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### Willits' **Jeff** Donaldson

hired as new **Brooktrails** fire chief

Submitted by **Brooktrails CSD** 

March 12 - After the announcement of Fire Chief Jon Noyer's retirement from the Brooktrails Township Community Services District Fire Department, a statewide search for a new fire chief began. However. Brooktrails did not have to look far after an application from Willits' own Jeff Donaldson provided a qualified man of good character for the job.

Other applicants were considered but none of them met the high standard of service and leadership that Donaldson has to offer our community. After being hired on March 1, Chief Donaldson was sworn in at the Brooktrails Board's Annual Planning Meeting on Saturday, March 8. Members of the fire department and Donaldson's family were in attendance when he took the oath of office and became Chief Donaldson of the Brooktrails Fire Department.

The Board of Directors and staff are grateful to Chief Noyer for his over 20 years of service and

Read the rest of Donaldson

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#### Mendocino County CEO's testimony challenged in Auditor case

Bv Mike Geniella. mendofever.com

March 18 - Mendocino County CEO Darcie Antle's sworn testimony during the Chamise Cubbison felony criminal case is being challenged, casting doubts on exactly when she and other top county officials learned of alleged wrongdoing involving the Auditor and the county's former payroll manager.

what Cubbison In attorneys describe as a "stunning revelation" that suggests a cover-up, Antle, District Attorney David Eyster, and other top county leaders learned months earlier about disputed extra pay than was claimed in court testimony and public statements. The timing sharply conflicts with the county narrative in the failed felony prosecution embattled Auditor Cubbison.

The new disclosures were made in a sworn deposition former Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo last week.

According to a transcript of her interview with lawyers, Angelo stated that Antle told her she learned about the disputed pay issue several

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The cool weather is ideal for the glorious green leaves of spinach, whether you're growing it yourself, supporting a vendor at the Farmers Market, or getting two grocery bags full directly handed to you through a Little Lake Valley farmer's Dutch door kitchen window on a rainy Sunday afternoon.... Now's the time to enjoy the healthy leafy green, cooked or raw, at its peak flavor.



# Spring, Spinach & Soup

Spring is officially here – it's peak season for glorious greens, and Saturday is the return of Willits' annual soup sippin' contest



March, 22nd 2025 5pm - 7pm Willits Community Center 111 East Commercial St. Willits, CA

What a group of glorious things to celebrate this week! Today, March 20, marks the first day of spring 2025, and with all the rain - and beautiful blooms - it feels like we're right on track.

It's also a great time to enjoy leafy greens, the thick, dark, robust spinach leaves sold by Green Uprising Farm are a personal favorite of mine. Best used in salads or on sandwiches, or sautéed into anything from eggs to pasta bakes. Quick, hot heat, and no boiling or steaming (ugh!) is all that's needed for the best flavor outcomes.

It's also time for the return of Sip Some Soup! Come down to the Willits Community Center on Saturday, March 22 from 5 to 7 pm to enjoy different kinds of soups, all hoping to win big bragging rights for people's and judges' favorite, all while also helping to raise money for Willits Daily Bread and the Willits Shelter Action Group, too. Silent auction items will also be available to help raise additional funds.

Tam Adams and crew from Emandal will be back this year, too, providing her delicious selection of breads that are the perfect soup accompaniment.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$25 per couple, and \$5 for children 12 and under. More info: 707-459-2579.

- Maureen Jennison

At far left: Emandal bread is always an exciting addition to soup sippin'. At left: The first-place soup in 2020 was Mariposa Market's Mycelli Yumm's Creamy Delight Mushroom Soup. Below: Veteran Sip Some Soup attendees know that a muffin tin is the way to make tasting, and keeping track, easier.







WCC gets update on

## 62-unit housing complex

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An ongoing proposal to build a low income apartment complex in the Harrah's Manor subdivision at the south end of Willits (south of Brown's Corner) was updated at the March 12 city council meeting.

Two years ago, the Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation, a Ukiah-based non-profit, purchased an 8 acre parcel at 275 Margie Drive, between the church and where Bonnie Drive deadends. RCH plans to build on 4 of the 8 acres, and proposes to offer the other 4 acres to the City of Willits to maintain as a park or for other community use.

Elizabeth Matsumoto, director of Multifamily Development at RCH, described the project, called Haehl Creek Village, "62 affordable homes." But when quizzed by Councilmember Bruce Burton, Matsumoto said that it would actually be 62 apartments in a three-story tall structure. The apartments – one, two, and three bedrooms - would only be available to residents who meet certain income maxi-

Read the rest of Housing

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### **Brooktrails** board hears multiple updates

Barbara O'Reardon willitsweekly@gmail.com

The March 11th meeting of the Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board of Directors began with General Manager Tamara Alaniz asking the Board of Directors to gather for a new photo for the website. President Tina Tyler-O'Shea said, "We can postpone it if you're not ready." Director Susan Mahoney said to Board Vice-President Rick Williams, "You're never going to be better looking, Rick." To which he replied, "I was better looking 30 years ago!" All present laughed and agreed that everyone was better looking 30 years ago. Director Ed Horrick remarked that former and newly reappointed Director Mary Ziady was to be lauded "for wanting to talk about the future!"

Getting down to business, Alaniz apprised the board about people illegally tampering with water meters and stealing water sometimes. She said, "It doesn't happen very often but it has happened a couple times lately. We've had to utilize the ordinances that were adopted to

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#### County asks public to comment on new fire maps

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive

On February 24, 2025, CAL FIRE released an update to the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps for local responsibility areas in Mendocino County and is seeking public comment.

The State Fire Marshal has identified areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria prevail in those areas.

Previously, the FHSZ maps were only applicable to the State Responsibility Area, where the state has financial responsibility for wildland fire protection and prevention. The updated map now covers portions of the local responsibility area, where the local government is responsible for wildfire protection.

FHSZ map can be updated https://experience.arcgis.com/ at: experience/6a9cb66bb1824cd98756812af41292a0

Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services

is collecting public comment on behalf of CAL FIRE via survey responses. OES encourages all residents and stakeholders to review the proposed maps, ask questions, and submit their comments. The survey can be accessed at: https://arcq.is/1iPL98 and verbal comments can be left at: 707-234-6398.

Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps are created by CAL FIRE under the direction of the State Fire Marshal. Local agencies, including the County of and the severity of fire hazard that is expected to Mendocino and the cities of Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, and Willits, do not control the creation of the maps but are required to ensure the community has the opportunity to review and provide feedback.

> Your participation is a vital part of this statemandated process and contributes to a safer, more informed community.

The 90-day public comment period opened on February 24, 2025. If you have any questions about the maps and the process, you may contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at FHSZinformation@fire. ca.gov or by calling (916) 633-7655.

Detectives learned there were numerous

evidentiary items that were submitted for

DNA analysis in 2006 to the Department of

Justice, which resulted in an unknown male

DNA source from the analyzed evidence.

Detectives determined there were some

consistencies in the information provided by

Trefil's daughter and the unsolved homicide

case from the 1970s, so they sought a

warrant to obtain Trefil's DNA for comparison

In May of 2023, the search warrant

was authorized by a Judge in Mendocino

County to obtain a DNA sample from Trefil

for comparison to the DNA profile from the

evidence items in the unsolved homicide

from the 1970s. The DNA sample from Trefil

was submitted to the California Department

of Justice Bureau of Forensic Services and

ultimately uploaded to the Combined DNA

In 2023, the Mendocino County Sheriff's

Office received reports from the California

Department of Justice regarding the

comparison of Trefil's DNA profile to the

evidence in the unsolved murder case from

the 1970s. Trefil's DNA did not match the

unknown male contributor DNA profile from

the unsolved 1970s murder investigation. The

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was also

informed by the Department of Justice that

Trefil's DNA profile was uploaded into CODIS

for routine and regular comparisons to DNA

profiles uploaded from unsolved cases. As

of the publication of this press release, the

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has never

been informed of Trefil's DNA profile being a

match or potential match to any evidentiary

Information from Trefil's daughter also

alleged her father buried numerous people

the property and cabin and were unable to

locate any evidence to substantiate these

claims or of possible human remains or

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

is aware that Trefil's daughter referenced

other serial killers identified by her father, but

burial sites on the property in Comptche.

items submitted to CODIS.

Index System, aka CODIS.

to the evidentiary items sent for testing.

#### New 'Willits in Business' monthly meeting, March 25

Submitted by Willits in Business

Welcome to Willits in Business! Who are we? A dynamic group of men and women in business committed to strengthening our local economy. Each month, we come together to collaborate, share ideas, and support each other's growth.

We offer valuable networking opportunities, bring in educational speakers, discuss the latest business trends, and provide the inspiration needed to thrive in the small business world. Whether you're looking to connect, learn, or get motivated, we're here to help you grow and succeed.

We meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month, promptly at 6 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts. Our gatherings include light hors d'oeuvres, networking, and lively discussions aimed at helping you and your business flourish

This month's Tuesday, March 25 meeting features West Business Development Center on "Merchant Services: To charge or not to charge." 71 East Commercial Street, Free and open to the public.

#### MCSO update on investigation of serial killer allegations

By Capt. Quincy Cromer, for MCSO

On March 14, 2025, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office learned about social media posts where the subject alleged her father is a serial killer. The social media posts state the alleged serial killer is Jon Charles Trefil. [Both the subject and the father she accuses are Fort Bragg residents.].

This situation was reported to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office in January of 2023 after Trefil's daughter reported to other local and regional law enforcement of her suspicions that her father is a serial killer.

