

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Inconsiderate Caltrans

To the Editor:

What is Caltrans thinking of, keeping people awake by running big work trucks from 2:30 am to about 5 am? What a heartless, inconsiderate, non-caring outfit! The noise of the trucks and the weight of the trucks on our little road resounded in my house and shook the house; uncaringly, one truck right after another kept rattling by! I am going to be 87 years of age and need every bit of sleep at night.

Being a rancher and gardener, I get up at 6 am. Normally, I am busy during the day. By the time for bed at 9 or 10 pm, I can hardly wait to get into bed to rest this old body. In order to get up and get going again, I must have a good sleep.

There are many neighbors who work much harder than me; they were very disturbed by the road ruckus! Our Eastside Road runs through our quiet rural area, which is the way we want to keep it!

Caltrans seems determined to change our little town and surrounding areas too! We don't want it changed!!

The bypass will ruin the economy of Willits, but Caltrans doesn't care what will happen after they get paid for their over-priced project.

Sleep well, Caltrans!

Bettye Bays, Willits

East Commercial developments

To the Editor:

Exciting developments are afoot on E. Commercial Street! I want to appreciate Mendo Lake Community College for investing in our community with their new campus. It has been a treat to watch the site work develop, construction begin, and now the landscaping is taking shape. They have chosen low-water-use grasses instead of a traditional lawn; how great!

Just behind the new Mendo Lake campus is Wowser, a manufacturing collective. This group of ingenious locals are creating work space for the techies and tinkers among us to build things.

Once completed, both of these developments will be wonderful additions to our community. Perhaps we can support them by signing up for a class at Mendo Lake Community College this fall or joining Wowser to build a handcar for the Kinetic Carnival Handcar Races or for some other project.

Thank you to both of these organizations for investing locally to make our community better.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

Garden Party

To the Editor:

The Willits Rotary Club and the Willits Educational Foundation would like to invite the community to our special event! The third annual Garden Party will be held on Saturday, August 24, from 4 to 8 pm at the home of Kathy and Phil Shuster on Center Valley Road.

It is a wonderful, casual event, held in a beautiful garden. There will be live music by the Bassics, wonderful finger foods, fantastic wines and beers, a silent auction, and many prizes given away. The ever-popular cosmopolitan bar will be manned this year by Chuck and Jill Persico.

SAVE THE DATE! This is a benefit for Willits Unified School District libraries, art and music. The cost per ticket is only \$20 if purchased in advance; \$25 if purchased at the gate. What a bargain! Come support our youth, your teachers, and schools!

Right now, our needs are many for the Garden Party. Our members are out in the community asking for donations of

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items for the silent auction as well as the prizes that will be given during the evening. Can you help in some way?

We are very grateful to the sponsors who have agreed to assist us in our endeavors. They include: 101 Burgers and Donuts, Adam's Restaurant, Bud Garman Construction Services, Dr. Angus and Emily Matheson, El Mexicano Restaurant, Flowers by Annette, Jerry Myer, State Farm Insurance, Lo Buck\$ Market, Marete and Earl Myers, Mariposa Market, North Valley Bank, Padula Ranches, Sanhedrin Nursery, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Scott's Tanks, SHN Consulting Engineers, Shuster's Transportation, Sparetime Supply, Super 8 Willits, and Willits Furniture.

We know that many people in the Willits area are not aware of the Willits Educational Foundation. In the past two years, with the help of Rotary, we have been able to give approximately \$28,000 to schools within the Willits Unified School District for their art, music and libraries. We are very proud of our efforts and are forever grateful for Rotary's fundraising expertise as well as their interest in Willits schools.

Every penny we earn goes directly into the schools for teachers, students and programs. We receive many donations during the year and, in addition to the Garden Party, we have a Tri Tip Dinner fundraiser in very early spring.

How can you, as a community member, help us to help our schools? Donations are always welcome, including those in memory of loved ones. Support for our fundraisers is vital.

