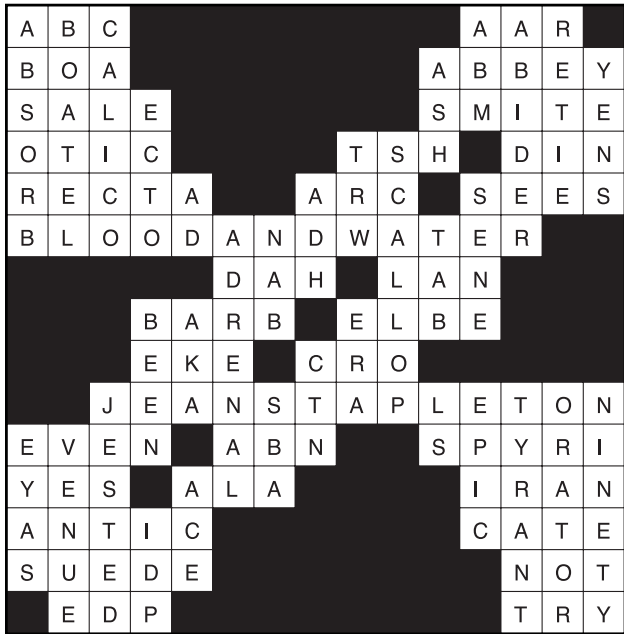
"We came in and spruced it up a little bit. It was Kenny's Barbershop previously. He had been here doing hair for 30 or so years. This has always been a barbershop. We just took the leap."

That Mendo Made is a family business is very much in evidence on Saturday mornings, when the Cruz's three kids and Bertolucci's three can be seen playing in the shop, as they are not in school.

"We're a family shop. Jezara's brother is my oldest niece's father. My second great nephew is her nephew. Like myself, she has cut many of the heads of Mendocino men. Her mom owns a shop in Laytonville: It Takes Two to Tangle. The last person to cut my hair was Macrea, Jezara's daughter," mused David Cruz.

"There are a few of Kenny's clients that come in," said David Cruz. "Kenny was a little difficult to deal with. He pretty much did what he wanted. You could explain anything to Kenny, how you wanted your hair, but in the end, he did what he wanted. He used to cut my hair and say, 'there's only two styles of hair that I do, fast and slow.' Some of his clients come in and are excited to have this place open again after a year."

Bertolucci is available in the mornings as she also works as a licensed massage therapist, amongst other professions. The shop, in general, is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 6:30 pm, Saturdays, 9:30 am to 6 pm, and Sundays by appointment. David Cruz's phone number is 707-972-6874 and Amanda's is 707-671-3091. "Both numbers are good to make appointments. We do take walk-ins," said Amanda Cruz.



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Need help with your computer? PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email [uicearbhail@gmail.com](mailto:uicearbhail@gmail.com)

### Willits Food Bank Open

Willits Community Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, with an increase in numbers served. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the front office at 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits CA 95490 – knock or leave in the locked mailbox in front. Food distribution is available at the back door on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333.

### John Ford Ranch Beef

John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$375.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$160.00. Please contact Debbie Arkellian @ 459-5049.

### RV/Trailer Space for Rent

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have to determine your speed, your defense and offense, whether you want to try and get points, or if you want to knock your opponents' pucks off the board. Sometimes you can put a spin on the puck and go around your opponents," said Lydon.

Swanton is the master of the tournament. He keeps the competition moving, runs the scoring and the brackets, and makes sure just the right amount of "sand" coats the surface of the table.

"We powder the board with a substance referred to as 'sand,'" explained Swanton, "but it's tiny balls of silicon mixed with ground walnut shells. You have to dust the sand on there just right or it slows the table down.

"This all goes with the theme of Flying Dog Pizza & Vinyl," said Swanton. "Everything, including the building, is retro. Everything is retro. We have exposed pipes for heating and air conditioning, retro games, retro pizza oven, retro vinyl records," all of which adds to the ambiance of the establishment.