Based on the referrals from other law enforcement agencies, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office detectives spoke with an advocate of Trefil's daughter, who also assisted in interviewing Trefil about his alleged crimes. Recordings, scanned journals, and other investigative materials were shared with the Sheriff's Office who conducted investigations into the claims. Investigators met with Trefil's daughter in February of 2023, who said her father spoke about murdering several people from the 1970s through the 1990s. Trefil's daughter also provided a lengthy written statement to detectives, which was retained as evidence.

As Trefil, his daughter, and the advocate spent time together, Trefil's daughter said her father spoke about these killings and the daughter began researching unsolved murders in Mendocino County. Trefil's daughter suspected her father was responsible for a murder in the 1970s in Mendocino County, which she specifically questioned her father about. Per Trefil's daughter, Trefil ultimately admitted to the unsolved murder in Mendocino County pictures, copies of journal entries, and Mendocino County Sheriff's Office searched recordings from the meetings between Trefil, his daughter, and the advocate.

To further investigate the unsolved murder from the 1970s in Mendocino County, MCSO detectives researched that case and compared the information provided by Trefil's daughter to the facts of the case.

The Rules: LETTERS

#### Senior Center menu for the week

its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drivethrough lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Thursday, March 20: Chicken Bacon

Ranch Wrap, Mac Salad Friday, March 21: Italian Sub Sandwich,

Pickle, Chips Monday, March 24: Reuben Sandwich. Pickle, Mac Salad

Tuesday, March 25: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad

Wednesday, March 26: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies, Roll Thursday. March 27: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread

Friday, March 28: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll

**Activities:** Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in pm. Exercise class every weekday morning

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

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

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

At left: New

**Brooktrails** 

Donaldson,

right, takes

the oath of

office from

**Brooktrails** 

Manager

Tamara

Alaniz, while

retiring Fire

Nover attends

Chief Jon

Fire Chief Jeff



Donaldson

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dedication to the Brooktrails Fire Department. Nover will stay on to help with the transition in the 1970s. Detectives also obtained he murdered at a cabin in Comptche. The to the new chief before he retires this spring. His willingness to serve the department and this community was always present in his commitment to "protect the zip code".

> This policy will continue as Chief Donaldson comes to Brooktrails after his firefighting career culminated as training officer with the Little Lake Fire Protection District where he has also been the top responder many times.

> Chief Donaldson is a lifelong resident of Willits and is very familiar with the literal "ups and downs" of Brooktrails roads and neighborhoods. His commitment to training and continuing education will provide a great resource for paid staff and volunteers, and his positive attitude and strong work ethic will be a wonderful addition to the Brooktrails team. Welcome Chief Donaldson!

### Trefil

Willits Weekly prints letters and commentaries about Willits and	ever en page in	Mon	
Third District issues, activities, events, and people. We print letters	location	Mar 10	
to the editor from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To	Northbrook Way	0.00	
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Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com.

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Northbrook Way	0.00	0.00	1.42	0.21	2.13	0.26	1.80	5.82	73.00	
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.00	0.00	1.30	0.11	1.72	0.10	1.44	4.67	66.88	
Valley Rd	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.16	1.35	0.16	0.90	3.39	51.15	
Canyon Rd	0.00	0.00	0.98	0.15	1.70	0.18	0.78	3.79	46.89	
Pine Mountain	0.00	0.00	1.32	0.10	0.43	0.15	1.04	3.04	48.05	
South Main @ East Oak	0.00	0.00	1.37	0.21	2.14	0.23	1.58	5.53	60.01	
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https://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/precipForecast.php?cwa=EKA&imgNum=1&mobile=0

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for the Willits area												
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Rain

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Thanks to Tim Hanna for his Rain Box covering Monday, March 10 through Sunday, March 16. His commentary on the weather week: "A series of three storms resulted in the wettest week since February 10, with rainfall totals on par with the prediction. The storm that came in Friday not only brought over an inch and a half of rainfall, but produced a dusting of snow on the valley floor, with several inches deposited at higher elevations. It appears that things should dry out over the next seven days."

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At top, from left: American Legion Post 174 offers a choice of chocolate or vanilla St. Patrick's Day cake to the diners. Afghanistan and Iraq veteran Kennedy Cooper dishes out

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the potatoes. All this plus Irish soda bread and drinks is on the menu provided by the Legion. Above, from left: By half past 5, the dining room is filling up with people eating in and those who stop in to get their meals to go. Above, right: Groups of good friends enjoy

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## 'Creating Community spending time dining in the basement room of the American Legion

Corned beef and brotherhood are on the menu at American Legion Post 174 Saint Patrick's Day dinner, held every year to raise money for youth scholarships

"Today we're doing the Saint Patrick's Day fundraiser. The Duane Brown Memorial Saint Patrick's Day fundraiser. The proceeds go to the scholarships we give to the Willits High School seniors. We do two \$500 scholarships. We sponsor a trip, under the American Legion, for the boys and girls State Civics Program," said Kennedy Cooper,

Mathew Caine

of American Legion Post 174, an organization that works to support veterans and their families, and also works to provide support to youths in the community.

the newest and youngest member

Cooper is a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, has served in Korea and Maryland. Soon, he will be officially retired and plans to spend much of his time "volunteering all through the county. I just picked up Meals-On-Wheels volunteer time, driving for the Senior Center. I'm going to volunteer here at the American Legion and also the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ukiah, and other veteran-related things."

Cooper is typical of the members of this band of brothers from all the services, who have come together to reminisce, volunteer, raise money, and generally spend their retirement helping the citizens of Willits.

These veterans created a hearty repast of comfort food based on traditional Irish Saint Patrick's Day fare. Of course, there was corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, and cake in large enough portions that no one had to leave hungry. As soon as the starting time came around, a crowd of citizens came through the door to begin their feast and to spend some time with friends over the shared food experience. The dining room in the basement of the post on Main Street, next to Willits High School, filled with the sounds of people laughing, conversing, and enjoying the meal.

The event is dedicated to Duane Brown of Brown's Corner fame who loved to support the post with generous donations. "Duane Brown was a World War II submariner

Below: The corned beef and cabbage St. Patrick's Day crew takes a moment prior to

who was very good about making donations to this post on Saint Patrick's Day and at other times," explained longtime American Legion member and post adjutant Roger Ham, who is a Navy veteran. "At his funeral, it was decided a few years ago that we would call this the Duane Brown Memorial Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. His wife, Sharon, was a very good benefactor to this organization as well. We need to remember those who have gone before us and what better way to do it when you see his name on the flyer, in the newspaper or other place, that's what it's

The American Legion Post 174 supports students with at least two scholarships each year. They enjoy helping the younger citizens who are serious about their futures.

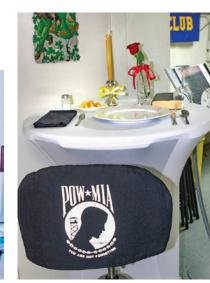
"We have a young lady whose name is Sofia Perez," Ham said. "She is our delegate to the girls state program at Sac State. That happens to be in June. It's a fantastic program. That young lady will learn more about civics in a week that most of us learned however many years they were in school. I wish that I had had that opportunity when I was her age. That's one thing we are doing. We have scholarships coming up in May. We will have at least two \$500 scholarships. I wish we could do more, but you do what you can do."

Post 174 also participates in Wreaths Across America, an event held each December where they work with Willits FFA and 4-H to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. They also participate in the annual Poppy Day by selling poppy pins to remember those who have fallen in battle.

"We'll be doing those for two weeks in May," Ham said. "We end the poppy donation drive on Armed Forces Day which is on the 20th of May. The American Legion is pretty specific about how those funds can be spent, so it is for the

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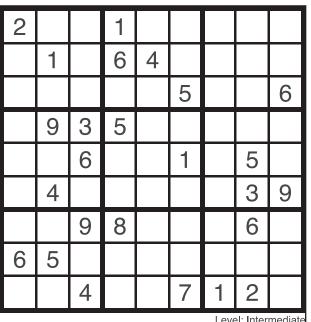
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# Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



MIMUNPAU

**BLOOM** 

**BREEZE** 

**BULBS** 

**BUNNY** 

**BUTTERFLY** 

**CLUES ACROSS** 

1. Take heed

5. One's superior

9. Prepped meat

11. Tighten anew

15. Animalistic

17. Offender

volcano

birds

29. Defrosted

31. Prior Yankee

33. Nasal mucus

23. Herring-like fish

13. Type of textile fiber

16. When you hope to

get somewhere

19. Former NYC mayor Ed

21. Type of cryptocurrency

22. Mauna \_\_\_, Hawaiian

25. Popular PBS program

26. Congressman (abbr.)

27. Flightless Australian

sensation Kevin

34. Some are southern

36. A place to construct

38. Popular beer brand

39. Shouts of farewell

41. Network of nerves

**CHICK** 

**CROCUS** 

DAFFODIL

**EGGS** 

**FLOWERS** 

**GREEN** 

43. Make a mistake

46. Body parts

52. Congressional

54. Most unnatural

something

sleeping

58. Which

1. Pages

2. Head pain

56. Judge the worth of

57. Makes sounds while

59. Hungarian Violinist

CLUES DOWN

3. A loud utterance

6. Greek mountain

7. Made final

9. Tai subgroup

10. What you eat

11. Teaches again

12. Small constellation

8. Bar

4. Large brown seaweed

5. Hulu's chef Carmine

investigatory body

48. A divisor

53. Papers

44. Showed old movie

AAEKKIUYUWOHWHOUH

I B C P S C U F N Z G G W Z C

**GROW** 

**HATCH** 

**HYACINTH** 

LAMB

MARCH

**NEST** 

#### HOW TO SUDOKU

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

CRAPBNCRC

14. Type of berry

15. Cows fattened

18. A way to hoof it

20. Exaggerated a role

26. Long upholstered seat

28. What employees earn

for meat

24. About two

30. Fiber from a

35. Liquid body

substances

open shelves

of a chicken

42. Tool used to remove

49. Evergreen plant genus

51. Ribosomal ribonucleic

50. Light precipitation

55. An informal debt

instrument

43. Icelandic poems

45. Swiss village

37. Furniture with

38. Edible part

40. Satisfy

47. Drunks

32. Digits

coconut husk

34. Polish by rubbing

**PUDDLES** 

RAIN

**ROBIN** 

**SEASON** 

**SHOWERS** 

**SPRING** 

#### South Main Street and issued a warning. March 2

16-day period.

