

Brooktrails transportation workshop set for February 7

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The January 24 Brooktrails Community Township board meeting began with an announcement from Director Tina Tyler O'Shea. "Some of you may recall the Mobility Solutions Feasibility Study that is being conducted by a consultant through the Mendocino Council of Governments, MCOG," O'Shea said. "The initial community sessions were held back in August 2022, and now the consultants are coming back to provide the findings and solutions from that study for the Brooktrails area. That meeting is scheduled for February 7, from 5 to 6:30 pm, and it will be via zoom.

"This is a look at transportation challenges and potential solutions for the community of Brooktrails," Director O'Shea continued. "It is part of a study that is happening in the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County which includes Brooktrails."

MCOG is holding virtual workshops for five inland rural communities with no public transit services, also including Covelo, Laytonville, Potter Valley and Hopland. All

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County shelter warns of canine euthanasia

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Due to overcrowding at the Mendocino County Animal Shelter, the shelter resorted to putting up a canine "euthanasia page" on their website late last week, with a list of dogs who were "facing possible euthanasia."

Thanks to multiple adoptions, a January 31 shelter update to their Facebook page reported success at easing the immediate situation at the kennels.

"Animal Care Services had a great couple of days getting dogs adopted," Tuesday's update reported. "Due to the positive response from the community, there are no dogs immediately on a euthanasia list, but we still need assistance from the public to gain much-needed kennel space."

The update asked community members to

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Above, from left: "No Trespassing" signs hang on the temporary cyclone fencing surrounding the work site and demolition zone of the old Howard Memorial Hospital site. Heavy equipment is needed to tear down and remove the massive amounts of building materials. The once northeast corner of the main building has a few office chairs still visible among the rubble. Below: Looking west up the driveway and hill off Main Street used to show the front face of HMH, now, it's become just a tree-dotted hole in the skyline.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

HMH comes down

Old Howard Memorial Hospital being demolished in preparation for relisting

"It just breaks my heart that we finally had to do this," said Margie Handley, president of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. "But we just couldn't afford to keep it in its current state anymore, and we couldn't sell it as it was, either. We just had to move forward with tearing it down."

The original campus of Howard Memorial Hospital opened in 1927 and operated as the area hospital until its closing in 2015 when the new campus on Marcela Drive took over

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At top, left: Over the still-recognizable rock wall, just rubble can be seen now where the front entrance of the old hospital once stood. Above, right: Once, walking east up the stairs off of Poplar Avenue led people into the back of the hospital complex. Above, left: The area that once housed the emergency room and additional buildings is now just ... rubble. Above, right: Looking up the angled driveway used to have a good view of the front of the hospital – now an occasional lovely sunset will grace the bare sky. Below: A still from the 1939 movie "The Prowler," which showcases the old hospital in the final scenes of the movie. Haven't seen it? Fix that. It was created as a senior project by Charles Denny and features many famous Willits people and sites throughout its 50-minute run.



BOS:
No resources for a riparian ordinance

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After discussing options for establishing protections for "riparian, stream and wetlands for the inland area of Mendocino County," the Board of Supervisors decided last week that the county doesn't have the resources to pursue a project such as a new ordinance at this time.

Instead the board asked that board Chair Glenn McGourty work with the Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission, along with other agencies and groups who may help, to explore getting more detailed mapping so they could better assess the situation.

Riparian areas are the interface between land and a river or a stream, often described as "corridors" of vegetation next to those bodies of water. Third District Supervisor John Haschak who sponsored the item said that they, along with wetlands, are typically protected with setbacks and other rules in many counties, but not in Mendocino.

"In agriculture, they have a lot of protections there, they have a lot of restrictions that they

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Creskide Cabins
FAQs 2

Submitted by County of Mendocino

January 26 – The County of Mendocino has received numerous questions and concerns about the conditions at Creskide Cabins and will attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions below:

Question: Are the residents of Creskide Cabins being evicted?

Answer: The County of Mendocino does not have the authority to evict residents from the property. Evictions are the jurisdiction of HCD and the property owner. The installation of the bridge was an evacuation measure only. This evacuation is similar to an order of evacuation for a fire or other emergency.

Question: Will residents who choose to stay face punitive measures?

Answer: Any resident or member of the public with specific enforcement related questions may contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Not the fortunate few

To the Editor:

It's a sad day when in your own town people are treated like less than human because they are not the fortunate few. I mean to say the fortunate few are those with the basic needs in life plus a little extra.

Creekside Cabins has been around for a long while. Those of us who know of it, thank god we never had to live there. Those that do live there or did live there were a population of human beings that were not the fortunate few.

Some years ago, I called the state inspector in Sacramento on this landlord for the inhumane state the residents were living in. He happened to be in Santa Rosa and they gave me his cell. I called him and described the living conditions. He was surprisingly accommodating and came up and saw the property, contacted, fined and made requirements that she had to come into compliance on.

Time went by and I assumed they were done. I went up again some time later for clients there from my outreach. To my understanding some part of the property was serviced for sewage and you paid more to be there. The other was not accommodated and you paid less.

There were a variety of residents

... druggies, some mentally health challenged, some whose income could not match income requirements to get into a decent place to live, some criminal element.

There have been various managers due to differences between the owner and themselves. The landlord preyed on the population that lived there dishonestly many times. Yet these people, took whatever come what may, to have a place to live and not be on the street. "The rock and the hard place" – well now, "a natural disaster" has once again put her in the spotlight.

Many people helped to get the residents out, but it's a temporary fix. They will all need permanent housing. Knowing that the county is taking legal action is a blessing, but now I urge our community to look around and pay attention to other possible abhorrent locations that have stayed out of view and under the radar. Alert the county so they can take action well ahead of how far this one went unnoticed.

We are all in our busy lives. I am too, but unless you are a very rich individual here ... any one of us can fall into unexpected catastrophe, and we would only hope we don't end up at a "Creekside Cabin." Just take notice of our neighbors ... that's all I ask ... and maybe a phone call. Thanks.

Pris Tarver, Willits

UDRNC seeks donations to support former Creekside residents

Posted by United Disaster Relief

January 31 – Our Creekside clients have been displaced all over – some at hotels, some at a new RV park, some in temporary rentals, and some are sleeping in their vehicles.

The situation is difficult for many. This is a low-income community, primarily on Social Security, disability or SSI. The cost for hauling, registering vehicles, and relocating has cost our clients more than they can afford.

Unfortunately, the Mendocino RV Park and hotel stay are only temporary solutions. Last night two of our clients slept in the car in lower than 15 degree weather. Our clients are searching for resources, guidance and referrals to help them find their new home.

Since day one UDRNC volunteers have assisted Creekside clients with delivering food and supplies, helping haul out vehicles, finding motels, and navigating additional resources. But we need your support to truly make a difference.

Please consider making a one-time donation today to UDRNC.org Your donation will help support someone's recovery process, to help them get back on their feet. Help them heal emotionally, mentally and physically, while working with a disaster case manager that is on their side.

Editor's Note: In a "Where are Creekside residents now" graphic accompanying this January 31 post, UDRNC reported 46.4% of former residents are currently at the Mendocino Redwoods RV; 14.3% are in a hotel paid for by UDRNC; 10.7% are in a new temporary rental; 10.7% are still at Creekside; and 7.1% are sleeping in a vehicle.

Four Chaplains Memorial Service

Submitted by the American Legion Post 174

On Saturday, February 4, the Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street in Willits will be hosting a Four Chaplains memorial service at 11 am.

The American Legion Post 174 will be assisting as the honor and color guard.

The service is to remember the chaplains of the SS Dorchester who willingly gave their lives on February 3, 1943 after their ship was torpedoed by the U-223, a German submarine.

First Lieutenants Fox, Goode, Washington and Poling, all newly minted chaplains who had met at the Army Chaplains School, were on the ship with approximately 900 military and crew heading to Europe for their first assignment.

After the torpedoing of their ship, the chaplains stayed on deck to offer comfort and help those they were shipping over with. They gave their places on the lifeboats, gloves and life vests. They were seen on deck praying together as the ship's bow lifted into the air and then slid under the water.

All of our community are invited to attend this memorial service. Light refreshments will be served after.

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 Baechtcl Road. Price is \$7.

Thursday, February 2: Baked Chicken Stuffing w/ Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Friday, February 3: Pepperoni Pizza, Boneless BBQ Wings, Green Salad

Monday, February 6: Sausage Rotini, Garlic Bread

Tuesday, February 7: Ground Sirloin Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Roll

Wednesday, February 8: Tamale Pie, Rice & Beans

Thursday, February 9: Chicken Fritter, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Friday, February 10: Bacon Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Salad

February Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, February 12 from 8 to 11 am. 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. \$8; \$7 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides: 3 slices bacon, \$2; 3 sausage links, \$2.

'Exploramos Juntos: Nuestra Alianza' closes Sunday

Posted by the Mendocino County Museum

It has been a joy to have special exhibit "Exploramos Juntos: Nuestra Alianza" grace the Mendocino County Museum's Long Gallery. Join the Museum and Nuestra Alianza this weekend as we celebrate the closing of the exhibit on Sunday, February 5 from 12 to 3 pm.

Enjoy refreshments and an engaging craft sponsored by Nuestra Alianza and the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum. In addition, the Museum will offer FREE admission during the event.

Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits. Info: 707-459-2736 or www.mendocinocounty.org/

SIW Phone Book deadline is February 10

The deadline is approaching, 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. Please email any updates – changes, additions, deletions, etc. to willitsphonebook@gmail.com before February 10 to ensure the changes are made.

– *SI/Willits Phonebook Committee*

WCT seeks actors for spring play

Auditions will be held for Willits Community Theatre's spring play, "Meteor Shower," written by comic celebrity Steve Martin and directed by Robert Ford. The auditions will take place on Saturday, February 11 at 1 pm and again on Monday, February 13 at 6 pm at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane in Willits.

The story is about two couples who get together for a little party. One couple has determined to have extra fun by trying to destroy the marriage of the other couple. In the process, the party is hit by meteor shower, which apparently brings a degree of either Einstein's Theory of Relativity or the more modern Chaos Theory into the mix, with repercussions for the play that are both imponderable and funny.

The call is for 2 women and 2 men, who are somewhere between their late 20s to early 40s. Scripts are available at the Willits Library which is open Tuesdays through Saturdays. The play will be performed from April 7 through April 23.

For more info about the play, please call Director Robert Ford at 354-3231.

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MCOG invites residents to virtual transportation needs workshops

Submitted by MCOG

The Mendocino Council of Governments is in the midst of a study of transportation needs and solutions for the communities of Covelo, Laytonville, Brooktrails, Potter Valley and Hopland – five inland rural communities with no public transit services.