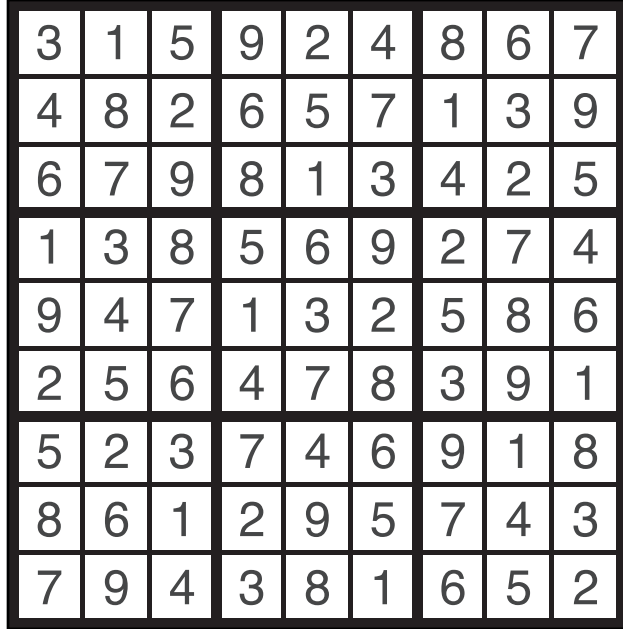
"I've always loved shuffleboard," continued Swanton. "It's a game of skill and it's a game of strategy. It gets really competitive but fun. Everybody has a real good time. We've had as much as 11 teams of two, on a Sunday night. We'll do single or double eliminations depending on the number of teams, to try and keep the tournaments to around three hours or so."

Swanton explained the skill and strategy: "Depending on where you are in the score, it could behoove you to just run interference so your opponent can't knock you off the table. There's a lot of strategy involved. It's kind of a combination of bocce ball and curling."

This Sunday, the night began with eight teams: Hawkeyes, Mendo Mamas, Old School, Tally Hoes, Flying Cobras, Bencotinos, Deuce 'Em Again, and The Mateos. After the first round, Hawkeyes, Old School, Flying Cobras, and Deuce 'Em Again were left standing.

The final round pried Hawkeyes and Flying Cobras, both experienced teams. At the end of the night, the Hawkeyes emerged victorious, with their \$48 in grand prize money. Everyone who played during the exciting and raucous tournament had a great time, playing shuffleboard, eating Swanton's variety of pizzas, drinking beer, and watching their kids who were playing their own games of football and air hockey.

Flying Dog Woodfired Pizza & Vinyl is an ever-evolving emporium of pizza, beer and wine, vinyl records, and games. Some 4,000 of their almost 32,000 DVD movies are still left for sale at only \$1 each. Swanton has many plans for the business, which he hopes will become a destination for fun, comradery and food in the years to come.





Free training in fire-wise building strategies offered to contractors, building designers, and building-supply stores

Submitted by Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is offering free training for contractors, building designers, and building-supply stores on fire-wise building strategies and materials, March 13 and 14 in Ukiah.

Wildfire is a natural part of our environment, and we must learn to live with it. Because the State of California realizes this, it has begun to adjust its laws requiring wildfire preparation, just as it did for earthquakes. Insurance companies are also beginning to demand certain preparation standards in order for homeowners to receive favorable insurance premiums and outcomes.

This means that home-improvement customers will increasingly be demanding wildfire-related advice, products and services. Hardware stores, contractors, and building designers will be on the front lines in helping people make the best decisions that could save lives and homes.

To help position your business for this potential growth in revenue and reputation, the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is hiring the highly respected National Fire Protection Association to provide a free two-day training designed for building-supply stores, architects, building designers, and contractors located within Mendocino County.

There is no entity better qualified to provide this training than the National Fire Protection Association, a well-established organization familiar with up-to-date fire-safety codes and strategies. Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is providing this training for free and even including a free lunch, so that this important knowledge can be shared and implemented more widely throughout our community.

The training, to be held Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14 at the Alex Rorabaugh Center in Ukiah, will provide state-of-the-art best practices on products, standards and strategies that you can share with your customers to prepare their homes and properties as well as possible for wildfire.

Participants will learn how to help their clients think through wildfire risks and harden their homes against wildfire through products and improvements such as 1/8-inch screening on all vents, dual-pane tempered-glass windows, fire-resistant decking, siding and paving types and placement – and much more.