7:28 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of Alice Drive and issued a warning.

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE LOG** 

March 1 to March 16

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

12:10 pm: Officers responded to a report

4:33 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

the 1600 block of South Main Street and

4:53 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

7:14 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

11:57 am: Officers responded to a report

4:06 pm: Officers responded to a report

7:47 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

10:03 pm: Officers conducted a stop

near the intersection of South Main Street

8:06 pm: Officers conducted a stop near

the South Willits Bypass and issued a

5:53 pm: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 100 block of North Main

1:21 am: DODD JR., James Monroe (32)

of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block

of South Main Street. He was arrested

controlled substance with two or more prior

5:18 pm: Officers responded to a report

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of

8:13 am: Officers initiated a theft

10:48 am: Officers responded to a report

1:16 pm: Officers initiated a fraud

11:51 pm: GOFORTH, William Roylee

(57) of Willits was contacted in the 1600

block of South Main Street. He was arrested

on felony charges of carrying a concealed

dirk or dagger and possession of a controlled

substance with two or more prior convictions,

and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

conduct (loitering), being under the influence

of a controlled substance, possession of a

controlled substance, and possession of

6:17 pm: COWAN, Joel Scott (36) of

Willits was contacted in the 100 block of

Wood Street. He was arrested on felony

charges of carrying a concealed dirk

or dagger and violation of parole, and

on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

conduct (peeking into an inhabited building)

12:16 am: Officers responded to a report

7:06 am: Officers responded to a

2:39 pm: Officers responded to a report

of vandalism and suspicious activity in the

2:48 am: Officers responded to a report

10:55 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run

vehicle collision investigation in the 100

1:14 pm: Officers responded to a report

10:59 pm: BJORKLUND, Nicholas Lee

(30) of Willits was contacted in the 1200

block of South Main Street. He was arrested

firearm upon a person and carrying a

loaded firearm in public under specific

circumstances, and on misdemeanor

charges of driving under the influence of

alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content

of 0.08 percent or higher, and driving with

a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or

of illegal camping in the 100 block of East

of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of

100 block of East Commercial Street.

Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

block of Baechtel Road.

disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of

Marcela Drive and issued a warning.

Street and issued a warning.

and possession of drug paraphernalia.

investigation in the 200 block of Franklin

of illegal camping in the 400 block of East

investigation in the 100 block of East

convictions and violation of parole.

East Commercial Street.

Commercial Street

drug paraphernalia.

March 14

March 15

March 16

and Walnut Street and issued a warning.

800 block of South Main Street and issued

of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of

of illegal camping in the 400 block of East

300 block of South Main Street and issued

300 block of North Main Street and issued

issued a warning.

March 9

Hill Road.

March 11

March 12

March 13

Hill Road.

South Main Street.

of illegal camping near the intersection of

Bittenbender Lane and North Main Street.

The officers of the Willits Police March 8

Department reported **126 incidents** in this

**Summary of Active Investigations** 

and Arrests

11:25 am: Officers responded to a report

of illegal camping in the 300 block of South

12:59 pm: CASTRO, Alexandra

Catherine (40) of Willits was contacted

in the 1200 block of Locust Street. She

was arrested on misdemeanor charges of

violation of probation and failure to appear.

of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of

1:17 pm: Officers responded to a report

12:54 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of Shell Lane and issued a

1:50 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

4:20 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

9:25 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:06 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street and

6:11 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of South Main on felony charges of possession of a Street. 6:56 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the

1100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Muir Lane. 8:42 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued

11:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### March 4

12:28 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of Robert Drive and issued a warning.

5:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:13 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:30 pm: Officers conducted a stop near the intersection of West Highway 20 and Coast Street and issued a warning.

#### March 5

1:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

4:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue and issued a warning.

6:52 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued

#### March 6

10:59 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Baechtel Road.

5:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:28 pm: OROARK JR., Shane Michael (26) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

#### March 7

8:54 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Northbrook Way and issued a warning.

1:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South

7:22 pm: RUMBLE, Dylan James (25) of Willits was contacted near the intersection on felony charges of carrying a concealed of Barbara Lane and Railroad Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, disobeying a court order, and failure to appear.

9:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

#### Thursday, March 20

Willits Farmers Market: Join your neighbors every Thursday from 3-5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 391 School Street, for the freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, hot dinner, tasty treats, new vendors, hot drinks, live you can eat pancakes (choose our music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

ATW presents Wolfgang Ronnefeldt on Dreams: The Howard Foundation's Avenues to Wellness presents "Dreams: Uncovering Their Meaning in Your Life," a talk by Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, MA. "Although the language of dreams is often symbolic

and metaphoric, we can learn this system of communication and bring to the surface its meaning." Thursday March 20, 6 to 7 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts. 7' East Commercial Street. FREE to the public, chairlift available.

#### Friday, March 21

**Book Lovers Discussion Group at the** Library: This group meets monthly to discuss books, authors and genres, this month: Friday, March 21, 12 to 1 pm. Come talk about why you love books! All adults welcome. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www. mendolibrary.org or 459-5908.

Hillshaker at Shanachie: : formerly known as the Clay Hawkins Duo, Hillshaker blends rapid-fire fingerstyle slide quitar and honest, heartfelt songwriting by Clay Hawkins with long time co-conspirator Andrew Robertson on the upright bass, playing "Late Night, Boot Stomping, Road Music from the Heart" or "Mountain House." Friday, March 21 at 7 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

#### Saturday, March 22

#### Sip Some Soup: Willits Daily Bread and the Willits Services

Action Group host the annual charity event, Sip Some Soup, on Saturday, March 22 from 5 to 7 pm, at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. "This event aims to provide food for the hungry in our community and raise funds for a warming center/shelter Willits. Come taste

some soups, try homemade bread from Emandal, and check out the silent auction." Tickets: \$15 per adult; \$25 per sign up to make soup, call Cindy Savage at 707-459-2579, leave a message there is no answer

Night Animals at Shanachie: Bringing the party, this six-piece funk band from San Franciso "grabs you immediately and refuses to let go" with their infectious original material and electrifying covers. Saturday, March 22 at 7 pm at Shanachie 707-234-6365. Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Bunny and his Live.

Furry Friends,

April 5

https://photographress.zenfolio.

com/easterbunnyphotos. There's no

appointments, just stop by and get in

line! More info: 707-972-7047 or email

Laytonville Spring

Fling, April 5

doors open 7 pm; show starts at 8 pm.

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Weathertop Nursery.

maureengetsmail@gmail.com

live, furry friends, too!

# March 26

County women artists. Printmaking inspired by

Emmy Lou Packard. Attendance is included with regular Museum 400 East Commercial Enjoy free admission Mendocino

on Wednesdays with County Library Card. More info: at www. mendocinocounty.gov/ museum, museum@ mendocinocounty.gov or

#### Sunday, March 23

Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join your friends at the Grange breakfast on Sunday, March 23, from 8 to 11 am. "Our tasty breakfast is a wonderfu combination of comfort foods: All

> Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free), Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Real Butter. Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea.' All for only \$12;

\$11 for Senior plate; \$5 for children under 10. Also: extra sides of Organic Fruit \$2. Amish Organic Maple Syrup \$1, Fresh made fruit syrup \$1, Extra Beepers Bacon \$2. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of Main Street.

#### Tuesday, March 25

Willits in Business Meeting: Monthly get-together by a dynamic group of men and women in business committed to strengthening our local economy - and to collaborate, share ideas,

and support each other's growth. Last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm; Tuesday, March 25 this month, at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Guest: Development Center on Services: To charge or not to charge." With light hors d'oeuvres, networking, and lively discussions aimed at helping you and your business flourish. Free and open to the public.

# Wednesday.

'History Makers!' at the Museum: Wednesdays Mendocino County Museum from 2 to 4:30 pm. In March. Women's History Month, art projects inspired by Mendocino Wednesday, March 26, features Greeting Card

Photos with the Easter Willits Library presents Raise Your Spiritual IQ, April 1

a downtown Storywalk

Discover the joy of reading while

getting a dose of exercise with the Willits

Library's downtown Storywalk! Stroll

Come on down on Saturday, April 5 through the heart of the city as you enjoy

# 299 East Commercial Street | Willits, CA | 707.459.7910 Thursday, March 27

Cannabis Sector Meeting in The Mendocino Cannabis Department, on behalf of the County of Mendocino Economic Development Division, hosts a Cannabis Sector Meeting Thursday, March 27 from 10 am to 12:30 pm at Willits Community Center, 111

East Commercial Street. "This meeting is meant to foster a focused discussion on identifying current and future opportunities, challenges, and priorities for the cannabis sector in Mendocino County.

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goal is to create collaboration and actionable projects will support economic sustainability of the cannabis industry the county." 'A Bit and a Bite' at the Museum:

Friends of the Mendocino County Museum present Author local and

Historian Katy Tahja, who will share her experience researching and writing books about local history." Join us for light refreshments, history, conversation, and learn about volunteer opportunities." Thursday, March 27 at 12:30 pm. 400 East Commercial Street. More info: at www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum, museum@mendocinocounty.gov or 707-234-6365.