During the week of February 6, virtual community workshops will be held with each of the target communities to present the findings of the needs assessment and preview potential mobility solutions.

This is a chance for community members to hear what the consultants learned about transportation needs within each area and to comment on the mobility solutions that are being considered for recommendation.

Virtual Workshops will be held at the following dates and times:

- Brooktrails: February 7, 5 to 6:30 pm
- Covelo: February 8, 11 am to 12:30 pm
- Potter Valley: February 9, 10 to 11:30 am
- Laytonville: February 9, 1 to 2:30 pm
- Hopland: February 9, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Links to the virtual community workshops can be found on the project website at bit.ly/MCOGMobility.

For further information, contact project manager Loretta Ellard at lellard@dbcteam.net or 707-234-3434.



Above, from left: Valerie and Ember of The Seven Eight Nines perform at the Willits Charter School Talent Show on Friday. Aria Silveira, along with her brother, A.J. and sister, Gigi, participate in the fast-paced Theater Makers Competition. Emcee and teacher Billy Hetherington gets a dad joke from Gigi Silveira. At left: Members of My Hamster Died, a rock band from Tyler Balthrup's class, perform for the crowd. At right: Lilliana, Joselyn and Sophia from Eric Reinelt's choir class perform.



Crowd Pleaser

Willits Charter School students and staff entertain with talent show in their new Sports and Performing Arts Complex

The Willits Charter School Talent Show, held last Friday, was a well-attended, thoroughly entertaining evening of music, dad jokes, zaniness, and just good spirits. In addition to being a showcase for the nascent abilities of the middle and high school students, it was a christening of sorts for the new Sports and Performing Arts Complex on the campus, a dream project for many, to create this multi-use sports and theater facility.

The never-before-used stage presented great possibilities for future creative productions at the school, under the direction of theater art teacher Billy Hetherington and music teachers Tyler Balthrop and Eric Reinelt.

Although the night was promoted as a fundraiser to buy upgrades and equipment for the new building, in essence it was also a "fun-raiser" as the crowd of an estimated 150 parents, siblings and faculty laughed throughout, with the deft emceeing and ad libs of Hetherington and accompaniment of several students who offered a variety of dad jokes to fill in the gaps while waiting for the next act to prepare.

In addition to the stage entertainment, there was a raffle for a basket of goodies donated by Mendo Mill and a table of silent auction items.

"We're doing a variety show, chock-full of talent," beamed Hetherington proudly. "This is a first for the [Willits Charter School]. We've just come to a semi-finished state with this new building. We still have equipment to install but we're in a place where we can finally unleash the arts upon the community in the form of a talent show.

"We have scenes from our theater arts class. We have bands. We have choir. We have aerial silks. We have a dog-trick act. We have singing teachers. We have students doing solo acts. We're happy to have a space where these kids can really share their considerable talents," said Hetherington.

The building has been in the planning and construction stages for several years and was necessitated by the need for a space where indoor sports could be played and for a stage where students could explore several aspects of stagecraft, from performing to certain technical skills needed in the production of quality entertainment.

"We've opened this building to sports, basketball and volleyball," Hetherington told the crowd, "and now it's the arts' opportunity to unleash our ferocity upon the world. There's been a lot of hands to make this building happen. We have Steve Wilson who has worked tirelessly to fabricate our gangway and get our lights in place. We have Yanahay Hooper, who was essential in putting the sound together.

"None of this would have been possible without Eric Glassey and his dedication to the school, to the youth community. He's been spearheading this project for two years. He is no longer associated with the school, but he has been a force of nature. None of this would have been possible without Eric. We really want to turn this into a community resource. For performances and sports," stated Hetherington.

The first half of the show was about the music. Reinelt opened the show with his choir class's rendition of "Woke up this Morning," encouraging the audience to come up with things for which they are grateful to incorporate into the song. They ended their set with a heartfelt rendition of John Legend's "All of Me."

Next, Alex Smith performed a solo interpretation of "Thunder" by Imagine Dragons. AJ Silveira and Aud Young performed a duet with ukelele, after which Silveira performed a solo. Emily Crissman acted out a scene in which she prepared for a job interview, which was as hilarious as it

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Photos by Mathew Caine



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Deadline to do so is Friday, February 2 – or I will choose for you!



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- Vase
- Demeter's equivalent
- Monetary unit of the Maldives
- French and Belgian river
- Small amount
- High schoolers' test
- Animal's foot
- Some is red
- Per ___: each
- Swedish jazz pop duo
- Plate for Eucharist
- Train line
- Russian pop duo
- Stake
- Plant by scattering
- Female sibling
- City of Angels hoopsters (abbr.)

- Popular cookie brand
- Group of Niger-Congo languages
- A team's best pitcher
- Vomits
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Men's fashion accessory
- Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

January 8 to January 14

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **64 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

January 8

2:30 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

3:22 pm: DALEY, Jeremy Lee (48) of Yucaipa was contacted near the North Willits Bypass. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of criminal threats, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and appropriation of lost property.

6:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of North Main Street.

January 9

9:28 pm: YOUNG, Derek KP (34) of Vacaville was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street following a traffic collision. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher.

January 10

7:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

January 11

1:52 pm: LEON, Levi Manual (35) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 21310 PC (Carrying a Concealed Dirk or Dagger), 11377 HS (Possession of a Controlled Substance), 11364 HS (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and on felony charges of second-degree burglary and resisting an officer.



Justin Quinliven of Willits.



Levi Leon of Willits.



Nicholas Davila of Leggett.

responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

MCSO books identify theft suspects

Posted by Mendocino Sheriff

On January 28, 2023 at approximately 1:16 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to investigate a report of fraudulent activity on a citizen's bank account.

An unknown suspect had gained access to the account holder's recently issued debit card through the mail and made several withdrawals without the victim's knowledge exceeding \$2,000.

After learning all funds in the victim's account were withdrawn, the victim initially contacted the bank's fraud department to report the suspicious activity.

During the victim's contact with the bank

representative, the victim learned the suspect was already in contact with the bank to inquire why the debit card was no longer working. The suspect was able to pose as the victim and access the account by providing the bank with the victim's personal identifying information.

With location information on where the debit card was used, deputies obtained surveillance footage and were able to identify two suspects.

Contact was made with the two suspects, and deputies found the suspects

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Looking for something to celebrate?

Learn more about these, or see a list of other days at <https://www.listofnationaldays.com/>

FEBRUARY 2: National Groundhog Day, Hedgehog Day, National Heavenly Hash Day, Tater Tot Day, Candlemas Day, World Wetlands Day, Crepe Day, World Play Your Ukulele Day, Marmot Day, Lung Leavin Day
FEBRUARY 3: National Women Physicians Day, National Carrot Cake Day, National Day The Music Died, Working Naked Day, Bubblegum Day, American Painters Day
FEBRUARY 4: Take Your Child To The Library Day, National Create A Vacuum Day, National Homemade Soup Day, National Thank A Mail Carrier Day, Lace Day, World Cancer Day
FEBRUARY 5: National Shower With A Friend Day, National Weatherperson's Day, World Nutella Day, Chocolate Fondue Day, Western Monarch Day, Dump Your Significant Jerk Day, Yorkshire Pudding Day
FEBRUARY 6: Starman Day, National Frozen Yogurt Day, National Lame Duck Day
FEBRUARY 7: National Fettuccine Alfredo Day, National Periodic Table Day, Ballet Day, Wave All Your Fingers At Your Neighbors Day, National Send A Card To A Friend Day
FEBRUARY 8: National Boy Scouts Day, National Kite Fighting Day, Laugh And Get Rich Day, Molasses Bar Day, Opera Day



Above, from left: Helen Simms, center, helps Greg and Donna Schindel pick out the best crabs of those that have been cooked. Richard Baker, Brett Newberry and Dickey Weinkle rinse and arrange the crabs for sale. At times, the parking lot at the Rexall building was filled with hungry crab enthusiasts. Below, left: Willits Rotarians Helen Simms, Tara Moratti, and Jennifer Sookne arrive early in the morning to help with the crab sale. Below, right: Helen Simms receives the basket of cooked crab and arranges them on the table.



Crackin' Crabs

Willits Rotary holds annual sale of delectable crustaceans; residents enthusiastically buy up all 2,000 pounds

"The crab season was delayed but we've had later sales," stated Tim King, who, for the past few seasons has spearheaded the efforts of the Willits Rotary Club to offer freshly boiled crabs to the citizens of Willits.

"We have done the sale in February at times in the past," King explained. "Nowadays, it's normal for us to do the sale in January. It was delayed due to the whale migratory patterns. They didn't want the whales to get caught up in the crab pots. They can get tangled up in the lines. They wait until the whales are mostly migrated out of the area to open up the commercial crab season."

"Sometimes," said King, "they'll delay the opening due to the quality of the crabs, if they're not filled out enough or if there is a health and safety issue with the domoic acid, which is a naturally occurring acid in crabs. If the level gets too high, it can create cognitive issues in those who ingest them. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife monitors the migration patterns of these species and regulates the start of the season accordingly."

"We obtained the crab from Andrew 'Boomer' Schlafer out of Fort Bragg," King said. "He supplied the crabs for the last two years. We bought 2,000 pounds of crabs which weigh around two pounds each. Thompson Propane donated the propane to run the vats."

The two-day sale of the crustaceans began very early on

Friday morning (5:30 am) when the parking lot at the old Rexall building became the staging site for the annual sale. Two huge propane-powered boiling vats were lit to allow them to heat up to the proper temperature.

A few hearty Rotarians were there to receive the vats and set up the screened table on which the boiled crabs would be arrayed for sale to the grateful public, several of whom have waited all year for the day they could bring the delicacy home to their partners and families.

Each consumer had their own method of enjoying these spider-like creatures that dwell at the bottom of the ocean.

"I like cracking them open and impressing my wife," mused Dan Essman. "The downside is that my cat really likes them. Once I crack them open, the cat sits at my feet, reaches up and puts his paws on my thigh and insists on some crab. We eat them as soon as we get them home. I make Crab Louie. I make them in curry or in garlic."

"Crab is great," stated school board member Jennifer Sookne. "It's a delicacy from our local ocean. My grandmother used to take me to Fisherman's Wharf and get me a Crab Louie for a birthday treat."

Train Singer Greg Schindel arrived with his wife, Donna. "We wait for this every year," Schindel said. "We have crab once a year when Rotary has their sale. It's always good. It's a big treat for us and it benefits the community as well. We eat them just like this: We sit there with our crab-cracking tools and a bowl of butter and garlic and eat them right down."

Many of this year's catch were over two pounds, making them a pretty good bargain at \$20 each.