If you need more information or wish to donate items or purchase tickets, please call! Tickets will be available from any member of Rotary or WEF and can also be purchased at Cat's Meow, Goods' Shoppe, and Willits Furniture. My phone number is 459-4429.

Thank you so much. We are here for our schools!

Kathleen Lewis, Secretary,
Willits Educational Foundation

Upcoming Town Halls

To the Editor:

Summer's here. Time for a change of pace, a chance to dream of new beginnings, to let your thoughts flow free and imagine what kind of community you'd like to live in.

In September, the Willits Community Alliance will initiate a series of five Town Hall meetings, a place for community members to come together informally and talk about issues important to all of us. The first Town Hall will be Sunday, September 22 at 4 pm in the Willits City Council Chambers. The topic at this first meeting will be "Community Revitalization," with City Manager Adrienne Moore and City Planner Alan Falleri sharing some of their ideas on this subject to start the topic flowing. Everyone there will then be encouraged to share their own thoughts.

The next Town Hall meetings will be on November 17, January 19, March 16 and May 18. So mark your calendars, gather up your thoughts this summer, and bring them with you to share.

Carlin Diamond, Willits Community Alliance

Thanks from the Humane Society

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County board of directors, staff and volunteers I want to express our deep appreciation to the entire community for supporting our annual charity raffle.

Businesses and individuals from all over the county as well as venues across the state donated wonderful prizes and hundreds of individuals purchased raffle tickets in record numbers. The event generated close to \$14,000 for the animals.

That money is critical because, as a non-profit charitable organization, we depend entirely on private donations. We receive no tax-based funding.

We were delighted that more than 200 people came to the shelter on Sunday, July 21 for our open house and free

appreciation barbeque for volunteers and supporters. Most stayed to watch the drawing for the 35 prizes offered in the raffle.

Jim Mayfield, with his rescue dog "Celebrity Sammy," presided over the raffle drawing; Sheriff Tom Allman spent much of the afternoon with us; and Sonia McAlear contributed to the ambiance by providing excellent music.

The barbeque was a huge success. Randy of the Forks Market provided tri-tip and chicken; the Laytonville Lions provided the barbeque grill; Laytonville Gas the fuel; the Redwood Valley Volunteer Fire Department the tables and chairs; and volunteers provided a variety of yummy side dishes and desserts.

Despite the near-100 degree heat, our guests were able to be comfortably seated in the shade of big oak trees with a view of our new and refurbished dog kennels and flower gardens. They were also able to visit our cats and kittens available for adoption and view baby kittens through the nursery windows.

Special thanks go to the Willits Weekly for great help in publicizing the event. Without your coverage, the event would not have been as successful.

In summary, I just want to thank the wonderful people in Mendocino County who help us in fulfilling our mission to care and find homes for the animals that come to us. Thanks to you all.

Maggie Weaver, president,
Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County



Victor, an alumnus of the Humane Society, and his owner, Steve
Photo by Ari Steffen



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Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



Fantastic Finds at the Willits Farmers Market

The Willits Farmers Market is in full swing down at shady City Park, with vendors offering just-picked summer vegetables like heirloom tomatoes, tender summer squash, crisp cucumbers, and shiny purple eggplant. Bundles of beautiful beets, shiny white and red onions, bunches of sweet carrots, and giant (but tender) heads of cauliflower tipped with purple also entice vegetable lovers.

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The market is always a great place to beat the heat on a hot day: the reliable afternoon breeze makes strolling the market a pleasure. It's also easy to pick up a quick Thursday night dinner: a piece of wild salmon to grill, gourmet frozen entrées from Bolliver's, or maybe a couple of calzones with dipping sauce from Senerchia Bakers of Willits, with a salad made with farmers market summer mix.

The last couple of Thursday afternoon markets have been lively, said market manager Michael Foley of Green Uprising Farm. "We can always use more customers, though, and there is plenty of produce to go around," he said. Green Uprising Farm will bring their "huge ruby gold heirloom tomatoes" to market this week, and Foley expects those to go fast, as they did last week.