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Weekly, and more.

Friday, March 28 **BGMS** Spaghetti Dinner & Movie: Baechtel PTO hosts, Friday, March 28, with Salad,

Bread dinner at 3:30 pm,

and Movie at 7 pm. Tickets

each or Family of 4 for \$60. Showing "Despicable Me 4." Event at BGMS cafeteria. For tickets, call 559-994-2371

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The Ramblers Duo at Shanachie: from Sonoma County, these two Ramblers deliver an infectious and stylish blend of spirited Classic Rock N Roll, a heaping spoonful of Americana Country, and usually a healthy dose of Cosmic Blues. Friday, March 28 at 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

#### Saturday, March 29

**Celebrating Women in the Community:** a special Women's History Month event at the Willits Library, Saturday, March 29, 2 to 4 pm. "We've invited successful entrepreneur women who make a difference in our town to celebrate and share their success stories." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street

Bunco Night for WECS: Come play an easy and fun dice game to raise funds for Willits Elementary Charter School on Saturday, March 29. Doors open 4:30, play starts 5 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street Prizes, food, drinks. \$20 to enter



Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: The County jam band sharing original music that is a reflection of being a part of this amazing community. "We're the Cosmic Family Band and so are you." Saturday, March 29 at 7 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



#### Shanachie Pub **Ongoing Events** Shanachie Pub. 50 South Main Street

Saturday Sessions at Shanachies

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, Madrigal and/or Gustavo Amaral will host an open jam at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main street. "You're invited to bring any instrument, meet new musicians, discover new genres, and explore your creativity!" Bluegrass String Jam: Every 1st and

3rd Saturday of the month starting at 3 pm - welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which members from out of the area may drop in!"

Wednesday Open Mic Night: Shanachie Pub presents its popular Open Mic Night every Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world. Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7 pm, you can be entered for the lottery. Lottery determines order from which you pick your 20 minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm.

#### from 12 to 4 pm to J.D. Redhouse in the delightful tale of "Mateo and his Red Willits and have your photo taken with Cat," showcased in the windows of local the Easter Bunny, and snuggle with his businesses.

The walk begins at 2 South Main Street Digital images are available for and continues south down Main Street. \$5 each and will be available to in Willits. The Storywalk will continue download from the online gallery through the month of March.

Grab your family and friends for a funfilled adventure that brings stories to life! Click the link for a Storywalk map: https://libraryaware.com/3570AZ

# Group starts April 2

Avenues to Wellness offers a Grief Laytonville Long Valley Lioness Club School students. \$20 adults; \$10 kids;

This facilitated eight-week group provides an opportunity to learn Cajun Dinner with Gumbo or Shrimp the symptoms of grief, as well as to Etoufee by Sno 'Nuff and Dylan & recognize the individual nature of its Amanda Eichler, \$15 extra. Frey Wines, expression and duration. With a fuller Silent auction, Wildfire Dancers, Tarot understanding of the grief process and by Tara Bluecloud. Tickets available at effective ways to cope, we can find meaning and move forward.

Support Group, beginning Wednesday April 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for eight consecutive weeks. Please call Suzanne 5 at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, to register: 707-456-9676. Space is

# ATW Grief Support

presents the 3rd annual Spring Fling, featuring live epic blues from Blue Luke and Indiana Slim Blues Band. Friday, April Laytonville. A benefit for Laytonville High

### Ongoing Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 E. Commercial St. Questions?

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 459-5908. Open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Closed Sunday and Monday; closed Friday, March 28 for all staff training day.

Story & Playtime: Friday mornings each week 10:30 to 11 am. In the children's area of the library. Start your morning listening to a children's story, then join us for a short playtime

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm. We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup

**LEGO Club:** Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm: Bring

your computer questions here to get help.

**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.





Above, left: The Wolverines JV basketball girls pose together after a great win: from left, Valorie Mottern, Alihna Diaz, Madison Winter, Arabella Mondo, Mariah Levine, Abigail Sherf, Amsatou Ndoye, Priscilla Rodriguez, Amelia Franco and Micaella Williams. Above, right: The girls varsity basketball team gathers together at the Gene Cotter Memorial Tournament: from left, Head Coach Dawn McClelland, Jazmarie Henson, Jocelyn Galvan, Kate Winter, Estrella Mendoza, (bottom, Leah Blakey), Cecily Potter, Mia Chavez, Lyly Herman, Chloe Wright, Arion Martin, Ava Holmen, and Coach Josh Potter. Below, from left: Corey Rockey sets up to take a shot on the free-throw line. Cecily Potter fights through Calistoga's defense to make her basket. Amsatou Ndoye earns her All tourney Award. Amelia Franco poses with her MVP award. The varsity girls basketball team poses for a photo at the Gene Duffy Sr. Holiday Classic in Calistoga: from left, Head Coach Dawn McClelland, Jocelyn Galvan, Ava Holmen, Mia Chavez, Estrella Mendoza, Cecily Potter, Chloe Wright, Arion Martin, Kate Winter, Lyly Herman, Coach Josh Potter and Jazmarie Henson. Further below, left: The JV girls basketball team holds their trophy after a great tournament win. Further below, right: Arion Martin runs down the court tenaciously with the ball, hoping to score points for her team.



We are currently accepting applications for Fall Coaches (Football, Volleyball, Cheer, Girls and Boys Soccer) at Willits High School or BGMS. All candidates must submit a completed coaching interest form. Positions are open until filled.

For more information about the coaching positions and coaching interest forms, call Athletic Director Matt Moratti at (707) 972-

game with Kennedy with 12 points. Senior shooting guard

Mia Chavez scored 20 3-point shots with a season high of

four against Anderson Valley. Mia also has the great ability

to jump and sneak in the middle and grab some rebounds

and steals. She is an aggressive defender and this helped

"Rounding out our team is sophomore Chloe Wright

that provided strong defense and rebounding skills, and is

a natural playmaker on the court" McClelland said. "Ava

Holmen has some incredible ball-handling skills and three

point shots. With her speed and intensity was our backup

"Sophomore Leah Blakely was another player that could

play any position, has a great vision for the court and is a

hard worker. Junior Estrella Mendoza has been developing

as a low-post player. She is fierce to play against. She

has incredible strength and will battle for a loose rebound

and throw you down in the process to get control. Senior

Jocelyn Galvan played center and forward. She has a very

"All of these girls worked so hard this season and earned

a third seed in Division 5 North Coast sections playoffs

They had a decisive round-one victory against Redwood

Christian School from San Lorenzo, winning 59-20. In the

second round they played Kennedy from Fremont. The

girls played a competitive game with a final score of 37-54.

All of their coaches, staff and administrators at WHS and

WUSD and their parents are so proud of them!" McClelland

Congratulations on an amazing season Lady Wolverines

natural shot and strong rebounding skills.

her get a lot of steals and fast break and score layups.



Above: The Baechtel Grove Middle School Cougars pose at the invitation-only Crescent City Jaycees 8th grade basketball tournament, March 7 and 8.

#### BGMS wins 3rd place at Crescent City tournament

Submitted by Shailyn Brewer, BGMS PTO

The 8th grade boys from Baechtel Grove Middle School were invited to

Most teams including Willits were supported by a group of cheerleaders

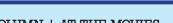
#25 (7th grade). Coaches were Christine Kelsay and Mason Kelly.

Cheerleaders In attendance were: Aubrey Nunez, Cailyn Kelsay, Lilly Glass, Presley Tuttle, Hazel Cory, Emma Defranco and Ashley Breen. Coach was Tabatha Hulsey.



\$500 scholarship at the Crescent City tournament.





# 'The Unbreakable Boy'

The Story: Family Drama. It's based on a real family. Scott the Protagonist (blandly forgettable Zach Levi) meets Teresa the Protagonette (angelically beautiful Meghann Fahy). A classic smitten! He flirts, and she agrees to go out on a date with him.



Dan Essman

Now comes the facts that are very important (spoiler): She has brittle bone disease, and they have sexual ntercourse (off screen). Teresa becomes pregnant. Soon, they are married. Their new baby Austin (Jacob

Laval) has brittle bone disease. As Austin gets older, Scott and Teresa come to realize their young son is autistic. His behavior is peculiar, but ultimately quite adorable. He has many

friends, and he loves them. In point of fact: Austin unquestioningly loves just being alive.

no superheroes, but still this is a solidly entertaining movie. Jeff, the former owner of the Noyo, said to me that the church people in town would really like the flick. I agree. One soon realizes that

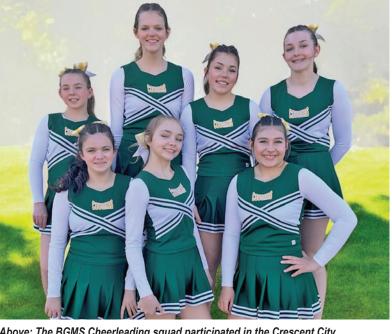
us all. There are many commonplace stresses in the family. Money. Job loss. Alcohol abuse. Differences in religious faith. (She has it. He doesn't.) Their story and their struggles are all quite relatable.