"The extra month of waiting for the season let

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At left: Hand-painted signs let passersby know of the availability of fresh boiled crabs.

Below: Rotarians Rick Williams and Dickey Weinkle, along with Brett Newberry, hold up the merchandise.

At bottom: Jennifer Sookne helps Dan Essman pick out his crab.

At bottom, far left: Willits Senior Center Executive Director Richard Baker and Howard Foundation's Arnie Melo get ready to extricate the crabs from the cooking pot.

Photos by Mathew Caine



follow," said Haschak. "Same thing with the timber industry, same thing with the cannabis industry. But there are times when building or road construction or some of those kinds of activities don't have clear definitions of what we're looking for in the protection of riparian areas," said Haschak. "And so this has been a problem where ... people will come with a plan for building a house along a stream or a river or a wetland, and then they'll go to Planning & Building. Planning & Building doesn't have the instructions even though in the General Plan it says we want to protect these areas.

"And they'll get referred to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife," he continued. "CDFW doesn't take an opinion, or has an opinion but can't really definitely explain what the criteria are. And so the person is left on their own. It provides a real hardship for a person trying to figure out what the right thing to do is."

Haschak suggested the county try to find grant money to pay for a consultant to help assess and develop a plan for wetland and riparian protections, but Planning & Building Assistant Director Nash Gonzalez warned that even that would put some strain on understaffed departments like his.

Given the amount of projects they're currently looking at, Planning & Building "couldn't even start a project like this until 2026," Gonzalez said.

"For an ordinance like this, the function is you have to develop the scope of what it is that you want to achieve," he said. "And as I've said before you have to look at the big picture.... Well you have to do the mapping, you have to look at someone to manage the project. Obviously the executive office can work with the grant writer to look for a grant. But once you find the grant, who's going to manage the project itself? Who's got the expertise in-house to manage that project?"

"Because again as I've said, we have a lot on our plate right now," he continued. "The board has to make a decision ... What are the priorities?... It's been my understanding from this board and previous boards that the county's priority right now is housing. As you start limiting development on parcels, you're also going to limit the availability of housing in those areas."

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams made it very clear that he wouldn't support developing an ordinance or hiring a consultant at this time, since there are so many other problems the county is currently dealing with, including a budget and staff that are stretched thin.

"I'm never going to argue against more detailed maps, that sounds like a great idea," he said. "But I would like to see the county do 10 things really well rather than trying to do 100 at an embarrassing level. And all of us have this huge mess to clean up.

"This place is not functioning like it needs to function," he added. "And I just think in any direction throwing more projects on staff is diluting the existing resources. We don't have the money for it, we don't have the time for it.... I think there's merit to the project, but we need to get the basics working first before we branch out."

Both the local Fish & Game Commission and CDFW expressed support for the county putting into place setbacks and other protections for riparian corridors and wetlands.

The county Fish & Game Commission, who are volunteers appointed by the Board of Supervisors, submitted a "white paper" document talking about the importance of the areas, and some ideas for changes the county could consider. Haschak said they were the ones who brought this issue to him initially.

"The purpose of this paper is to show that wetland and riparian protections, still lacking in Mendocino County, are embedded in the Mendocino County General Plan, the Ukiah Valley Area Plan, and the Resources Management Plan," the Fish & Game Commission document read. "Mendocino County, however, is not adhering to or enforcing the details of the plan, resulting in no protections for riparian corridors and wetlands within Mendocino County outside the coastal zone."

The commission paper described "riparian corridors" as "a greenbelt of vegetation that protect freshwater resources, are critical habitats for many threatened and endangered species in Northern California, as well as providing some of our most treasured areas for recreation and water quality protections in our human communities."

The commission listed a handful of "recent problematic activities" in the county related to the riparian and wetland areas, including two in the Third District.

These were "approved development in sensitive wetland and habitat area (for protected vegetation and an endangered species) in the Laytonville area," and "a fuel spill into String Creek of approximately 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel at an illegal cannabis operation's fuel storage site."

CDFW gave a presentation at last week's

BOS meeting, with Senior Environmental Scientist Jennifer Garrison running through some of the issues.

Garrison said some of the benefits of healthy wetlands and riparian corridors are to "store floodwaters, help minimize erosion, protect against storm surges and loss of property, recharge groundwater, trap sediment, and filter pollution."

She noted that they were also a "vital habitat for the majority of wildlife species."

Garrison said that requiring setbacks could help to "discourage new development in floodplains," "reduce flood potential and loss of property," and "minimize development's impacts on habitats and the species who use them."

She also said that allowing riparian vegetation to flourish could "improve water quality, stabilize banks and reduce erosion, and lower water temperatures".

The Fish & Game Commission document pointed out that the decline of wetlands and riparian habitats is a long running local and national issue.

"Over the past 200 years, the contiguous 48 states have lost an estimated 53 percent of their original wetlands, with California losing the largest percentage (91 percent)," the document read. "An estimated 93 to 98 percent of California's and 75 percent of the North Coast's riparian habitat has been converted to other land uses."

The paper also noted that Lake, Sonoma and Humboldt counties all have ordinances or combining districts "that established riparian and wetland setbacks and regulate development within these areas," which they felt could be helpful for Mendocino County to look at when setting their policies.

However, Chair McGourty warned against copying other counties' ordinances, given the unique characteristics of Mendocino County. McGourty recused himself from the vote at the meeting prior to the board's discussion due to having a large amount of riparian land on his property, which he felt would be a conflict of interest, but he did speak during public comment as a citizen.

"Habitat protection is so variable in terms of what's the right setback, and we've had some indications about urban areas, but also on slopes and different soil types and different geology," said McGourty. "Just choosing a random number often isn't correct. Habitat protection really should be one of the major goals of this and keeping an existing habitat and restoring it when we can.

"I'd just say that other counties have ordinances, but remember we're always a little bit unique," he added. "This is kind of a steep, highly erosive geology with high rainfall and a low population base, and in light of that we have to tailor something very, very specific for us. We can't just take somebody else's ordinance and apply it."

McGourty also pointed out that a lot of other agencies are looking into this issue in addition to CDFW and the Fish & Game Commission, including state and regional water boards, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers.

All four of the other supervisors gave approval for McGourty taking the lead on working on the mapping issue.

Ellen Drell of the Willits Environmental Center also spoke during Public Comments, and said that she was supportive of taking action to protect the riparian corridors, but understanding of the county's challenges at the moment.

"I think it's very important, and I think it would be great if Mendocino County joins our neighboring counties in looking at how to protect and restore riparian areas," said Drell. "But I understand how stressed the county is in every way, and there's no point in having another ordinance on the shelf that isn't supported by the citizenry or enforced by the county.

"So I think a lot of things need to come together," she continued. "But I would say that I think there are citizens around the county, myself included, and I'm sure there's people with lots of the agencies who'd be willing to get involved in this effort to begin looking at possibilities – reviewing existing ordinances and looking at some of the complexities and maybe even doing some community outreach and even some preliminary mapping.

"And if there was money for a consultant to help with that, that would be fine," she added. "But if there's not money for a consultant to help right now, I think it would be great for the Board of Supervisors to encourage the interested citizenry to begin thinking about what we want and how we might get there and how we could get buy-in from the county."

Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren approved of Drell's idea for citizens to get involved on the issue.

"If there are members of the public that are interested it seems like the Fish & Game Commission is prepared to assist," she said. "It does seem like there are people that are interested, and so there's nothing that's ever going to stop you all from working on something together, even if the County of Mendocino doesn't have money to bring forward."

Question: There has been conflicting information on the property line boundaries at Creekside, what happened?

Answer: On January 12, Mendocino County staff noticed discrepancies in the boundary lines of the park and state property. On January 13, the county reached out to Caltrans to request boundary line clarifications. Caltrans subsequently sent out a surveyor to evaluate the boundary lines, and the results of this evaluation were provided to the county [on] January 25. Pursuant to these survey results, it was discovered that a portion of the RV park has encroached onto state property. For further information please contact Caltrans.

Editor's Note: Caltrans District 1 Public Information Officer Manny Machado supplied the following statement this week with more details on Caltrans' position:

"The failed driveway and culvert serve the Creekside RV Park, a private commercial property. Although the driveway and culvert are constructed within the Caltrans right of way, they are not part of US-101 and do not benefit the traveling public. The driveway is considered an encroachment on state right of way.

"Because the driveway's purpose is to benefit a private property and not the general public," the statement continued, "Caltrans policy dictates that it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the approach from their property line to the shoulder of the highway. The property owner is responsible for the encroachment."

"Caltrans issued an encroachment permit on an expedited basis last week to allow the County of Mendocino to install a temporary bridge on Caltrans right of way. The bridge was needed to allow the residents of the RV park to evacuate after the county deemed the property uninhabitable," the statement concluded.

Question: Is there any difference between the portions of the RV Park on state and private property for the purposes of the evacuation order?

Answer: No.

Question: What is the status of the drinking water at the site?

Answer: The county has not received any new information from the state Water Resources Control Board subsequent to the "Boil Water notice. Any new information will be shared when it is received.

Question: How many residents were evacuated; where will they go?

Answer: As of 4:30 January 26, of the 27 households at the park: 13 households have been issued vouchers to an alternate RV Park; 2 households were issued hotel vouchers; 3 households stated they had a moving plan; and 8 households have not provided any information to the county and have not requested services.

interested persons may present testimony at the MCOG hearings. Links to MCOG's virtual community workshops can be found on the project website at <https://amma.mysocialpinpoint.com/mobility-solutions-study>. For more information on how to participate in the teleconference or to submit written testimony in advance, contact the MCOG office at 707-463-1859.

General Manager Alaniz also was elated to announce: "We have received notification from the state that they've reopened our environmental and engineering technical assistance grant for the potable re-use project, and they reached out to let me know that we are going to be able to start working on getting all of the application for funding and environmental and engineering work going again.

"They also notified us that the threshold of grant money available that was in the new intended use plan for the state Water Resources Control Board and state revolving fund monies was increased," she said. "So, we will be having a meeting in the next couple of weeks to review our applications, where we were at, what kinds of things that the increased funding might mean for that application and, actually, maybe, start moving forward on getting that project going, which is very important to me and very important for this community."

"Regarding the fire department," Alaniz noted, "we have been working with SBI Consulting to develop an engineered study for a fire assessment, and by January 31 we should have a draft for the board to review. Once we finalize the study, then we will bring the final draft of the study, the proposed assessment, timeline and amounts, and the potential mail ballot language before the board for consideration and discussion."

The Consent Calendar including the January 24, 2023 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$153,783.33 was then unanimously approved by the board.