Participants are required to attend both days of the training. We realize that two full days may be a lot for professional people, but we believe it will be well worth your while because:

- You will gain bragging rights as trained in the best current knowledge about making homes and property resistant to wildfire damage.
- This training normally costs hundreds of dollars per person, but this one-time opportunity offers it to you for free, including lunch on both days.
- Mendocino County Fire Safe Council will add all businesses who complete the full training to a business directory of NFPA-trained stores and contractors that will be shared with all MCFSC members and contacts as well as on its website.
- Mendocino County Fire Safe Council will also share its list of approved businesses extensively with its network of 50-plus neighborhood fire safe councils, in its monthly newsletter, on its social media pages, and at community events including its well-attended Wildfire Safety Expos.
- Attendees who complete the course will be able to advertise that they have increasingly in-demand knowledge that many of their competitors don't.

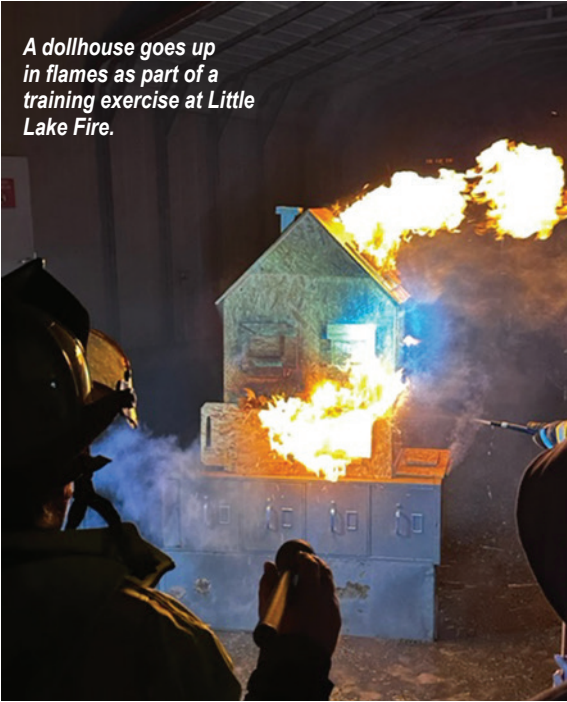
If you operate a building-supply store, or are a local building designer, architect, or contractor interested in this rare, free training offer, and if you can commit to two full days to complete it, you can request a spot at <https://firesafemendocino.org/nfpa-training>, or call MCFSC at 707-462-3662. Attendance is limited to only 40 people, so do not delay.

Please note that submitting a registration form does not guarantee you a spot in the class. MCFSC will try to ensure that all corners of the county are covered, in fulfillment of its mission to create a more fire-safe county.

Priority will therefore be given to businesses representing the highest contact potential for geographic and numeric reach to Mendocino County homeowners. MCFSC will, however, endeavor to include all who can sincerely make the best of this unique opportunity.



Above, from left: Members of the Hopland Fire Department, in addition to other fire agencies throughout the county, receive classroom training at Little Lake Fire Department. As part of a demonstration to illustrate the effect oxygen has on smoke and fire, a dollhouse, built by Training Officer Jeff Donaldson, is lit on fire. Firefighters enrolled in the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Academy look into a burning shipping container. Below: Firefighters from all over the county convene at Little Lake Fire over the weekend to kick off the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Academy.



A dollhouse goes up in flames as part of a training exercise at Little Lake Fire.



Firefighters from all over the county convene at Little Lake Fire for the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Academy

Submitted by Little Lake Fire

Little Lake Fire recently hosted the kick-off weekend for the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Academy, a three-month firefighter training program. The academy is every weekend until mid-April and different fire departments throughout Mendocino County host different trainings.

In addition to some classroom instruction, Little Lake Fire's training weekend included a demonstration that illustrated the effect oxygen has on smoke and fire. Training Officer Jeff Donaldson built a dollhouse, which was lit on fire, in order to simulate this effect.



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year, congratulating board President Paula Nunez and all of the returning members, and thanking teachers and staff for all of their hard work.

Ludwig shared news of the current impasse in contract negotiations, sharing a graph comparing WTA's proposed teacher salary increases to the current amount of available district funds. He stated his goal of attracting, and, more importantly, retaining quality teachers, pointing out that other nearby districts currently have many open jobs offering considerably more than WUSD offers. A lack of longterm teaching mentors, heavy workloads, long work days, high student loan debt and ever-rising housing costs only add to choices that educators face.