Parents: Filled with adult themes. Not really for children.

the Crescent City Jaycees 8th grade basketball tournament, March 7 and 8. There were 56 teams, and the BGMS Cougars won third place. This tournament is by invitation only, and this is the second consecutive year that BGMS 8th grade boys were invited.

who also competed. Of the 20 students from BGMS who went, three of them earned individual awards that came with a \$500 scholarship for college. Lilly Glass, Mason Crossley, and Jordy Maclean earned these

Basketball players included: Logan Walsh #1; Jordan Mclean #3; Caden Kelsay #4; Cole Simpson #7; Jeremiah Bozzo #10; Travis Woods #12; Mason Crossley #14; Tanner Brewer #15; Davin Swensen #23; Aiden Jones #40; Adrian Mora #45; Tyler Woods #11 (7th grade); Moziz Friend



Above: The BGMS Cheerleading squad participated in the Crescent City competition, too. Below: Two BGMS students, Lilly Glass at left, and Mason Crossley at right, won individual awards that came with a \$500 scholarship for college. BGMS Cougar Jordan Maclean also earned an individual award with a



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Hollywood "meet cute." Scott falls in love with her. No, make that

My Thoughts: No guns, no bloodshed,

because this flick is a true story, it has something truly positive p-for

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











defensive for Jazmarie.

COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS

### Willits Wolverines basketball teams share triumphant and breakthrough season

Varsity girls basketball has most successful season in 10 years

Willits Wolverines Varsity Basketball ends an electrifying season with pride and determination. Coach Dawn McClelland is beyond proud of her team, giving a meaningful and memorable recap: "WHS Varsity Girls Basketball team completed their most successful season in the last decade. They finished with a 19-5 overall record.

"This year's team was made up of two seniors, seven juniors, and two sophomores. Next Sheri Dockins year will be even brighter for this talented team. The Lady Wolverines

began the season strong, capturing two tournament championships. In Calistoga they won the 2024 Gene Duffy Holiday Classic Varsity Girls Tournament, and a week later in South Fork at the 2024 Gene Cotter Memorial Basketball Tournament.

"WHS basketball teams moved to the realigned NCL 2 League this season," said McClelland, "made up of six Sonoma County teams - one public (Technology), one public Waldorf (Credo), two charter (Roseland Collegiate Prep and Roseland University Prep), two private schools (Sonoma Academy and Victory Christian Academy), and one Napa County public school (Calistoga).

"The varsity girls dominated NCL with league champions Sonoma Academy. The Lady Wolverines took second place with a 12-2 league record.

"The ladies earned some impressive stats this season," continued McClelland. "They scored over 50 points in 10 games. Their strong defensive skills helped them gain one 50-point victory, two 40-point victories, five 30-point victories, and four 20-point victories.

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"Our starting five developed a strong man-to-man earn a starting position. She was a high scorer in the final defense that was difficult for many of these teams to penetrate. Led by Jazmarie Henson, who was always assigned the most difficult task of defending the leading scorers, did an amazing job! Lily Herman was great at anticipating the pass and deflecting many of them. Kate Winter was a beast in the post, grabbing rebounds and battling for loose balls. Arion Martin, with her incredible speed and jumping abilities, snagged many passes and

"Our starting defense was rounded out by Cecily Potter, who led the team in blocks and defensive reception, and usually had the task of shutting down the strongest post players," said McClelland.

"Over the season there were some incredible defensive performances, too! (Some game stats are missing, including the final SA and Kennedy games.)

"Point guard Cecily Potter led the team in most stats: 224 points, 147 rebounds, 32 blocks, 69 assists, and 64 steals. She had eight games with 10+ points, four double-double games. She scored 25 points versus VCA, 18 at VCA, 17 versus Credo, and 15 at South Fork.

"Shooting guard Lyly Herman finished with 177 points. She made 39 3-point shots. She successfully made four or more 3-pointers in five games. She had the season high of seven 3-pointers made at RUP.

"Arion Martin gave some tremendous performances as our center / high post player," McClelland shared. "She had 168 points, 114 rebounds, 16 blocks, 40 assists, and 56 steals. She had nine games that she scored 10+ points with her season high of 14 points at VCA. Arion completed the season with one double-double

> "Forward Henson scored 158 points this season, with 60 steals. She had six games with 10+ points.

"Kate Winter finished with 115 points this season. She started the season as our sixth man, filling in as point guard and center. She can play any position. She worked hard on defense to

Basketball! Your community is very proud of you, too! Varsity boys basketball showcases a fantastic season peak

On February 13, the Willits Varsity Wolverines closed out their season with a thrilling 63-58 victory over Technology, showcasing the resilience, grit and determination that defined their year. In a game filled with intensity and seven lead changes, the Wolverines proved that "it's not about how you start, it's about how you finish," said Coach

> Read the rest of Over on page 9 Sports



Below: The varsity boys basketball team poses for a photo: from left, top row, Head Coach Trey

Reece Christiansen; bottom row, Donny Alexander, Damian Reiter, Cole Lane, Ryan Carter and

Henson, Adrian Lopez, Corey Rockey, Jayden Schlegel, Leo Moratti, Landon Honeycutt and Coach



# DISNEY'S SNOW WHITE

1 hr 49 min Fri.: 4:00 Sat.-Sun: 2:00, 4:30 & 7:00 Wed.-Thurs. 4:30 & 7:00

Movie Times for March 21 thru March 27

SALLY

Fri.: 3:30 & 5:45 Sat.: 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15 Sun.: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15 Wed.-Thurs.:

IMAX

(PG-13) 2 hrs 1 min Wed.-Thurs.:

Fri.: 3:45 & 6:15 Sat.-Sun.: 1:45 4:15 & 6:45

Wed.-Thurs: 4:15 & 6:45 Theater 1 Deluxe - Luxury Recliners, Laser Projection, Ages 16+ Thrifty Thursday: \$8.00 tickets. Thrifty Thursday films this week in red.

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Kindergarten - age 5 by September 1, 2025 Transitional Kindergarten - age 4 by September 1, 2025 Kinder - 5 años antes de Septiembre 1, 2025 Trancision de Kinder - 4 años de Septiembre 1, 2025

Once you have completed the online registration, please bring the following documents to Brookside:

• Birth Certificate • Certificado de nacimiento • Registros de inmunización (vaccunas) • Immunization records

If you have any questions please call the Brookside office at (707) 459-5385 or visit our Website at www.willitsunified.com/o/brookside Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina de Brookside al (707) 459-5385 or visite

nuestro sitio web www.willitsunified.com/o/brookside





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 dult Sunday School 9:00 a.m

#### **Amazing Grace** ssembly of God Church

Info? 707-459-1905

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**PATHWAYS** 

803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Worship Service - 5:00 p.m Pastor Kris Strickland EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

# Church

of Christ That must we do to be saved Acts 2:37 1095 S. Main St., Willits (next to Super 8) (707) 459-5023 unday Bible Study-10:00 a.m Sunday Worship-11:00 a.m.

#### 7-8:00 p.m. The Church of **Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints

Sunday Evening Service-

6-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study-

265 Margie Drive Willits, ČA 95490 ALL ARE WELCOME Sacrament Meeting Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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#### **Grace Community** Church

25 Hazel Street, Willits **Worship Service** 10 a.m. For appointments call: (707) 459-3106

Celebrating Life In Christ

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Wednesdav-Fridav 9:00 a.m. Saturday-5:30 p.m. Sunday-9:00 a.m. - English

10:30 a.m. - Spanish Confessions on Saturday 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Or by appointmet at 707-459-2252

https://stanthonywillits.org aintanthonywillits@gmail.com We welcome All Walks of Faith St. Francis

#### **Episcopal Church** l 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

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this column please call: **April Tweddell** (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com

**Shawn Blower** 

Shawn David Blower, who lived in Willits for the last 20 years, was born on June 8, 1967 and passed away on New Year's morning, January 1,

Born in Covina, California, Shawn went to school in Rohnert Park in Sonoma County. Shawn graduated from "The Ranch" Rancho Cotati High School. He worked construction and started a career in plumbing.

But he was always a farmer and once pot was legal he worked his magic. His pot was some of the best-tasting.(S&G Enchanted Farms in Willits).

Dave and Kathy Blower moved to Mendocino County, and Shawn soon followed, buying his first 5 acres (later buying three more parcels). He loved living on the mountain, with many experiences; he built a beautiful house and "home stead" in the mountains of Mendocino County

Bears, mountain lions, wild pigs, were just a few of his mountain stories. (Oh and the bees.) He loved grading the road on his tractor; every person on the mountain appreciated it more than he will ever know. Not enough time, but riding his Harley was a special time

Shawn passed away early on New Year's morning. He leaves a Step Dad Gary Scott and his Birth Mom Patti, Brother Shannon, Son Gavin, two grandchildren, and his "Dad" Dave Blower and his loving "Step Mom" Kathy Blower.

We will all miss his frequent phone calls. And all the help he was to many.

A celebration of life has been planned for March 22 at Slam Dunk Pizza in Ukiah, at 12





### Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

#### Timber the **Optimist**

Fun, handsome, active husky boy looking for his forever home! Timber loves being around people and other dogs! He is at our Sanctuary and living with his new best buddies, pack members Alma and

Viggo, and they all hit it off great! It's all good fun with Timber!

What a jovial, happy boy he is, tail always up, curled and wagging! Playing chase and having a blast. This boy will make a great addition for a family with a good yard and another dog pal, male or female, he loves

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

Adventurous Tiberius

little cat is on a quest for his forever home.

With a heart full of spirit and a playful

personality, he will win your heart in moments!

Tiberius has cerebellar hypoplasia, which

But don't let that fool you – he's a fearless

gives him a unique, wobbly way of moving.

adventurer,

ready to conquer

Meet Tiberius Stormwind! This charming



adopted. but came back to the shelter due to her guardian's personal issues. This wonderful dog is friendly

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special companion who

will fill your life with joy and

laughter, Tiberius is your

guy! Come meet him and

see just how incredible he

adoption fee has been

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Darlene and Brian from

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Tiberius

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1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to

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com, on our Facebook page, and on www.

and sweet and loves to be around people. She walks well on leash and enjoys getting out and about. Tess loves her toys; she can entertain herself for hours. Her guardian told us Tess loves to play, does well when left alone, enjoys car rides, and loves playing fetch and romping in water! We think Tess will be a fine companion for a home with children. What's not to love?