Regular Brooktrails board meetings are scheduled for February 14 and February 28, the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Agendas will be posted at www.btcsg.org/township-board.

consider adopting the dogs still listed at this link: www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/animal-care-services/euthanasia-page

When announcing the euthanasia page on Facebook on January 26, Animal Care Services posted: "Unfortunately, stray dogs are still coming into the Animal Shelter and filling up the few vacant dog kennels that we have. We are asking for the community's assistance."

The text on the euthanasia page warns: "In the coming days, weeks and months, the Animal Shelter will most likely be put in a position to euthanize healthy dogs to free up dog kennel space in order to take in more stray dogs from the community.

"A large amount of the population in Mendocino County is facing economic hardships due to many variables. The average cost of keeping a dog is estimated to be approximately \$1,400 a year. The decision to not adopt a dog comes down to dollars & cents for families. Mendocino County Animal Care Services understands why residents are not choosing to adopt a dog, surrender a dog, or not reclaim an impounded dog," the post continued.

"When the time comes to euthanize healthy dogs, please understand that is not for lack of effort on behalf of the Animal Shelter and filling up the few vacant dog kennels that we have. We are asking for the community's assistance."

"We ask that the community not criticize the decision to euthanize and understand the very difficult decision that had to be made in order to assist other stray dogs that need to come into the Animal Shelter.

"The problem of the Animal Shelter being overcrowded with dogs is not going away anytime soon," the euthanasia page warns.

"The community needs to be made aware of the current and future overcrowding and potential euthanasia of dogs due to lack of available dog kennels. This is why this euthanasia page was created."

Multiple news sources around the country have reported that many animal shelters are understaffed and overwhelmed, with overcrowded facilities. In a press release promoting February as "Spay and Neuter Month," the Best Friends organization details the benefits of spaying or neutering our pets.

The press release also notes: "Having pets spayed or neutered can also help the shelter crisis. Across the country, shelters are struggling with higher intakes, while adoptions, fosters and rescues are not keeping pace. This has led to a population imbalance with more animals in shelters, causing an increased strain on shelter staff and the overall crisis. With most U.S. shelters at or over capacity, pets are more at risk for being killed due to lack of space.

"Spay/neuter directly affects the number of pets that lose their lives in the U.S. Having your pet spayed or neutered prevents additional animals from being born and frees up homes for those currently waiting at shelters. By taking this one action, you'll be an important part of the movement to make America a no-kill country by 2025."

Mendocino County Animal Care Services is offering half-off dog adoption fees for all spayed/neutered dogs 6 months & older at the Ukiah and Fort Bragg shelters, and also offering free adoptions for some of the shelter's "long-stay" dogs. Visit www.mendoanimalshelter.com to learn more.

Golden Cheeto

Cheeto originally came to us as a trapped "feral" with her four brothers and mom. She, just like the rest of her siblings, quickly showed us that she is very sweet and cuddly. She's living with two of her brothers right now, Frito and Dorito, and although they all look very similar, she is one of a kind. Cheeto is a tad bit more reserved, but still very friendly and likes attention. She is playful both with people and other cats.



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 Cheeto or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com.

Silly Pixie

Pixie's got some stardust to spread! She's such a goofy, lovable 1-year-old pup! She's got a lot of energy and is hoping to find an active family to bring out on adventures. Pixie has recently discovered grass and wiggling, and rolling around on her back on grass has become her new favorite thing, after hikes of course! She is really affectionate and loves meeting new people so if



you're a social butterfly, she might be your match!

To learn more about Pixie or 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 due to COVID-19. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

Cuddly Max

Max says, "I'm all the heart you need!" Who could refuse kissing the heart on his head? He is such a precious boy. He just wants to curl up and relax with a loving soul. Max is just the right size to be your on-the-go buddy, he is ready to load up in your car and go home!



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, our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

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Showin' Some Love

It's almost Valentine's Day, and Willits Weekly is once again excited to feature photos of the community's loved ones this holiday.

We will print as many photos as we can in the February 9, 2023 edition.

Please email photos to willitsweekly@gmail.com and please include a caption, identifying yourself, as well as those in the photo. First names only are OK.

An example:

"Happy Valentine's Day to my sweetie ____[their name]____! Love, ____[your name]____."

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How to celebrate:
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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
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What's Happening Around Town

Thursday, February 2

Twining Time at Brickhouse Coffee: Celebrate Groundhog Day on February 2 from noon to 2 pm with Twining Time – John Wagenet and Anita Blu – performing Folk/Country/Americana Roots – new and old favorites as well as original music. First Thursday of every month at Brickhouse Coffee in downtown Willits. More info: visit twiningtime.weebly.com. 3 South Main Street, Willits.

Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales" story time from 3:30 to 4 pm. Thursday, February 2, 3 to 5:30 pm.

Friday, February 3

Willits High School Boys Basketball vs St Helena: The WHS boys Varsity and JV teams take on St Helena at home. The Varsity game starts at 7:30 pm, the JV at 6 pm. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

Hilary & Christiane at Shanachie Pub: "Sonoma County based multi-instrumental 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 supported by an array of instruments: harmonica, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, and banjo." Visit www.facebook.com/hilarychristiane. Friday, February 3, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



Saturday, February 4

Four Chaplains Memorial Service at Grace Community Church: The Willits American Legion Post 174 presents a Four Chaplains Memorial Service, hosted by Grace Community Church on Saturday, February 4 at 11 am. The service "commemorates the selfless sacrifice and heroism of the four chaplains of the SS Dorchester who willingly gave their lives to help those they were shipping over with on February 3, 1943 after their ship was torpedoed by the U-223, a German submarine. All of our community are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served after. Saturday, February 4, 11 am, at Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street.

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County 10th Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament at Sparetime Supply Warehouse: Cash prizes, 21 & older event. \$60 buy in, \$40 add on, limited to 60 seats, dinner and drinks included. Event supports the Waldorf School of Mendocino County. Sponsored by Sparetime Supply. Tickets & information: mendocinowaldorf.org, 707-485-8719. Saturday, February 4, 4:15 pm check-in, 5 pm tournament begins. Sparetime Warehouse, 300 East Commercial Street.

Willits Center for the Arts "Meet the Artists" event with Nancy New and Victor Palomino: WCA's February show features Nancy New's ceramics and paintings by Victor Palomino. The opening is on Saturday, February 4 from 6:30 to 9 pm, and the show runs through February 26. Gallery hours are Friday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707-459-1726. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Sean Lehe Elektrik Band at Shanachie Pub: "California based guitarist for West Coast festival favorites, Jelly Bread, and formerly with Poor Man's Whiskey and Izabella. With heavy doses of guitar hero influences like Jimi Hendrix, Jerry Garcia and Trey Anastasio, Lehe weaves his many influences into yet another tapestry of Neo-American psychedelia and groove music." Visit seanlehe.bandcamp.com/music. Saturday, February 4, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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Drive-Thru Jambalaya Feed
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"Building Community Event" at the Firehouse: WELL- Willits Economic Localization - sponsored conversation. Topics include sustainability, art and music, healthy lifestyle, accessible housing and local food. "Diverse perspectives for making Willits better!" For info contact Jane: 707-540-3802 or janemcabe1944@gmail.com. Sunday, February 5, 4 pm, at the Little Lake Firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street.

Tuesday, February 7

Willits High School Girls Basketball vs. Middletown: The last home games of the season for the 2022 Lady Wolverines. Girls Varsity and JV teams take on Middletown at home. Varsity starts at 7 pm; JV team at 5:30 pm. WHS, 299 North Main Street.

Thursday, February 9

"Talk with your Supervisor" forum at Brickhouse Coffee: The first of a series of open discussions with Third District Supervisor John Haschak, on the second Thursday of the month, from 10 to 11 am. "Bring your ideas and solutions to making Mendocino County a better place for all" – Supervisor Haschak. February 9, 10 to 11 am. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

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, February 9, 3 to 5:30 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Inland Mendocino Democratic Club February Meeting: "Current and future Democrats are invited to the Inland Mendocino Democratic Club's monthly hybrid in-person/zoom meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 pm. Agenda of the in-person meeting includes a members election for the future officers of the club. Slam Dunk Pizza, 720 North State Street, Ukiah. The Zoom meeting will be hosted at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82566353751>. Meeting ID: 825 6635 3751, Passcode: 518110. To call in: 1 669 900 6833 More info: inlandmendodems.org



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S.R. Laws at Shanachie Pub: "Originally from California, S.R. cut his teeth as a songwriter in Austin, Texas. Each passing season allows provisions of a burgeoning sound to mingle with wry lyrics, energetic rhythms and memorable melodies!" Visit www.srlawsmusic.com. Thursday, February 9, 7 pm, following the Tap.Root set. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Friday, February 10

"Willits Hold 'Em" Poker Tournament fundraiser to benefit the repair of the Willits Grapplin Pack gym roof: At the Scout Hut at the Rec Grove, starting at 6 pm. \$100 buy in, 21 and over, only 75 tickets available. Cash payout for top 3 finishers. Food available for purchase. To help repair the roof at the former Seventh-Day Adventist Church school, the youth wrestling club's home base. Tickets and info, contact willitsgrapplinpack@gmail.com. Friday, February 10, 6 pm. Rec Grove, corner of Commercial Street and South Lenore Avenue.

Willits Center for the Arts presents Amy Davis and "Art of the 21st Century": A free presentation that is one of WCA's "monthly art talk" series. Amy Davis, M.A. is a frequent guest speaker at museums and conferences on 21st century art. She is currently the executive director at NUMU, Los Gatos Art Museum. Friday, February 12, 6:30 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" opens at Willits Community Theatre: "The classic play that pits human freedom against institutional order and conformity. The conflict between R.P. McMurphy and Nurse Ratched is one of the classic stories in American theater." Opening night, February 10, at 7:30 pm. Continues Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm, through February 26. Tickets are \$20 and available at www.wctperformingartscenter.org. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

Towse at Shanachie Pub: "Towse is a folk-pop collective fronted by London-based singer-songwriter & multi-instrumentalist, Grace Fellow. Grace will be accompanied by Mendocino born and raised fiddler, Corwin Zekley. Towse's music has a sense of humour and theatrical energy that walks the line between fun and therapeutic." Visit www.towselikehouse.com. Friday, February 10, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



Saturday, February 11

Willits Photography Club monthly meeting: "Join us every second Saturday at 10 am." At the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.



Computer Literacy for Everyone: First meeting of this new program at the Willits Library, on Saturday, February 11, from 11 to 11:30 am, and continuing weekly. "This program has a variety of topics including email, google products, social media, and more. After an introduction in the meeting room, the computers will be available so you can practice your new skills."