Ludwig spoke of the financial and educational drawbacks of undercredentialed and substitute teachers and staff, adding that no new administrative staff should be hired as long as teachers are underpaid. Finally, he expressed WTA's support for crucial California Schools Employee Association workers.

Communications Director Justin Walker spoke for CSEA employees, commending maintenance, transportation, and food service staff throughout the recent challenging weather, stating, "We do it for the kids." He expressed that CSEA members are looking forward to the upcoming 2023-24 contract negotiations.

In board comments, Jeanne King expressed her gratitude to staff and teachers, along with her intention to continue to continue making school visits, both as a volunteer and as a board member.

Board Clerk Diane McNeil gave an appreciation of the bus drivers who are up before dawn and safely transporting students in historically challenging storm and flood conditions.

Board President Nunez reported positively on an in-service gender equity opportunity which she recently attended. She also commended the WTA for their vigorous representation at board meetings, and for supporting the district's children in myriad ways.

Superintendent Mark Beebe wished all a happy new year, commending staff for their heroic efforts in keeping schools open despite heavy storms, and stating his hope that students and staff will be able to enjoy some clear weather soon.

The Public Comment portion of the agenda was moved forward so as to allow the public a more timely opportunity to speak. A number of teachers, parents, and support staff rose to express their demands for an equitable wage. Many pointed out that they are well-credentialed and have many employment options, but choose to stay in Willits for the love of their students and the community.

They spoke of the wide gap between salaries between WUSD and nearby districts, noting the many hats that teachers wear, and their need to feel valued for their skills. Parents supported the well-trained, well-qualified, and experienced teachers, pointing to the crucial for an equitable wage.

Some pointed to the disservice done to the entire community when teachers are forced to leave the district for higher wages. One parent asked that the board "Take the leap and do what's right," while another teacher and mom entreated, "Help us to educate the children."

A parent who had spoken at previous meetings regarding policies at Brookside Elementary spoke about the many positive effects of parent participation, and asking for a re-consideration of the closed campus policy at that school.

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In closing, I wish to thank the many community members in and around Willits who reached out to me in various ways to offer encouragement and support. It means a lot.

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Each time, my interactions with the people of Willits were wonderful. I was greeted warmly, and we shared mutual respect.

It is important to me that the citizens of Willits not be blanketedly judged by the malfeasance of a few.

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A number of members of the Willits community have witnessed my performance for themselves, and find the rumors and falsehoods to contradict what they saw and experienced with me. In the end, I maintain that I was mistreated for the causes laid out in my lawsuit. Of course, "the City disputes those allegations" as I expected they would.

Also, the City of Willits was given an opportunity to publicly apologize for their poor handling of problems that I brought to their attention during my employment, and for the way they treated me. They declined. The City "determined that the settlement, which avoids a potentially lengthy, uncertain and expensive jury trial is in the best interest of the community of Willits."

I believe the trial would also have clearly revealed the validity of my claims. In my opinion, the former city manager failed to handle the issues in an unbiased and professional manner.

The settlement only affects actions against Willits through the date of the settlement. It does not relieve the City of Willits for offenses after the settlement date which would cause me loss or harm.

Now that my case is over, I would like to briefly comment on two opinions written by former Chief Scott Warnock, and Chief Fabian Lizzaraga. Neither person has ever met me.

In a letter printed in the February 18, 2021 edition of Willits Weekly, former police chief Scott Warnock wrote, "I do not believe all the information in the letter from Chief Blaylock's attorney." It appears he based his belief, in part, on the erroneous assumption that the issues of race in the way I was treated were not valid or relevant because the former city manager's "husband is Black" (she told me directly that he is not) and that WPD had a Black officer. Warnock had a lot to say for a man who appears to be responsible for hiring the lieutenant at the center of my conflict with the City. I wonder if he is proud of that hiring decision now.

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conflicts, including the recent California storms.

WCK is "first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises," their website states. With local partners and volunteers, WCK has recently been serving up meals to residents and first responders in multiple California counties.

World Central Kitchen posted some photos from Tuesday's mission on its own Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WorldCentralKitchen](http://www.facebook.com/WorldCentralKitchen).