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





### **Kindergarten Enrollment!**

Come join our free public school! Spanish, art, music, gardening and a small, welcoming community!

Willits Elementary Charter School is accepting applications for the lottery to join our school in 2025-26. We will hold the public lottery on Monday, May 5. **Applications for entering Kindergarten** and grades 1-5 are available on our website and in the school office. All applications due by April 30.

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\$115,731 - \$140,691 **Auditor/Appraiser** 

\$68,515 - \$83,283 **Corrections Deputy** 

\$58,136 - \$70,678 **Deputy Probation Officer I & II** \$55,577 - \$74,505

**Deputy Sheriff-Coroner** \$84,323 - \$102,460

Mental Health Clinician I/II \$62,337 - \$87,630

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**Senior Public Health Nurse** \$101,296 - \$123,136

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> **Veteran's Services** Representative \$48,006 - \$58,344

For a complete list of current openings and to apply:

www.mendocinocounty.gov/jobs

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Sports

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From the opening tip, the Wolverines battled. After falling behind 3-0 early, Technology responded with an 8-0 run, setting the tone for a back-and-forth showdown. But Willits stayed composed, regaining control and heading into halftime with a 28-24 lead.

The third quarter was a turning point. The Wolverines executed at a high level, dishing out four key assists and outscoring Technology 21-10. Damian Reiter led the charge with a dominant 19-point performance, while freshman Jadon Stephens made his presence felt with 14 points. Jayden Schlegel (10 points) and Donny Alexander (6 points) provided crucial support, but the night belonged to Corey Rockey, who recorded a season-high 14 points and secured a double-double with 10 rebounds.

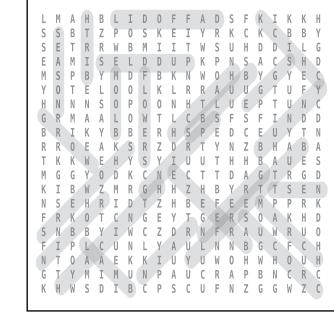
Defensively, Willits' pressure was relentless, forcing 11 steals, with Schlegel leading the way with five. Reiter controlled the glass with seven rebounds, while Rockey's presence on both ends was crucial before fouling out with less than three minutes left. Holding onto an eight-point lead at that moment, the Wolverines stayed locked in, refusing to let the game slip away.

Beyond the win, this season marked a major step forward for the program. With an overall record of 11-13 and an 8-6 mark in league play, this is the best finish for Willits varsity since the 2016 season - Coach Henson's first year as varsity head coach. It's a clear sign that the program is trending in the right direction, with even bigger

"I'm incredibly proud of this team and what we accomplished this season," said Henson. "We set a new standard for Willits basketball, and this is just the beginning. The way we finished shows the heart and fight of these players, and I can't wait to build on this momentum in the offseason. Next year, we're coming back even stronger."

With a solid foundation in place and a hungry, motivated team ready to put in the work, the Wolverines have every reason to be excited for what's ahead. The future is bright!

Congratulations on the build-up of a great season Wolverines varsity basketball teams! Your community is proud and can't wait to see what you are made of next year!



# LEGAL NOTICES

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Name Statement

The following person or persons are doing business as The Cheesecakery, 21451 Poplar Avenue, Willits CA 95490; 408-469-7481.

Registered owners: Angela and Nicholas Gessner, 21451 Poplar Avenue, Willits CA

fictitious business name listed above on 1/31/2025. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on January 31, 2025. /s/ Angela Gessner, owner

transact business under the

Publication Dates: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2025

**Fictitious Business** Name Statement

2025-F0109

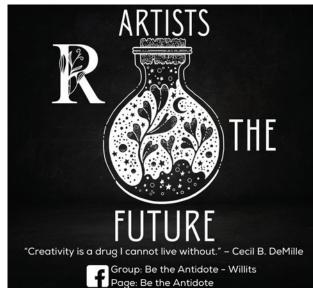
The following person or persons are doing business as Sequoia Farm, 36000 Covelo Road, Willits CA 95490; 951-805-9007

Registered owner: Annette Pastrana (Amy), 315 South Main Street. / P.O. Box 1715, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual..

The registrants commenced to TK / Kindergarten de transact business under the Brookside Elementary fictitious business name listed above on 2/18/2023. ya está abierta. Para registrarse, vaya a www. willitsunified.com.

Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on March 3, 2025. /s/ Annette Pastrana Publication Dates: March 20



# **Marc Komer**

(707) 459-2775

245 South Humboldt St., Suite B, Willits BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

#### JV girls basketball team breaks through the season, reaching solidarity as a team

The JV Basketball Lady Wolverines had a tremendously tenacious season building their solidarity as a team. After winning third place at their local tournament, these ladies spread fire to each game, coming together as a stronger

On January 25, they hit the ground running with fierce determination, entering the Point Arena Tournament. Willits played Mendocino 49-20, Point Arena 49-20, and Clearlake 45-31. They dominated the court with highscoring games like champions, bringing home a beautiful

playing time, while giving it their all offensively and defensively. Amsatou Ndoye received All Tourney, and Amelia Franco received MVP honors. These amazing young athletes ended their basketball season with a and Gary Williams truly do an amazing job impacting each environment full of knowledge for the game.

Pierson does some really awesome team bonding, one of them being a really fun slipper exchange for the girls. They spend a lot of time creating lasting memories for the team, while also engaging in other clinics and open gyms, enhancing skills with the local basketball families. You can really see the growth in every game throughout the season from each individual athlete, and as a team.

said Daughton. "They started coming to open gyms shortly after their eighth-grade graduation. They are a very dedicated group. This will be our second year of summer travel ball as well! It's really cool to see all of their work pay off during the regular season!"

Wolverines! Your community is very proud of each one of you and can't wait to watch you blaze a trail down the center of the Steve Short gymnasium next year!

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# **CLASSIFIEDS**

**Brookside** Garden Space Registration Open

Brookside Elementary

TK / Kindergarten

registration is now

open. To register go to

www.willitsunified.com.

Kindergarten: age 5 by

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John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkelian @ 459-5049.

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benefit of veterans and veteran's families. You'll see me in front of Safeway. I'll be parked out there.

"During World War I there was a poet named John McCrea," Ham explained. "He wrote a poem about Flanders Field. 'In Flanders Field the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row that mark our place: and in the sky. The larks, still bravely singing, fly. Scarce heard amid the

"In that battlefield poppies actually sprung up the next year," said Ham. "That inspired, not only the poem, but gave inspiration to the veterans. And so those poppies, whether you are in the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it's to remember those who have fallen in battle. Memorial Day is not like Veterans Day, which is about all kinds of living people, like me," continued Ham.

Currently, the American Legion Post 174 is raffling off a beer wagon to raise money for their scholarships, and other altruistic endeavors. The prize is an all-terrain Red Ryder wagon with sideboards, filled with craft beer.

Third District County Supervisor John Haschak gave his opinion of what the post was doing for the people of Willits: "This is a real community service for getting people to come together for a dinner like this. It supports the veterans and what they do to support other veterans. It's all very tied together in creating community."

American Legion Post 174, in addition to serving up the corned beef and cabbage, also served up a heaping helping of community, fun, fellowship and a dollop of selfless volunteerism.

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## **Fictitious Business**

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force to reckon with.

first-place trophy! The entire team really showed up, gaining a lot of

record of 17-8. Coaches Amanda Pierson, Tom Daughton one of these athletes with an extremely positive, uplifting

"Another successful season for the Lady Wolverines,"

Congratulations on a fantastic season for the JV Lady

B O S S







Above, from left: Mitchell Holman has some questions to ask Kyle about this piece of equipment. David Blessv demonstrates how to make his theramin create eerie sounds, much like the sound tracks of old science fiction films. Charlie Vaughan and Chris Cichaki organized the music swapping event to support the Little Lake Grange Roof Fund. At right: Professional musician Hal Wagenet brought eight guitars and some other equipment to sell: he was able to sell one guitar which made the trip worth it. Below, left: Electronics, like these mixing boards, are offered for sale along with the instruments. Below, right: Liam UiCearbhaill only brought one guitar, a Carlos, which he shows to this prospective buyer.



# Music Gear Market

Musicians and collectors gather to buy and sell unique instruments to help fund Little Lake Grange Roof Fund

Mathew Caine

"A smorgasbord, a feast for musicians," said musician Hal Wagenet, who was really speaking about the many guitars he brought to the Music Gear Market last Saturday at Little Lake Grange, but he could have been referring to the multitude of instruments and electronic gear that was brought to the event by the local musicians and collectors.

People love their instruments so much that they tend to amass more than they will every play with any regularity

Cosmic Family Band and Farmers Market Band member Chris Cichaki along with Charlie Vaughan decided to create a market where musicians could bring their extra guitars, drums, hi-hats, DJ controllers, and a myriad of other collectibles to be sold to homes where they will actually get played or added to a new collection. The idea was to help fund the badly needed Little Lake Grange

"This is a benefit for the Grange," stated Cichaki. "Vendors pay for the tables. The money goes for the roof repair for the grange building. Anything they sell, they keep. It's a place for musicians to come share their instruments and find new homes for the ones they're not playing anymore. Some things need to go on to new places and get played. Some people have things that need to get fixed. We have quite a variety of instruments and devices.