"Cannabis in Mendocino County- Our Story": the first of a series at the Mendocino County Museum, starting Saturday, February 11 with "Back to the Land Generational Storytelling" from 1 to 3 pm. Special guests and local historians Richard Jergenson and Annie Waters will share their experience documenting and collecting the history of cannabis and counterculture, and display collections from the Counter Culture Museum and Archives on Wednesdays and select Saturdays through March 19. The public is invited to view their displays and engage in conversation with the special guests. Saturday, February 11, 1 to 3 pm. Tickets \$7, includes Museum admission. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Info: call 707-459-2736 or visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at Willits Community Theatre: Showing on weekends through February 26. Saturday, February 11 show at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available at www.wctperformingartscenter.org. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

Clay Hawkins Duo at Shanachie Pub: "Blending rapid-fire fingerstyle slide guitar and honest, heartfelt songwriting, Clay Hawkins creates his own unique brand of acoustic rock. With long time co-conspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass, the duo play what some say is, 'Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart.'" Visit clayhawkins.com. Saturday, February 11, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, February 12

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: The Willits Senior Center's monthly second-Sunday Pancake Breakfast is set for Sunday, February 12 from 8 to 11 am. 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. \$8; \$7 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides: 3 slices bacon, \$2; 3 sausage links, \$2. Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.



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WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Presents
Amy Davis
and
Art of the 21st Century

Friday, February 10, 2023

6:30 P.M.
71 East Commercial St.
Willits, CA 95490

This Free presentation is possible because of a generous grant from The Community Foundation of Mendocino.

Seed Sharing and Seed Swap events in Mendocino County

February 3 through March 12

"Seed Sharing: Keeping Heirloom Seeds in our Gardens & on our Tables" is a series of seed-sharing events throughout Mendocino County, from February 3 through March 12. Some upcoming local seed swap events: Friday, February 3, from 1 to 3 pm at the Covelo Library/ Round Valley Farmers Market. Saturday, February 11, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Redwood Valley Grange; Saturday, February 18, from 12 to 3 pm at the Little Lake Grange in Willits. "We encourage all local gardeners to participate by requesting seeds from others and offering seeds they've saved from their own gardens." Co-sponsored by the Mendocino County Granges and the Mendocino County Library. Those interested in a table at the seed swap events should contact their local Grange.

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.

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!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Willits Outdoor Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: bbruneau@bbruneau.com.

Willits Garden Club monthly meeting: Garden-related speakers and programs every month at 11:30 am on the second Tuesday at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse (Ridgewood Ranch RV Park). Potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome. Tuesday, February 14, 11:30 am. Info at www.willitsgardenclub.org.

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym: Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers a free karate program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm. 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.

Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events

Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street

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 February 11 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, February 2 at 7 pm.

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, February 4 at 3 pm.

Weekly Events

at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.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."

Spring Canine Adoption Event

at the Ukiah and Fort Bragg Animal Shelters

Half-off dog adoption fees! Spayed/neutered dogs 6 months and older. "To see our adoptable dogs, and for information about the adoption process, visit mendoanimalshelter.com." Ukiah Shelter, 298 Plant Road, 707-467-6453. Fort Bragg Shelter, 19701 Summers Lane, 707-961-2491.

Art Center February show with Nancy New & Victor Palomino

February 4 to 26

Willits Center for the Arts presents its February show, featuring ceramics by Nancy New and paintings by Victor Palomino, an artist born in Bogota, Colombia, and currently living in Ukiah. Nancy New, a Willits resident, has honed her skills as a potter for over 50 years. The show opens Saturday, February 4 from 6:30 until 9 pm, and you can meet the artists at this time. Gallery hours are Friday to Sunday, 11 am until 5 pm. For more information visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707-459-1726." WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Willits Branch Library presents 'Who's Who in Local History'

Thursday, February 16, 5:30 pm

"Who's Who in Local History" is a monthly presentation and discussion at the Willits Branch Library, presented by Denise, Library assistant and resident historian. Join us Thursday, February 16 at 5:30 pm "as we explore a different character, or characters, from our past and examine what contributions they have made in local history. Followed by discussion and refreshments. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

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Mon.-Thurs.:
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Fri.: 4:45 & 7:30pm
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At right: On his first day in the mental hospital, R.P. Murphy, at left, played by Joshua Sternberg, center, wins friendship loyalties from Garrett Moore, Patrick Nunes, Ben Strasser, Aris Vellis, and Lee Stipe, rear.

Far right: Veteran actor Kelly Kesey plays the controlling Nurse Ratched in "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" at Willits Community Theatre.

Photos by Mathew Caine



The darkly comedic satire 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' opens February 10 at Willits Community Theatre

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

The darkly comedic satire "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" opens for its thrilling three-week run on Friday, February 10 at Willits Community Theatre. The stage adaptation by Dale Wasserman is based on the original best-selling 1962 Ken Kesey novel, which became a classic landmark for its pitting of human freedom and selfhood against institutional order and conformity.

Directed by Billy Hetherington, the play presents the dragging routine at an Oregon mental hospital and recounts how the routine is utterly upset by the arrival of con-man, womanizer and gambler Randle P. McMurphy. Once McMurphy starts his one-man campaign to help the patients recover their sanity and personal power, he comes into tragic conflict with Nurse Ratched who is intent on maintaining the status quo.

The show carries a relevant message

for today while also providing laughs, said Hetherington, although the laughs are not from traditional comedy. "Because our actors are playing characters with mental health issues, we are careful not make fun of them. However, there are moments that arise that are incredibly funny because of the characters and who they are. Without these moments, this would be an intensely dark show."

The show's deeper message is a commentary on society's tendency for control over individual behavior.

"Its relevance today," Hetherington said, "is our being reminded of how much we are being controlled, and where we're being controlled and why. The show has these really amazing moments where we see characters starting to take care of each other in a deeper way."

Long recognized for his years of work staging

local Shakespearean comedies and dramas, along with his directing the WCT Summer Youth Academy and teaching performing arts at the Willits Charter School, Hetherington now brings his considerable talents to guiding this ultimately uplifting show

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" features Joshua Sternberg as McMurphy and Kelly Kesey as Nurse Ratched. The cast also includes Kyle Brandon as The Chief, Jherek Ford, Sarah France, Paola Grubica-Johnson, Forrest Glyer, Tifany Leigh-Logan, Talisman Marshall, Garrett Moore, Pat Nunes, Ben Strasser, Lee Stipe, Aris Vellis, Aiden Virgin and Cortlandt Wilson.

The show runs Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 26, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 for all shows and are available online at www.wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape Bible Church
290 S. Lenore Ave.
Willits, CA 95490
Where love is first and the Bible is central.
Sunday Services:
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Info? 707-459-1905
www.agapebiblechurch.com

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church
803 Coast Street
P.O. Box 489, Willits
707-303-5456
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Burton Jernigan
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

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

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

Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom
•Sound of Soul events
•Memberships Discourses
•Spiritual Discussions
•ECK Light & Sound Services
More information?
Call 530-224-8703
www.eckankar.org

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

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
61 W. San Francisco Ave.
Willits, CA 95490
Father Aaron Bandendadam
Mass times:
Confessions by appointment:
459-2252
Sunday Mass inside:
9:00 a.m. English
10:30 a.m. Spanish
Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Covid guidelines apply.
We welcome All Walks of Faith

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

St. John Lutheran Church
Church Service:
Sunday 10:00 to 11:00
(707) 459-2988
24 Mill Creek Drive
ALL ARE WELCOME

Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church
707-459-5714
Friendly, open worship
Saturdays
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
Zoom Transmission Available.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
399 W. Mendocino Ave.
All are welcome!

Willits United Methodist
A Christ centered, progressive church
ALL ARE WELCOME
286 School St. (at Pine)
Rev. Rosemary Landry, pastor
Worship Celebration
Sundays - 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.
459-2855
Facebook: www.facebook.com

If you want to be included in this column please call:
April Tweddell
(707) 972-2475
april@willitsweekly.com

WELL presents 'Building Community' meeting, February 5

Submitted by WELL

Willits Environmental Localization presents "Building Community," a WELL-sponsored conversation on Sunday, February 5, from 4 to 7 pm at the new Firehouse on East Commercial Street.

This is planned as an open meeting to develop ideas and projects for a sustainable Willits community, e.g. housing, local food, health, and more. We envision the diverse groups and individuals in our community comparing what they're working on, their goals for the future, exchanging information, and finding ways to collaborate – a kind of cross-pollination.

This free event will be at the Little Lake Firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street. Bring a potluck dish to share if you can, but come even if you don't have one! Initiated by, but not limited to, Willits Economic Localization (WELL). For more info contact janemccabe1944@gmail.com or 707-540-3802.

Building Community Event

WELL sponsored conversation

4pm Sunday

February 5 at the Little Lake Firehouse

Topics include:

Sustainability

Art & Music

Healthy Lifestyle

Accessible Housing

Local Food

Diverse perspectives for making Willits better!

Mike Oglesby
707-489-0755

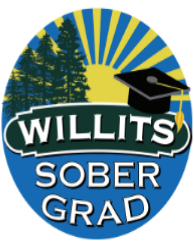
mike@3sonselectric.net
CA 1081690

2010 Industry Rd, Ukiah CA 95482
707-462-1660

Willits Sober Grad Drive-Thru Jambalaya Feed

Saturday, February 4th
Pickup 11 am - 1 pm
WHS Front Loop

Includes: Chicken & sausage jambalaya, white beans, salad & bread.



Tickets \$15
Available at
Cat's Meow
or from Willits Class of 2023 Graduates
or call **Davina (707)841-7549**

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OBITUARY | Donna Letourneau

Donna Jean Letourneau of Willits passed away December 7, 2022 at age 73. Donna was a kind caring soul who will be missed by her family and friends.

Donna fought a lifelong battle with schizophrenia and in the last few years suffered with multiple medical issues. Donna passed away weeks after her release from conservatorship at Crestwood Manor in Stockton, California.

A memorial service is planned for February 4 at 1 pm at St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street in Willits. There will be a reception with refreshments following the service.



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-F0012
The following person is doing business as Mendo Timber Construction i Mendo Timber, 3815 Chinquapin Drive, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owner: Eric C Hackney, 3815 Chinquapin 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.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on January 10, 2023.
/s/ Eric C Hackney
Publication dates: January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2023

WW411
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOANNE WIMBERLY
Case No. 23PR00009

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Joanne Wimberly:

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Judy Shelly in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Judy Shelly be appointed as Personal Representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: March 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. TM of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 700 S Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone (707) 459-5551.