Here is the update from Tuesday's visit to Creekside Cabins from United Disaster Relief:

"Today we joined forces with World Central Kitchen to help provide free hot meals to disaster victims . World Central Kitchen works with local businesses and chefs around the world to help provide meals to people impacted by a disaster.

"World Central Kitchen contacted a local business, Willits Super Taco in Willits, ordered and sponsored 75 hot meals and drinks.

"United Disaster Relief of Northern California picked up, delivered and distributed the meals to several households at Creekside Cabins & RV Park in Willits.

"As California's West Coast storm caused havoc, over 100 people were left stranded due to a sinkhole destroying their only road in and out.

"After 18 days, residents continue to feel trapped and depend on support from its community and organizations like us to help them. When working together for the common good, our clients receive more resources to help them through their recovery process. Partnerships like this one, show the true mission of our work.

"Thank you World Central Kitchen for helping our community in a time of need and helping us bring food to disaster victims."

United Disaster Relief started in response to the 2017 Northern California wildfires. This non-profit volunteer-run disaster resource center in

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will be returned on December 14, 2022 along with an arrearages program recertification form.

"Individual customers who received overpayments will be notified by mail beginning on December 14, 2022 of disallowed amounts repaid to their utility accounts," the statement continued. "An arrearage disallowance repayment plan has been established to provide customers up to 30 days to enroll in a repayment plan, which will allow up to 24 months for repayments under \$750 and up to 36 months to repay amounts over \$750. Brooktrails customers ended up receiving over \$75,000 in account credit through the arrearages program."

Later, at the question and answer point of the meeting, Brooktrails resident Richard Christopher, of Rose Circle, asked how many individuals were affected by the arrearages repayment plan, and the general manager cited that 86 customers have been notified regarding the repayment plan.

President Rick Williams then asked if any directors had anything to report. Newly elected board member Joanne Cavallari stated: "I have a couple things. I'm sure Chief Noyer has noticed the sinkhole on Peacock Drive. I used to live on Peacock Drive, so I drive by that sinkhole on a regular basis. And, this was in 2019. There was about 20 feet from the edge of the sinkhole to the road. Now it's caved in. This is on Peacock Drive between Sherwood and Poppy. There was a storm drain actual culvert there going under the road, but now it's completely collapsed.

"I sent an email to the Department of Transportation, and they said that they were aware of it and are monitoring it. If they'd fixed it in 2019 it would have cost a lot less money," she said.

Director Cavallari had photos of the sinkhole to show the board, and all were surprised to see what was occurring at the site. She continued: "I did send them a letter in 2019 also. There was a large crack that was going across the road that was dropped about a foot, and they fixed the crack but they didn't address the sinkhole." General Manager Alaniz thanked Cavallari for sharing the information with the board.

Alaniz updated the board on the rain in Brooktrails. "So far, at the treatment plant," she reported, "rain totals, since October 1, are 38.6 inches; which is pretty good. We like that."

The board adopted new rates in December and the new rates are in effect, Alaniz said. "We completed our update of the Ordinance 76 which is your utilities code, and we reposted that online, which is part of our required postings."

Alaniz also informed the board: "There's a press release that's been sent out about a really exciting development regarding our disc golf course. There's an app for disc golfers called "UDisc," and they are very involved in the golf magazines and media outreach. They've decided that Brooktrails is the #2 Disc Golf Course on an active golf course in the world! We are topped by a course in Norway which looks like it's in a dream world.

"And, of course," Alaniz continued, "there's the new Community Center floor replacement which is wonderful. The company, Big Fish Construction, did a great job and they were very good to work with. Adrian Fisher, who used to be a volunteer firefighter in Brooktrails, heads up the company."

Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer updated

Ukiah provides "material goods, resources and support before, during and after a disaster." So far, they've helped in the aftermath of 20 wildfires, individual structure fires, floods, PSPS events, snowstorms, and with providing PPE for COVID-19.

To donate online to United Disaster Relief of Northern California, visit <https://udrnc.org/donate>

Mail donations can be sent to UDRNC, P.O. Box 662, Ukiah, CA 95482. UDRNC is located at 1240 Airport Park Boulevard in Ukiah.

Public Health issues 'advisory'

On January 15, Mendocino County Public Health put out a public health advisory on its "concerns for the health and safety of the residents and the environment" at Creekside Cabins.