"We have 12 booths so far," said Cichaki. "We had a couple people cancel due to the weather, but then we had a couple walk-ins. We will be here from 10 am to 3 pm. There's food as well. There is pad thai being served. All of that benefits the grange. It's a way to help the community with the

In addition to being able to buy great instruments at a great price, it was enjoyable to speak with the vendors and hear the stories and specifications of their offerings. Some, like Wagenet, brought several musical devices and could explain the ins and outs of the goods, as well as stories of the musicians who have owned them in the past.

"I have a Musicman II, single pickup guitar that is signed by Guitar Shorty, Jimi Hendrix's uncle, who claims to have given him all of his licks. When I did sound for him, he certainly could play all the licks and deliver," explained Wagenet. "Next instrument is a Baden, which is made in Vietnam, but it's made to German specifications. It's a plug-in electric / acoustic guitar. Sounds great, good for an intermediate guitar player or even a pro. It's an auditorium type guitar, smaller than a dreadnaught, but larger than a parlor guitar. It has a big, strong sound. It sounds wonderful plugged in. Then, I have a three-quarter, Strat-style Kay instrument. Very good for people with small hands because it's only three-quarter sized, but it sounds like a big guitar when you plug it in." Wagenet also was showing such classic rock instruments as a 1984 Stratocaster and a three pickup Telecaster.

Don't call Dennis Nonneman a drummer. "I'm a percussionist," said Nonneman, who was there selling "a couple of congas and a five-piece Pearl drum kit. If I sell these, it will take me down to six congas. I have to get this out of my music room because my timbales belong in that corner. My wife has been after me to get rid of some of this because you have to walk sideways through my music room."

Sienna Stone brought several exotic and classical stringed instruments as well as a group of flutes and recorders. "I'm playing a fujara. It's an Eastern European instrument. Usually, it's made out of wood, but these are PVC, and it has different tubes for different kevs. It's made by a man who also makes steel drums. I have a large recorder, and I have an oud and two violins. The oud is from the Middle East. When the Europeans went through the Middle East, they saw the oud, which is actually the grandmother of guitars. The Europeans turned it into the lute. That is a tambura, a travelling tambura. I have a dilruba, which I haven't brought out yet. It's similar to a sitar, which is for classical and Hindustani music, where you get the microtones," said Stone.

Bob Moen, in addition to his percussion instruments, had a wooden statue of Jerry Garcia. David Blessy brought some of his studio and disc jockey equipment. He also demonstrated his theremin, an instrument played by placing hands in proximity of a metal rod which projects upward out of the box. Ellie Bean offered do-it-yourself pad thai bowls with a variety of sauces and meats, the proceeds

of which would also go to the roof fund.

"This is a place where people can come and touch and feel instruments, which you can't do with online sales," stated Wagenet. "We don't have brick and mortar places here where you can walk in and get a feel for things, but if you come in here, you certainly can. That's the idea, to get the amateur, intermediates, and pros to take a look at some of the things that we have collected over the years. We know and love them, but it's time to thin the herd."









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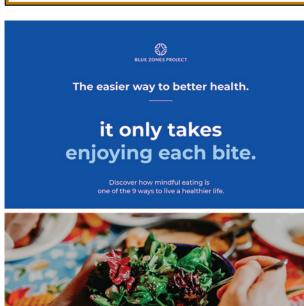
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his saxophone to delight the attendees although he did not want to sell the instrument. Above. right: Joan Walter explains how she tunes this African thumb piano. At left: Leo Cid plays the 12-string and sings to create a musical background to the

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### **Brooktrails**

adopted in the 2023—24 fiscal

Continuing, Alaniz said,

"Since we've had this happen,

we've had to use that. I'm

ordinances to just help us have

a little bit more teeth when

you have folks who would

potentially destroy equipment

She finished, "We just want

to remind the public. Don't

tamper with your meter. Don't

tap into your neighbor's meter.

Please don't mess with the

equipment because there are

some consequences for that

He continued, "You know

we have a couple projects:

The second access route

and the FEMA BRIC [Building

that could impact your bill."

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disincentivize that through on the Consent Calendar legislature that we established amount of \$149,481.61. in our Ordinance 163 that was The final item on the agenda.

"Consideration of Resolution 2025-03 Nominating General Manager Tamara Alaniz as a Candidate for Election to California Special Districts grateful that the board moved forward with using the Northern Network Seat B."

> Background: The district is a member of the California Special Districts Association and has received a good deal of benefit from participation with this association. From legislative advocacy on bills that impact special districts to providing training and guidance on compliance with statutes and other requirements for local government. CSDA staff and events provide a wide range of

support for Brooktrails staff. Third District Supervisor Alaniz has served for six years John Haschak stepped to the podium. He started by saying on the Association of California to the board, "Thank you Water Agencies Region1 Board for doing what you're doing, and, since 2008, has had a high volunteering to perform this level of involvement in ACWA civic duty. Your volunteerism committees and conferences, is really appreciated. I'd like including holding trainings and to congratulate Mary Ziady on participating on various panel being selected to serve on the discussions on relevant topics board again. Mary and I worked during that time. Her desire is on the redistricting a few years to now shift focus and consider ago, and it was a pleasure to running for the Seat B in the work with her and I think you Northern Network on the CSDA made a good choice in selecting Board of Directors.

> To be on the ballot for election to the CSDA Board, the Brooktrails Board of Directors must agree to the nomination and approve a resolution to that

Innovative Community] grant that we've Alaniz spoke and pointed up: received \$3.5 million and that's "I've been a member of CSDA for the first phase of planning since 2007, and I'm finding for it. We've got the \$12 million that CSDA is providing more for the second access route resources and more relevance but we're concerned about the to the district at this time. The state of federal government time that I spent with ACWA and their following through with has been great, but CSDA has more funding opportunities, legislative aides and regional especially because the second reps, and I've worked with Chris access route is a state grant but Norden, our rep, for quite some a lot of the money is funneled time. He brought this election from the federal government up to me at the end of last year through the state. The FEMA and asked me if I would be grant was home hardening/fuel interested. I've been involved reduction. That's also up in the in the CSDA courses and now air. Just a reality check here. We I'm asking if you will support me are keeping an eye on things and are certainly in contact with FEMA and the state about

Director Ed Horrick made the motion to approve roadshow," a board meeting general manager's candidacy at the Justice Center in Willits for election to the CSDA on April 8, at 9 am. The focus Board of Directors, Director will be the county budget, and Susan Mahoney seconded the anyone interested in attending motion. The board then voted unanimously to support the

The board then focused

# Housing

is encouraged to do so.

those funding sources.

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mums: up to \$37,980 a year for a single person, and \$54.240 for a family.

Part of the funding for the project would be a grant that RCH is applying for from the State of California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, and part of the funding would come from private investors. The state AHSC grant application is due in May, with a decision coming in August about if the grant was awarded.

According to Willits Community Development Director Dusty Duley: "The housing development itself is permitted in the Residential-Medium Density zoning designation and does not require council vote. The council must vote on whether to support partnering with RCH on the upcoming grant opportunity to fund the housing development." RCH's proposal to transfer the undeveloped 4 acres to the city will also require a vote from the council.

Four members of the public spoke in favor of the claims low-income housing. One member of the public said that the development was "very problematic" in having high density apartments in this high-value single-family home neighborhood.

Masumoto replied: "We haven't seen any data that suggests that affordable housing decreases property values. We take pride in the upkeep of our apartments. These are million dollar buildings that are just gor- fragile medical state and information up the fact that she, geous." In Willits, RCH currently owns and manages the provided by his family that he will certain board members, 12-unit Lenore Street Senior Apartments.

No one who spoke at the meeting lives in Harrah's When legally justified and supported Manor. Councilmember Burton encouraged the repre- by probable cause, the Mendocino sentatives of RCH to talk to the Harrah's Manor prop- County Sheriff's Office will continue to erty owners. But since the apartments meet Willits zon- investigate this matter. ing requirements, it is not known how much influence neighboring home owners can have on this big project planned for their backyard.

RCH is holding a public forum about this project at at 707-463-4086 (option 1). Information Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street, on Mon- can also be provided anonymously by day March 31 at 5:30 pm, and again online on Zoom, calling the non-emergency tip line at Saturday, April 12 at noon.

months earlier than when the county's current CEO statutory limits on the water and unanimously approved testified under oath. Antle in court said it was August theft fees that were set by the the Accounts Payable in the 31, 2022, when she learned that Paula June Kennedy, responsible for preparing twice monthly payroll for 1,400 county employees, was paying herself extra using a miscellaneous county pay code. (Cubbison was sworn

Cubbison

in as Auditor in July of 2022.)

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However, Angelo said it was in April or May of 2022 when she learned from Antle about the unauthorized Kennedy pay, which totaled about \$68,000 over three Association Board of Directors years during the COVID pandemic. According to the transcript, Angelo said the Antle statements were made during a private meeting between the two in Angelo's former office while they were discussing transition-

> "Darcie considered it, you know, a major problem. don't recall if she said they were going to the Sheriff or they were going to the District Attorney, but I know she

was working with the county counsel," Angelo stated. Angelo's testimony directly contradicts the narrative laid out by Antle and DA Eyster since the politically laced criminal case began to publicly unfold in October 2023. Superior Court Judge Ann Moorman dismissed the case on February 25 and castigated Antle and other county witnesses for their apparent "willful ignorance."

Cubbison's attorneys are now arguing that it was much more than that.

Antle appears to be "knee-deep in the coverup of an unlawful scheme to oust Ms. Cubbison from public office, according to declarations filed Wednesday [March 12] in Superior Court by the San Francisco law firm of Cannata, O'Toole & Olson, Cubbison's civil attorneys.