Publication Dates: February 2, 9, 16, 2023

WW413
NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 11th day of February, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. or immediately following the GLENMARK SOUTH auction, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK NORTH 395 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:

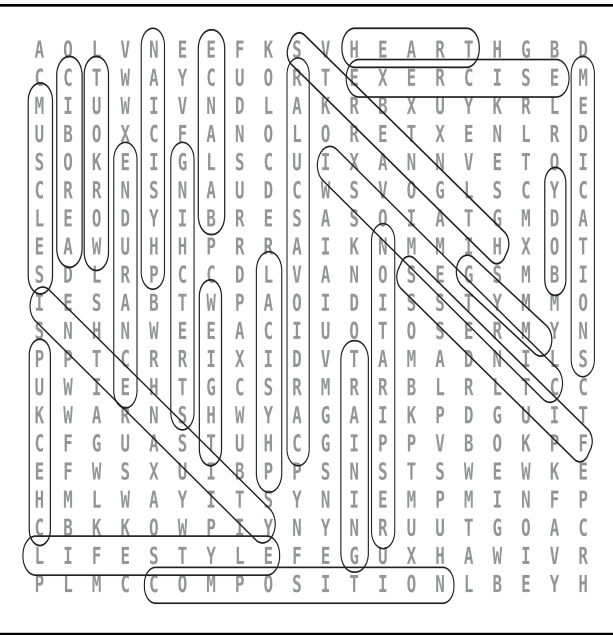
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The goods are described as: Bicycles, bicycle parts, furniture, artwork, meditation bowl, misc tools, misc totes.

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.

Glen Green
Bond-#70784656
(707) 459-4628

Publication Dates: February 2 and 9, 2023



Mendocino County invites applications for:

Account Specialist Supervisor
\$53,352 - \$64,875

Air Pollution Control Officer
\$113,464 - \$137,924

Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer
\$90,896 - \$110,489

Deputy District Attorney I/II/III
\$74,921 - \$120,411

Deputy Probation Officer I & II
\$51,937 - \$69,617

Deputy Public Defender I/II
\$74,921 - \$103,168

Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II
\$62,628 - \$87,214

Director of Public Health
\$138,673 - \$168,833

Juvenile Corrections Officer
\$49,712 - \$60,424

Juvenile Corrections Officer – Extra-Help
\$24.38 hourly

Library Assistant
\$37,024 - \$38,875

Office Services Supervisor
\$48,880 - \$59,404

Payroll Manager
\$84,032 - \$102,148

Senior Substance Abuse Counselor
\$58,385 - \$70,990

Staff Assistant II/III
\$38,792 - \$49,524

Substance Abuse Counselor I/II
\$45,739 - \$64,376

Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officer
\$60,528 - \$73,569

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
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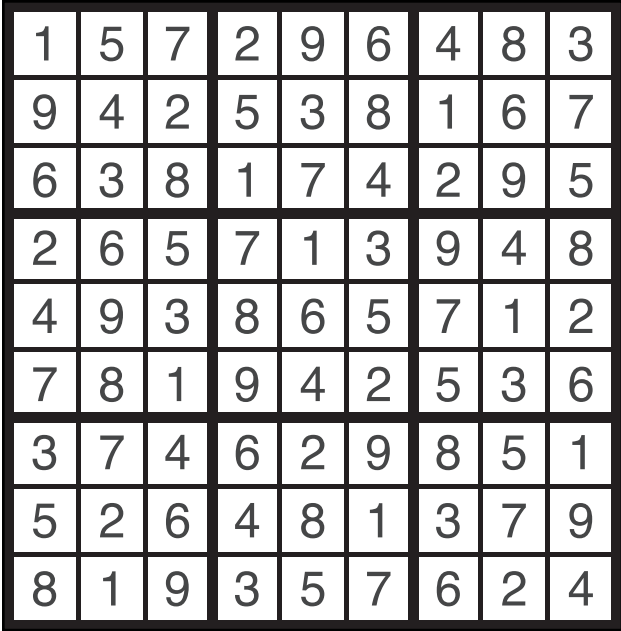
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Willits Weekly



CLASSIFIEDS

The Chamber needs YOU!

Willits Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help answer phones, meet and greet the public, help with fundraising and mixers, and much more! Interested in getting involved? We need enthusiastic, energetic and excited people to help with all the Chamber needs. For info: (707) 459-7910 and ask for Lou Celaya, the volunteer coordinator.

Computer Help

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

For Rent

2 Bdrm. 1 Bath in country setting. Clean, newly decorated, washer & dryer hook-up, garbage paid. \$1,200.00 per month & Deposit. 707-459-9601 Armo.

Help Wanted

NCO Rural Communities Child Care: Recruiting for Ukiah: Program Assistant. Participates as a team member to assure the efficient and professional operation of the office. Two years' experience working in a business office setting required. Salary \$20.72/hour. For full job description details & the required employment application form, go to www.ncorc.org/about-us/jobs or call 707-467-3200 x 302. Open Until Filled. EOE

Indoor Yard Sale

Giant Indoor Yard Sale – Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Boller). **Saturday, February 11** – 8 am to 4 pm

John Ford Ranch Beef

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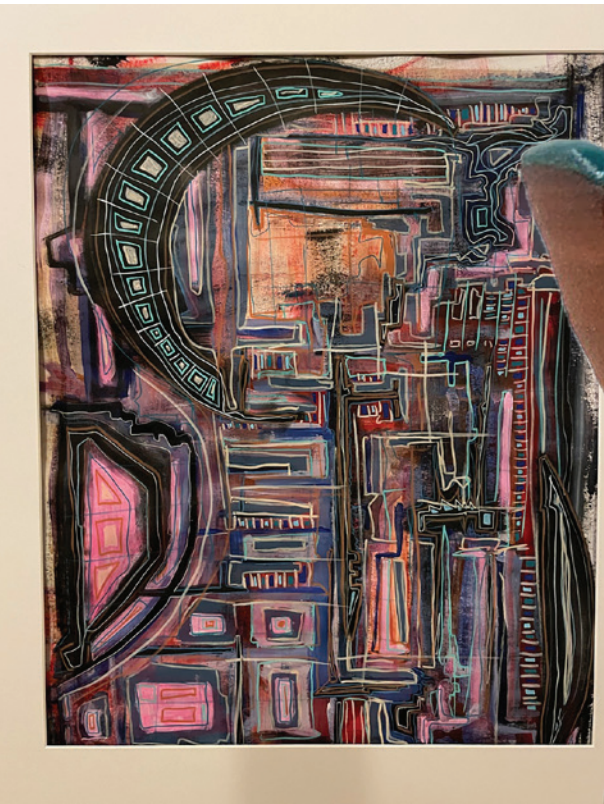
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Below: Ceramic pitcher by Nancy New. Further below: “Rostro con mano 1” by Victor Palomino. At bottom: A vibrant sunset by Victor Palomino is titled “Viaje No. 1.”



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Colors and Curves

Victor Palomino's vibrant abstract paintings and Nancy New's shapely ceramics on display this month at Willits Center for the Arts

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is pleased to announce its February show featuring Nancy New's ceramics, and paintings by Victor Palomino, opening, February 4.

Palomino is an artist born in Bogota, Colombia in 1974. He attended film school and graduated in 1998. He moved to the United States in 1999 and established residency in North Carolina in 2001. He currently lives in Ukiah. Over the years, Palomino has worked with different mediums, including video, photography and music. He also produces "Art Waves" for KZYX, a monthly radio show about the arts sector in Mendocino County.

"My work is the result of life experiences, curiosity, color, and imagination," Palomino shared. "I'm influenced by pre-Colombian art, aboriginal designs, and Western contemporary art. I found inspiration in the intersection between cultures, beliefs, technology, and humanity.

"This show is a selection of my work for the past six months of living in Mendocino, CA," said Palomino. "It is a combination of abstract and neo-expressionist paintings, including part of a series of paintings based on my road trip from Kentucky to California, and a series of small paintings of musicians."

New, a Willits resident, has honed her skills as a potter for over 50 years and has taught many ceramics classes at the Willits Center for the Arts.

"I've been making pottery my whole life," said New. "The process of transforming wet clay into every imaginable shape, painting it with 'liquid glass,' subjecting it to extreme heat, and turning it into glazed stone, I find amusing and intriguing.

"After making 'Monet's Pond,' [which is installed] going up the stairs here at the art center, I longed to make colorful wildflowers, to remind everyone that spring is coming!

"I enjoy copying the female forms in pottery of the Cucuteni-Trypillian people, who lived in Ukraine and Romania from 5000 B.C.E. to 3800 B.C.E. As long as the rain keeps washing away mountaintops and filling rivers and valleys with clay, there will be plenty for potters to pursue and fulfill their dreams for many years to come."

The show's opening reception is on February 4, from 6:30 until 9 pm. The artists will discuss their work at this time. The show will run through February 26.

Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 am until 5 pm. The Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street. For more information, visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726.



Above: An intricate pattern is glazed on this set of pottery vessels by Nancy New.

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Above: Pictures of the same intersection of Poplar Avenue and Madrone Street looking southeast at the campus which was once there, and now, just piles of rubble. Below: The same two views looking south, now having to peek through the cyclone fencing, at the main driveway entrance, now shows just the one recognizable lone building still standing – for now.

The rest of Hospital

emergency, surgical, and clinical duties. Any active patients were moved from one facility to the other in the early morning on Thursday, October 29.

The then-vacant property was considered for many new ideas, including a large push for a mental health facility, but that was unable to come to fruition.

The property was listed for sale in 2019 by Coldwell Banker, originally for \$2.5 million, but was unable to find a new owner who wanted to take it on after several years on the market.

While the facility sat empty, it started to attract transients and criminal activity, with Handley explaining they had several calls regarding vandalism – including people trying to strip copper pipes and wires from the property. They had two fires start on the property, and even found someone living in the upstairs spaces of the abandoned building.

"It's been a nightmare with the property sitting vacant," said Handley. "It was not safe and, unfortunately, it was just time to move forward with tearing it down and making the lot available for sale without the existing structure."

Demolition work was started in January by L D Giacomini Enterprises after

remediation efforts were finished before the end of 2022.

"Lee Giacomini and his crew have been great to work with, and thus far everything has been going smoothly and to plan," explained Amie Mello, executive director of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. "The thing that's been slowing down the process, if any, has been the hauling limits of what Solid Wastes of Willits is able to handle each day from the loads of recycled material, which is understandable with the amount of recycling that is needing to be processed."

Mello noted that the concrete will come up after the building demolition has been finished, he guessed in maybe about three weeks, and the lot – almost the size of a full city block - will then be listed for sale as just the lot afterward.

"It would have made a great mental facility," sighed Handley. "But for now, we have to hope that someone else will come along and see the opportunities the property has to offer. The city needs low-cost housing – maybe some apartment complexes can be constructed? We don't know, we don't have plans in place, we just have to wait and see who expresses interest, and what happens next."