"The sinkhole made the driveway impassible and has eliminated the only point of access or egress to the group of people living there," the advisory stated. "As a result, County Public Health has concerns about whether septic tanks have been reached for required monthly processing and whether there has been appropriate garbage disposal and retrieval.

"Releases of waste from septic tanks and overflowing garbage can contaminate superficial water and lead to waterborne bacteria. Exposure to and ingestion of contaminated water can result in infections, skin rashes, gastrointestinal illness, and other infectious diseases," Public Health continued.

The advisory also cited lack of access "may also impair the ability to replenish oxygen supplies for some who need it, to maintain electrical appliances, to shop for necessities, to safely travel to school or work, and to receive emergency attention by first responders, fire, or ambulance."

County Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren is continuing to investigate and monitor the situation with County Code Enforcement, the advisory states.

the board on the long-awaited squad vehicle's construction progress. "It's a third of the way through the process," he said. "The custom body is being mounted. By February we will have a delivery date promised. We should have it by March."

Frank Sanderson of Buckeye Circle then addressed the board regarding bears attacking trash cans and scattering trash. He said that he didn't, personally, have a problem with the bears scattering his trash because he doesn't put his trash out until 5 am on trash days. He said: "Somebody has to have the authority to make people pick up the strewn trash. Or, we need to mandate everyone having bear proof cans."

General Manager Alaniz responded, saying: "We all care about this issue. Gerry Ward of Solid Wastes of Willits cares about this issue, and Supervisor Haschak has been involved. You may recall, when he was with us at our last meeting in December, Supervisor Haschak shared with us that he was working with the county and the Fish and Game Commission on a bear can grant that would help reduce the cost of bear proof cans for Brooktrails residents.

Supervisor Haschak, who was attending the meeting via zoom, then spoke and said: "Yes, in working with Tamara [the general manager] and Gerry Ward, we did get the grant through the Fish and Game Commission, and it needs to be approved by Fish and Wildlife and also the board of supervisors. The grant was approved so, hopefully, we will be able to roll that out soon.

Also, Haschak added: "CDFW has someone who is very knowledgeable about wildlife who deals with wildlife conflict. Her name is Andrea Thompson, and she's in Willits. She might be a good person to present or write something up for people to have placed in their bill, to get information out, because she's educated in this field."

The board then moved to the Consent Calendar items. The 12-27-22 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$286,170.76 and the 1-10-23 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$52,884.20 were unanimously approved.

The board then considered board committee assignments and worked out the assignments of the individual board members. The Recreation and Greenbelt Conservation Committee will be represented by Ed Horrick. Joanne Cavallari is assigned to the Finance Committee, with Ralph Santos serving as alternate. Tina Tyler-O'Shea and Rick Williams are assigned to the Planning Committee, and the County Association of Fire Districts Committee will be represented by Ralph Santos. The Sherwood Firewise group liaison will be Rick Williams, with Ed Horrick serving as alternate.

Finally, "Resolution 2023-01 Authorizing Access to State and Local Criminal History Information for Employment, including Volunteers and Contract Employees" was voted on. General Manager Alaniz explained: "This item is a way for us to fingerprint our volunteers that come into the Fire Department as well as employees and consultants if appropriate. The reason you're hearing this is because in the past we used a service, and the service has not been really available. This is just giving us the ability to fill out the paperwork and send somebody to the county to get a [fingerprinting] livescan." The board then voted unanimously to approve the resolution.



Senior Center menu  
for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$7.

Thursday, January 19: Chicken & Dumplings, Veggie

Friday, January 20: Ribeye Steak, Roasted Potatoes, Veggie, Roll

Monday, January 23: Beef Stew, Roll

Tuesday, January 24: Fish Sandwich, Rice Pilaf, Veggie

Wednesday, January 25: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Veggie, Garlic Bread

Thursday, January 26: Western Chicken Sandwich, Potato Salad, Pickle

Friday, January 27: Turkey w/ Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Veggie, Roll

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm; Pancake Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month, 9 to 11 am, February 12 next month, and exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Deb 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



Kim Bancroft researches at Mendocino County Museum for an upcoming writing workshop.