Angelo's deposition disclosures are at the center of a new push by Cubbison's team of attorneys to win an estimated \$250,000 in back pay and benefits since her suspension was lifted after 17 months in legal limbo.

Cubbison returned to work on February 26, the day after Judge Moorman dismissed DA Eyster's quest to criminally prosecute the embattled auditor. The county Board of Supervisors met behind closed doors last Wednesday to discuss Cubbison's pending civil lawsuit. If successful, it could expose county taxpayers to substantial damages for denial of due process for Cubbison. Supervisors took no action.

Judge Moorman, also presiding over the pending civil litigation, held a status hearing Friday on new court filings focused on Angelo's deposition and related issues. The judge acknowledged, without public comment, that she had received and reviewed the latest filings and scheduled another status conference for 11 am on April 4.

Angelo gave her deposition under oath remotely from San Diego, where she is now retired.

Angelo testified that in either April or May of 2022, Antle informed her during a private meeting in the CEO's office that Sara Pierce, a deputy administrator, had 'discovered" the unauthorized payments to Kennedy After Cubbison was suspended, the county Board of Supervisors named Pierce acting auditor, a position she

Angelo recalled Antle telling her she was "investigating the matter with County Counsel and law enforcement at that time." Angelo officially stepped down as CEO in being a candidate for the big March 2022 and worked with Antle during a transition. Angelo said Antle had not formally signed her new contract, but she was the interim CEO then.

Cubbison lawyers argue Antle's account to Angelo Haschak announced that Resolution 2025-03 and said he differs sharply from what was "repeatedly claimed, in the there was going to be "a wholeheartedly supported the investigation and under oath, which is that revelation of the Kennedy payments happened on August 31, 2022, in response to a report by Ms. Cubbison about a potential claim against the County by Ms. Kennedy."

They suggest Antle, if placed under oath again, might have to explain why "she and other County officials did not inform Ms. Cubbison, who was Ms. Kennedy's supervisor, of this discovery in April/May 2022 or falsely claimed to 'discover' it The rest of

Trefil

homicides in Mendocino County.

confessions to any murders.

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During this same period, DA Eyster had his these inferences were not substantiated investigators working on by detectives. The Sheriff's Office has the Cubbison case. Eysbeen unable to substantiate the claims ter offered the embattled of the other individuals alleged to be Auditor a misdemeanor serial killers or their involvement with charge if she voluntarily resigned, but Cubbison The Mendocino County Sheriff's chose to fight. A year after Office has examined the scanned the Sheriff's Office comcopies of Trefil's diaries and journals, pleted its investigation, but did not locate any expressed Eyster finally filed felony charges of misappro-Trefil's daughter informed the priation of public funds

Sheriff's Office she submitted her against her and Kennedy DNA and Trefil's DNA to genealogical in October 2023. ancestry sites, but the Sheriff's Chris Andrian, the Office has never been informed of any Santa Rosa lawyer who investigative leads from these efforts or successfully defended from other agencies investigating these Cubbison from criminal prosecution, said he is The Mendocino County Sheriff's disturbed by the county's Office has and will continue to resistance to bringing

investigate crimes associated with Trefil closure to the Cubbison or allegations that he was a serial killer case in Mendocino County. The Sheriff's Andrian charged that Office has not interviewed Trefil directly Antle blatantly lied on the regarding these allegations due to his witness stand to cover not cooperate with law enforcement. administrators "hell-bent" on ousting Cubbison and attempting to take control of the

> DA Eyster acted beyond his official duties as the County's chief law

County's two key finance

offices, which the Board

of Supervisors had forced

enforcement officer and supported the controversial consolidation. The District Attorney quarreled with Cubbison and other auditors over his office expenses for a decade. Finally, Eyster outlined and distributed a consolidation plan on August 30, 2021, by private email to former Supervisor Glenn McGourty and Angelo while she was still CEO. Angelo, in turn, passed the email on to other top county officials.

"It's wrong. All of it," said Andrian.

Andrian said Antle should be ousted as CEO for her actions in the events that led to Cubbison's charging and for her "evasive and questionable" testimony during the DA's attempts to criminally prosecute the Auditor.

"Antle no longer represents the best interests of the board or the County," said Andrian.

On Friday, Darcie Antle did not respond to a written request for comments about the contents of her predecessor's deposition or the questions surrounding her sworn testimony during criminal proceedings.

San Francisco attorneys Morin Jacobs and Madeline Cline (no relation to the county supervisor of the same name) also did not respond to written requests for comment. Their firm, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, has already billed the county \$120,000 for defending county Supervisors, Antle, and other county officials in the civil litigation.

Jacobs, in a response filed Thursday with the Superior Court, argued that the board "immediately lifted" Cubbison's suspension after the criminal case was dismissed. However, Jacobs said, "In no way, shape, or form, the BOS [Board of Supervisors] was acknowledging any wrongdoing.

Jacobs called the new Cubbison filings "improper." She contended they are "replete with mischaracterizations, omit key information, discuss witness testimony in a way that is one-sided and argumentative and are drafted in a way to negatively portray the County in the eyes of this court, clearly with the intent to prejudice and bias your honor against the County."

Cubbison's civil lawyers, in their briefs, argued that a close examination of available evidence shows "Ms. Antle, [Deputy CEO Sara] Pierce, County Counsel. and the District Attorney, among others, were in communication as early as April or May 2022 about the

"They said nothing to Ms. Cubbison about it," according to the document.

The lawyers noted that Cubbison was sworn in as head of the newly merged offices in July 2022.

"Ms. Antle then pretended to discover the Kennedy payments on August 21, 2022, and created the false narrative throughout the investigation that Ms. Cubbison was the one covering up.

Andrian noted that during criminal proceedings, Antle and other county staff testified they didn't know the "470" code, implying that Cubbison and Kennedy had secretly conspired to use an obscure method to cover miscellaneous expenses.

"In fact, all of them knew. As we learned from documents produced late in the preliminary, they received payroll reports every two weeks documenting the extra pay for Kennedy and her use of the 470-county code. There were no surprises," said Andrian.

Andrian said depositions like Angelo's underscore the possibility of a conspiracy among county leaders to target Cubbison and seize control of key county financial functions, especially with the discovery that DA Eyster in the background supported that effort.

Andrian suggested that Cubbison drew the County administration's ire when she joined other senior county finance officers in publicly opposing the forced consolidation of two independent offices that historically have been overseen by independently elected officials. Former county Treasurer Shari Schapmire and other senior staff guit rather than engage in the consolidation.

"It was a power grab. What happened is wrong," said

The new disclosures expose festering behind-thescenes tensions since the county lifted Cubbison's suspension after Judge Moorman freed her and Kennedy from the criminal charges.

Cubbison appeared at last week's board meeting and gave an update on the status of the Auditor's Office. The Auditor promised cooperation and asked that she be allowed to freely consult with Pierce, the deputy CEO who oversaw the Auditor's Office. She returned to the CEO's office when Cubbison's suspension was lifted. Board members and Antle did not publicly respond to Cubbison's request.

However, Cubbison's lawyers stated in the new filing that CEO Antle, at the end of Cubbison's first whole week back on the job, informed the Auditor in writing that she was "not permitted to communicate directly with Ms.

Instead, Antle commanded Cubbison to "communicate department head to department head by preparing a list of questions/topics in order of priority and urgency and then give them time to gather information each week."

Cubbison lawyers struck back: "As an initial matter, this is irregular, improper,

unprofessional, and indicative of Ms. Antle's continuing animus toward Ms. Cubbison," according to their new

Attorneys argued that Supervisors' refusal to restore Cubbison's backpay also is a "slap in Ms. Cubbison's face. Ms. Cubbison is entitled to her backpay and unpaid benefits to make her whole for the damage she has

Therese Cannata, Cubbison's civil lawyer, told Judge Moorman, "There is a litigation hold letter in place, but the history of this case merits something more specific and subject to the contempt powers of the court."

Cannata suggested to Moorman that county attorneys seek to delay planned depositions of other potential witnesses besides Antle and Pierce.

"The recently discovered evidence will require the depositions of former County Counsel Christian Curtis and District Attorney David Eyster, among others," according to her declaration.

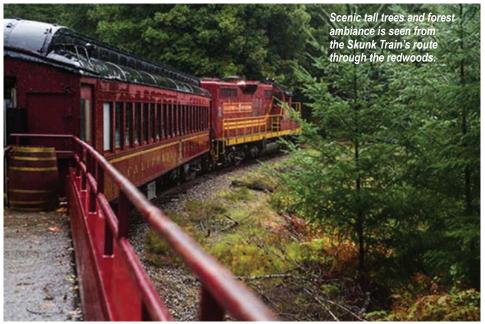
Cannata told the judge that Cubbison "wants to get back to work and be done with this litigation.

Anyone with information regarding

this investigation is requested to contact

707-234-2100.

the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office







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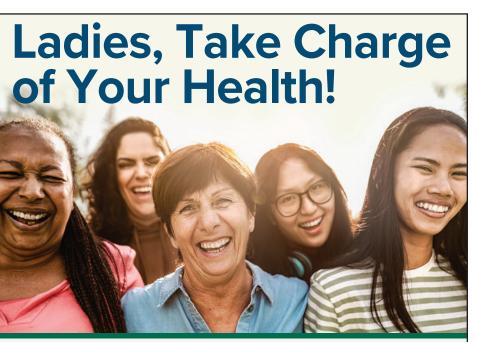
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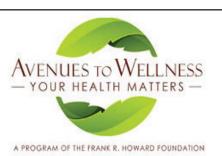
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