The rest of Crabs

them get bigger and meatier," said Helen Simms of the Willits Rotary and one of the hearty souls who reported early to work the sale.

In addition to the crab, Reza Ghanadan of Reza's Breadery donated several boules of his classic sourdough, which were sold to the public for \$10 each and made a perfect accompaniment to the crab and butter.

The annual Rotary Crab Sale is just one of the several methods that the Willits Rotary Club employs in raising money for their altruistic causes. This year's sale brought in \$19,739 in sales. After paying \$10,000 for the ton of crabs, the profit of \$9,739 will be utilized in providing the annual scholarships that Rotary gives to deserving Willits High School graduates.

Other activities of the local group of community leaders and volunteers include a fund to help pay student loans to college graduates who continue to reside in the Willits area, the Claws for a Cause event to raise money for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, dictionaries for young students, and a new event, Tournament in the Redwoods, which consists of a golf tournament with food and spirits tasting, amongst others.

The Rotary Club meets once a week at the new firehouse for lunch and a member presentation. They are always looking for new Rotarians to help carry on the charity and community work for which they have become known.

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in possession of items purchased with the stolen debit card.

Both suspects were arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for 532(a) PC - Fraud, 530.5(a) PC - Identity Theft, 487(a) PC - Grand Theft, and 182(a)(1) PC - Conspiracy.

With identity and mail theft incidents like these occurring ever so frequently, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens of the following tools and resources (see links below):

The federal usa.gov website has posted "Identify Theft Resources" at www.usa.gov/identity-theft

The California Attorney General's Office has posted "Identify Theft Information Sheets" at <https://oag.ca.gov/idtheft/information-sheets>

Find out how to sign up for "Informed Delivery" at www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm.

The rest of Talent

was accurate. Two student rock bands rounded out the first half.

"In my Rock Band class, the students make all the decisions," explained Balthrop in his introduction. "They decide what songs to do. They learn them themselves. They're going to melt your face with three drums and two really loud guitars, two keyboards, and some really awesome vocals. The band is called 'My Hamster Died.'"

The next band, The Seven Eight Nines was comprised of students that had been through Balthrop's class but were now on their own. Yosha Taylor-Bourgea performed a very funny Weird Al Yankovic song and was later joined by four more faculty members who sang the classic "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

The second half started with an exhibition of the Theater Makers Competition in which teams competed in backstage and supportive theater jobs. The first was a race to see which team could construct a lighting setup the best and quickest. The second was to see who could place set flats the fastest. The last was a contest to see which team could do the quickest costume change.

"We're going to do some scenes from the play we're going to do this next semester. It's called the 'Brothers Grimm Spectacular.' It's a mash-up of all the different Brothers Grimm fairy tales," explained Hetherington, adding that each scene was to be performed by a different class.

Rounding out the evening was a dog-trick act with Vega, who put her dog, Rocket, through a series of jumps and exhibitions of obedience and intelligence. The evening's entertainment ended with two students of Ambria Zenitar's, Iriana and Jen, high up on the silks, gracefully and skillfully performing as the audience oohed and gasped.

All in all, the flagship performance at the Willits Charter School Sports and Performing Arts Complex was a great success, in entertainment and exhibition of the student skills and training.

State allocates highway funds for local projects

Submitted by Caltrans District 1, Eureka

The California Transportation Commission allocated over \$988 million on January 27 to repair and improve transportation infrastructure throughout the state. This funding includes more than \$450 million from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and more than \$250 million from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

"The CTC's investments will help rebuild California's transportation infrastructure while increasing transit and active transportation options. These projects reflect the CTC and Caltrans' commitment to safety and meeting future challenges," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares.

Project funding the CTC approved in Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt counties includes approximately \$34 million toward median barrier and culvert repairs and roadway improvements on U.S. 101 between Redwood Valley and Willits, from north of West Road to south of the Haehl Bridge. This funding includes more than \$30.1 million in federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding and \$397,000 in SB1 funding

Other approved funding includes:

- Approximately \$7.2M including more than \$6.3M in federal IJA funding toward the construction of an auxiliary lane on U.S. 101 from Route 299 to south of Giuntoli Lane in Arcata, Humboldt County.
- Approximately \$20.9M including more than \$18.7M in federal IJA funding toward roadway, guardrail and other improvements from west of Irvine Avenue to east of Mid Lake Road near Upper Lake along Route 20 in Lake County.
- Approximately \$2.2M toward the removal of hazardous trees on U.S. 101, and Routes 199 and 254 at various locations in Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino Counties.
- Approximately \$3.1M toward the removal of hazardous trees on U.S. 101, and Routes 1 and 175 at various locations in Mendocino and Lake Counties.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually that is shared equally between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit RebuildingCA.ca.gov.



Current photos by Maureen Jennison. Old photos screencapped from Google Maps.



McGuire bill would extend aggravated arson law

Submitted by the Office of Mike McGuire

Sacramento – The alarm couldn't be louder. Our state is facing unprecedented, destructive wildfires – 14 of the largest 20 wildfires in California history have occurred just in the last decade.

Megafires have threatened the way of life for millions of Californians.

Some of these horribly destructive wildfires have been set by arsonists.

That's why Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire announced that he has introduced a critically important bill, SB 281, to extend California's law that throws the book at individuals who are convicted of aggravated arson. This is an issue that McGuire has championed for years.

Here's why – some of California's most destructive wildfires and commercial fires have been started by arsonists, such as:

The Clayton Fire in Lake County in 2016 burned tens of thousands of acres near Lower Lake and destroyed 300 structures, including 189 homes.

The massive five-alarm fire that destroyed a Home Depot in San Jose, causing more than \$17 million in damages.

The July 2021 fire set by a Clearlake Oaks resident in Lake County that destroyed or damaged 11 buildings.

The Hopkins Fire in Mendocino County that destroyed 30 homes and burned 257 acres.

"An aggravated arson charge is reserved for the worst of the worst – the most heinous arsonists who exhibit specific intent to inflict damage and destruction in our communities or who are a continuing threat to society. We need to ensure this groundbreaking public safety law remains in place, and we'll be fighting to get this bill passed working alongside first responders and District Attorneys from across the Golden State," Senator Mike McGuire said.

There are three possible ways to be convicted of aggravated arson: Any prior arson convictions within the last 10 years; damage or destruction of five or more inhabited structures; or damage and other losses and fire suppression costs in excess of \$8.3 million.

"This legislation will provide district attorneys across California with the tools needed to properly punish repeat criminals who wreak havoc in our communities through death and destruction," said Sonoma County District Attorney Carla Rodriguez. "Aggravated arson affects the well-being of all Californians and should be addressed accordingly. We look forward to working with Senator McGuire to see SB 281 across the finish line."

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Above, left: Cecily Potter shoots a 3 point shot versus Maxwell HS. Above, right: Shelby Bowen powers up a post shot against Maxwell.

Above, far right: Aaliyah Gravier, center, receives a pass from Cecily Potter as Shelby Bowen prepares to set a screen against Cloverdale.

At right: Narianny Bertolino makes a layup in the Upper Lake Tournament.

Below: Shelby Bowen hits a buzzer beating 3-point shot versus Cloverdale.

Photos by April Lamprich



Lady Wolverines

Willits High School varsity basketball team continues to battle for a playoff bid

By WHS Coach Dawn McClelland

The Willits High School Lady Wolverines have seen their fair share of adversity this season as the young varsity basketball squad battles for a spot in North Coast Division 5 playoffs. According to MaxPreps rankings they are hanging on the 16th seed spot currently.

This year's team is led by the only two returning players, they are both seniors and captains: Shelby Bowen and Aaliyah Gravier. The team has seven new varsity players, juniors Hazel Cooke, Elena Arkelian, Charley Lamprich, Narianny Bertolino and Catie Spackman. Completing the team are sophomore Mia Chavez and freshman Cecily Potter.

"The Lady Wolverines had a slow start to the season due the absence of senior shooting guard Aaliyah Gravier," said Coach Dawn McClelland. "As a freshman Aaliyah was a part of the dynamic Laytonville Varsity team that made it all the way to the state championships in 2020. Due to the pandemic they did not get to play the final game. She has an amazing 3-point shot and is the go-to free throw shooter. She brings calmness and a lot of experience to the court."

The team's first league win came when she joined them against Roseland University Prep. Willits led at halftime 16-10. Despite Roseland having the stronger second half, Willits was able to maintain the 6 point lead to win 36-30. Cecily Potter led with 12 points, 13 rebounds, and 12 steals. Shelby Bowen played strong with 9 points and 19 rebounds, Aaliyah Gravier contributed 7 points and 4 rebounds. Hazel Cooke had 6 points, 14 rebounds, and 5 steals, and Elena Arkelian had 2 points and 14 rebounds.

The Lady Wolverines were on the road for the next showdown versus Lower Lake. "The girls played tough, and we had to make adjustments to try and shut down all of their 3-point attempts,"

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Willits Grapplin Pack

February 10 poker fundraiser at the Scout Hut for youth wrestling club's gym roof

By Curtis Collicott, for WGP

The Willits Grapplin Pack is a local nonprofit organization working to provide quality wrestling instruction for our local youth. This group has been working in the Willits valley for eight years. With over 50 youth wrestlers signing up each year, WGP travels across the state and into western Nevada to compete in top-quality wrestling tournaments, while hosting three local tournaments annually.

"It is our goal to allow these young men and women to experience the sport, make friendships, and learn life lessons, all while competing," says head coach and club president Wayne Shull. "This is the greatest sport in the world! To stand alone on the mat and shake your opponent's hand before and after battle. These athletes learn far more than the sport! They work through challenges within the match and in the end, win or lose, hold their head high."

WGP works in conjunction with the Mendocino County Sheriffs Activity League. From early November through the end of January WGP focuses on building strong foundations in wrestling with the novice wrestlers.

"We host two novice tournaments locally. This way an athlete who may not be ready to travel is able to experience tournament-level competition," says Shull. "This helps lead the way to more advanced wrestling and provides an avenue to the traveling club."

After the Sheriffs Activity League season comes to an end, WGP continues to travel through mid-April and beyond.

"None of this would be possible without the continuous dedication of our board, who is made up of committed parents who work tirelessly to make sure these young athletes have the best opportunity possible to compete at the highest level," adds Shull. "As well as, this could not be a success without the tremendous local support we receive from businesses, individuals, and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church."