Mendocino County Museum presents a special two-part program led by guest author and historian Kim Bancroft

Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

On Saturday January 21, from 1 to 3 pm, the public is cordially invited to join Kim Bancroft for an author talk and afternoon tea at the Mendocino County Museum titled "Telling Your Story: Legacy and Memoir." Bancroft will discuss her book, "Writing Themselves into History: Emily and Matilda Bancroft in Journals and Letters."

The book narrates the story of the two wives of Bancroft's historian and collector great-great-grandfather and how these women portrayed their lives from the 1860s to the 1890s in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Guests are encouraged to wear Victorian attire, along with Bancroft herself.

On Saturday February 18, from 1 to 3 pm, will be the "Legacy and Memoir" writing workshop. With Bancroft's assistance, aspiring writers and historians will discuss crafting their own stories. Bancroft will provide insight based on her years of experience as an historian and author, and will offer guidance for using letters, diaries,

oral history interviews, and other primary sources in one's writing.

Event tickets will be \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 17 and under, and will include admission to the Mendocino County Museum on the day of the event. Writing workshop space is limited. To ensure a place, we encourage guests to register in advance.

For more information, please visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or contact the Mendocino County Museum at 459-2736 or museum@mendocinocounty.org.

About the Author:

Kim Bancroft is a longtime teacher turned editor and writer. She has taught at various high schools and community colleges in the Bay Area, in Mexico, and at Sacramento State. Bancroft has edited and co-written several memoirs.

In 2014 Heyday Books published Bancroft's edited version of "Literary Industries," the 1890 autobiography of her great-great-grandfather, the founder of the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley. Also in 2014, she completed "The Heyday of Malcolm Margolin: The Damn Good Times of a Fiercely Independent Publisher."

Bancroft is currently looking for a publisher for a book she co-wrote with an old school friend, David Waddell, called "Same School, Different Class: A

Dual Memoir of School Integration." Learn more about Bancroft and her work at www.kimbancroft.com.

More about "Writing Themselves into History":

"In the early years of California's statehood, Emily Brist Ketchum Bancroft (1834 to 1869) and Matilda Coley Griffing Bancroft (1848 to 1910) had front-row seats to the unfolding of the Golden State's history. The first and second wives of historian extraordinaire Hubert Howe Bancroft, these two women were deeply engaged members of society and perceptive chroniclers of their times, and they left behind extensive records of their lives and work.

"Writing Themselves into History' offers a rich immersion in 19th-century California, detailing Emily's and Matilda's experiences with public life, motherhood, and business against the backdrop of San Francisco's high society and the state's growth amidst the tumult of the American Civil War.

"The book also highlights Matilda's significant involvement in Hubert Howe's trailblazing research on the history of the American West – including her work collecting oral histories from women members of the Latter Day Saints Church – and her evocative descriptions of travels throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond." – Courtesy of Heyday Books

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Dirty Cello brings high energy blues, bluegrass and rock to Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, January 28

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

The San Francisco band Dirty Cello returns to Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, January 28 at 7:30 pm with its showcase mix of high-energy blues, bluegrass and rock standards. With its most unique spin, Dirty Cello is certainly cello music like you've never heard before.

Led by the vivacious crossover cellist Rebecca Roudman, the four-piece band plays familiar covers, with a virtuosic mix of down-home blues to the foot-stomping bluegrass and heart-thumping rock hits. Besides Roudman on cello, fiddle and vocals, the quartet includes Jason Eckl on guitar, bassist Colin Williams, and drummer Cory Aboud.

From Italy to China, and all over the United States, Dirty Cello has been wowing audiences with their funky, carnival, romantic, sexy, fiercely rhythmic, and textured sounds.

The band moves seamlessly between blues to bluegrass and rock in an uncommon way that shouldn't make sense, but somehow does. Their rendition of the

Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" has been termed "incredible."

"When lead guitar is replaced by the sound of hot licks on a cello," said music journalist Nick Diamantides, "blues, rock and bluegrass rise to a new dimension. Dirty Cello makes its style of string music to inspire audiences to swing, sway and dance."

Roudman said the band's return engagement to WCT after sold-out shows in 2019 and 2018 is a moment for renewed excitement. "We hope to make our show a lot like the town of Willits itself – fun, casual, and a bit quirky!"

Advance tickets are \$20 and available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org or at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