"Georgine Holt and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church have been a staple in the success of our program. We are blessed to be able to call the Adventist school gym our home base for the past four years. Without them there is no way we can provide instruction to such a large group of wrestlers," Shull continues. "We take tremendous pride in the ability to use the facilities. We definitely help in any way we can with the maintenance and security of the building. That being said there is a major need to repair the roof. This isn't going to be cheap, however, with the joint effort between the church and WGP we are well on our way."

"Collicott Construction has already begun repairs and has graciously ordered materials to fix the leaking roof without full payment," Shull says. "We are continually fundraising to help relieve the financial burden to the church."

This is where the poker tournament comes into play. On Friday, February 10 at 6 pm, WGP will host a Texas Hold 'Em fundraising tournament at the Boy Scout Hut in the Recreation Grove. Buy-in is \$100 with cash payouts for first through third places. The tournament is limited to 75 players.

To get tickets in advance, visit the WGP wrestling gym, 22751 Bray Road, Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 pm, or contact Wayne Shull at willitsgrapplinpack@gmail.com

"We are hoping for a full house (pun) to ensure a successful tournament," Shull says. "This will put us over the hump and be well on our way to a quality roof repair. WGP hopes to see everyone there!"

To keep up with Willits Grapplin Pack, visit their page: www.facebook.com/GrapPack18



Above: More than 50 young wrestlers sign up for Willits Grapplin Pack each year. Home base for WGP is the former Seventh-Day Adventist Church School on Bray Road in Willits, which needs a roof repair.

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At left: Charley Lamprich blocks a shot. Below: Hazel Cooke fights for the ball against Cloverdale. Below, right: Hazel Cooke leaps in the air to steal a pass.



The rest of **Basketball** From page 14

Coach McClelland noted. "We tried out a 3-2 and eventually ended with a box and 1 on their best shooter Tara Tubbs, who made 17 points that night."

"This game came down to the fourth quarter where every possession counted. We got the ball into the hands of Aaliyah Gravier, and they fouled her and a technical foul was called on Tubbs as well. She calmly sank all 4 free throws to propel the team to a 5 point win!"

Aaliyah was top scorer in the game with 16 points. She made 4 3-point shots along with 8 rebounds. Shelby had 11 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 blocks. Hazel contributed 11 points and 9 rebounds. Cecily brought 8 points, 12 rebounds, 7 steals, and 9 blocks. Charley had 2 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals and 5 blocks. Elena had 5 rebounds.

The following week Willits faced off at home against St. Helena and Kelseyville. With strong defense and a new press, the Lady Wolverines sailed past both teams. They beat St. Helena 49-28. All but two players scored in that game. Cecily led scoring with 16 points, 9 rebounds, and 7 steals. Aaliyah was next with 12 points and 5 rebounds. Hazel had 9 points, led the team in rebounding with 15, and had 9 blocks. Shelby brought 4 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists, and the game-high 16 blocks. Mia had 4 points, with Narianny at 2 points. Charley had 2 points and 5 rebounds.

Willits then played Kelseyville and brought home a victory with a score of 56-32. Shelby led the team with a triple-double. She had 14 points, 13 rebounds, and 14 blocks. "Shelby has grown so much this season in her high post position," McClelland said. "She leads the team in blocks and rebounds. She has a strong basketball IQ and is the leader of this team. She is a beast in the post!"

Hazel had a great game too, with a double-double, 14 points, 15 rebounds, 6 steals, and 7 blocks. Aaliyah contributed 14 points and Mia 4 points. Cecily brought 7 points, 8 assists, 6 steals, and 14 blocks. Elena had 3 points and 12 blocks.

During practice on January 23, freshman Cecily Potter endured a season-ending injury during practice. "She has been

our point guard all season and plays so consistently contributing points, rebounds, steals and blocks. This was a big blow to our young team," Coach McClelland said. "So we quickly made adjustments for our game on January 24 in Santa Rosa against Roseland Prep. We moved Aaliyah to point guard, and Mia got moved up to a starting position. Willits led the first quarter 11-7."

"Then early in the second quarter the unthinkable happened, Senior Shelby Bowen incurred an injury that took her out of the rest of the game, and Shelby is unfortunately out for the rest of the season as well. The team made some quick adjustments. The shock of Shelby's injury took a toll on the second quarter where Willits only had 19-17 lead. The team rallied and continued to press Roseland, and brought home a victory with a final score of 37-31. Aaliyah had a season high of 21 points (3 3-pointers), 9 rebounds, and 6 steals. Hazel had 13 points, led in rebounds with 15, and had 5 blocks. Elena made a free throw with 8 rebounds and 8 blocks. Charley contributed 2 points and 6 rebounds. Narianny had 6 rebounds and 5 blocks.

Hazel and Elena have been starting forwards all season for the Lady Wolverines. Hazel is currently the leader in points for the season, with 161. "She is quick and a strong outside shooter. She is one of our best defensive players," McClelland said. "Elena brings strength to our team. She is progressing very well. Rebounds and blocks have been her best abilities. Both players have been learning new positions this season. With Shelby's injury, Elena will take over the duties of center/high post."

"I am very proud of these young ladies and how hard they work," Coach McClelland said. "My whole team has grown so much this season, and I am excited to see their continued progress as individual players and as team members. I really enjoy working with these young ladies."

The Lady Wolverines currently have a league record of 5-6 and 8-10 overall. Tuesday, February 7 is their last home game (against Middletown HS) and Senior Night. They will be celebrating the achievements of Aaliyah Gravier and Shelby Bowen before the game at 7 pm. JV starts the night off against Middletown at 5:30pm.



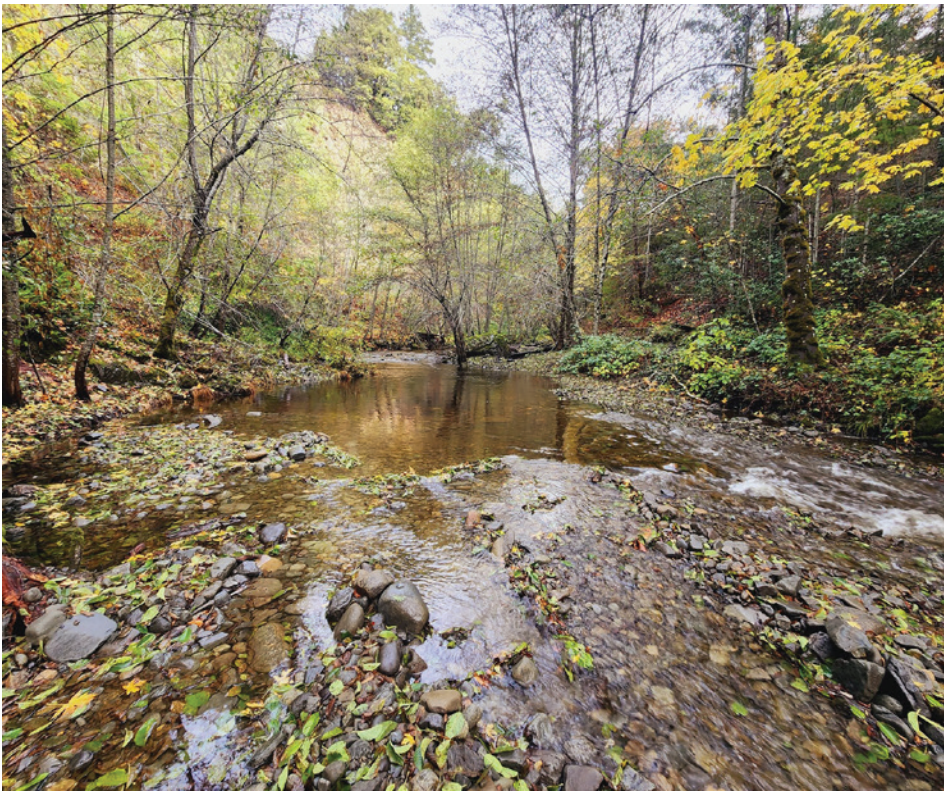
Above: Hazel Cooke, fast breaking down the court. Below: Cecily Potter sinks a 3-pointer against Maxwell HS.

Photos by April Lamprich





Above, left: This dam on Cedar Creek, the remnant of a fish hatchery operation long since abandoned, was removed last fall, opening up 9 miles of additional cold-water habitat for salmon and steelhead spawning. Above, right: Cedar Creek in northern Mendocino County now offers 9 miles of additional habitat for chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey thanks to a dam removal project undertaken by CalTrout, CDFW and partners. Below: Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead and Pacific lamprey now have unimpeded access to the upper reaches of Cedar Creek, a tributary to the South Fork of the Eel River.



Small dam removal on Cedar Creek near Leggett is good news for fish

Posted by CalTrout, CDFW

An abandoned fish hatcheries dam near Leggett has been removed from Cedar Creek, a tributary of the South Fork Eel River, restoring “unimpeded fish passage” into the entire Cedar Creek watershed.

Nine miles of wild fish habitat, blocked for more than 60 years by the dam, is now accessible once again to Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead and Pacific lamprey.

These fish, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife reports in its December 23, 2022 Facebook update on the Cedar Creek Fish Passage Project, now “have improved access to the creek during all their life stages. Already this month, adult Chinook salmon have been seen spawning above the former dam’s location. These fish likely would not have been able to make it past the dam if it were still in place, given this fall’s low water levels.”

The dam, a “70-year-old relict concrete dam left behind from an era of hatchery experimentation,” was removed last fall. California Trout’s video update on the project has photos and archival video footage from the hatcheries, from the 1949/1950s era.

Cedar Creek provides a significant portion of the cold water that flows into the Eel River’s South Fork. “It’s probably one of the more important tributaries in the watershed,” CalTrout North Coast Director Darren Mierau explains in the project video.

“This watershed is fundamentally important because it has this really really high summer base flow that results from the unique geology in the watershed, so it has this abundant cold water that comes down in the South Fork. Taking out the barrier will also allow the juvenile salmon and steelhead to migrate into this river in the summertime.”

The northern Mendocino County creek “has very abundant and unregulated cold, clear water year-round, and great spawning and rearing habitat for threatened or at-risk fish species.”

The Cedar Creek Fish Passage Project was completed thanks to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CalTrout, landowners Rangjung Yeshe Gomde Buddhist Center, the Wildlife Conservation Board (funding), and partners McBain Associates, SHN Engineering, and Hanford ARC - Applied Restoration & Conservation.

In the video, CEO Mark Cederborg explains that Hanford ARC specializes in ecological restoration work. He describes different steps of how the dam removal was achieved, and the streambed returned to its natural flow.

“The project created six to eight construction jobs,” Cederborg said, “which was just a piece of what it took to get the project planned, designed, permitted and built. The construction portion itself employed equipment operators and laborers for about seven weeks, and they were all local to this area.”

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