One new Willits farm at the market this year is Hawk's Perch Farm up in Brooktrails. A farm in shady Brooktrails? "We have a big open patch of land," said Christina Garrett, who runs the farm with partner John Chad Smith. In addition to produce - featuring zucchini and summer squash right now - Hawk's Perch Farm sells handmade lard soap and laundry and dish soap, too.

Monica Gowan brings beautiful vegetables from her "Agnes' Garden," a market garden here in Willits. Ana Cox of Shamrock Artisan Goat Cheese offers a variety of farmstead goat cheeses, including soft chevre (plain or flavored with herbs), produced from 200 goats she and her husband raise on their Reynolds Highway ranch.

The Willits Farmers Market has two sauerkraut vendors, including Sarah Archer of Willits. Archer's best seller is kimchi, a Korean side dish that's considered one of the world's healthiest foods. Archer prepares her kimchi and sauerkraut, including lemon dill sauerkraut and

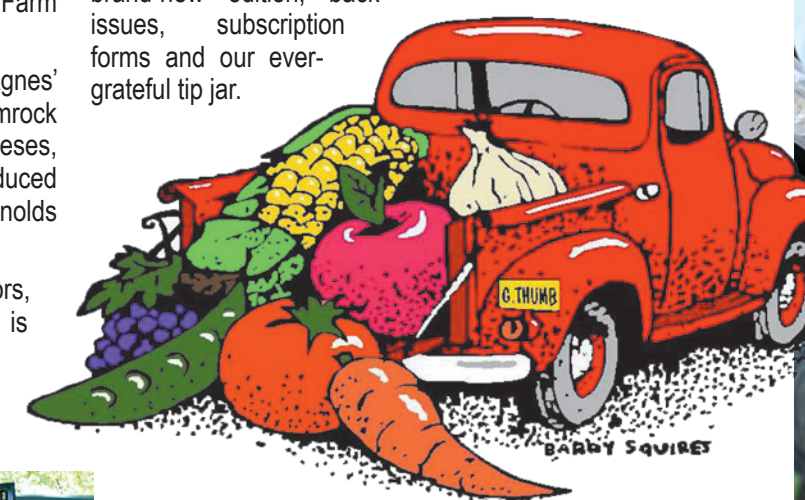


Mexicali sauerkraut with jalapenos and cumen, at the Little Lake Grange's commercial kitchen. "It's all live, all raw vegetables," Archer said, "so it's full of beneficial bacteria that will aid your digestive system."

Those seeking a treat have many choices, including new vendor Marie Laure's crepes, made while you watch and served with berries and cream. The big tent top at the west end of the market covers tables full of savory and sweet baked goods and pastries from Phil Rowland's Bakery of Willits. Bolliver's from Fort Bragg sells single-serve (and full size) key lime and banana cream pies, big gingersnap cookies, and carrot and German chocolate cake, as well as the hand-made dinner entrées.

Midnight Moon offers a luscious cool drink on a hot day: sweet iced hibiscus tea with mint leaves and orange slices, along with German roasted almonds, and a menu of hot dogs, including beef dogs from Willits' John Ford Ranch. Charline Ford and her crew are also at the market every week, selling the Ford family's grass-fed steaks, hamburger, stew beef, ribs and more.

The Willits Farmers Market is at City Park every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm, through October. Come meet your local farmers, enjoy acoustic music by the Farmers Market Band, the Cherry Pickers or the New Blu Trio, and say hello to Willits Weekly: We are at the market each Thursday with that week's brand-new edition, back issues, subscription forms and our ever-grateful tip jar.



Above: Market manager Michael Foley holds a purple cabbage fresh from Green Uprising Farm

Row at right: from top: summer tomatoes; key lime pie from Bolliver's; knitted pumpkin infant hat made by Valerie Trimmer; mini berry pie from Phil Rowland's Bakery; homemade jam from Amanda Fairall; radishes; packets of beef from the John Ford Ranch; Dancing Madrone Soap; Sore Muscle Rub

At left: Robin shops at the cherry booth: dark red or Rainier cherries?

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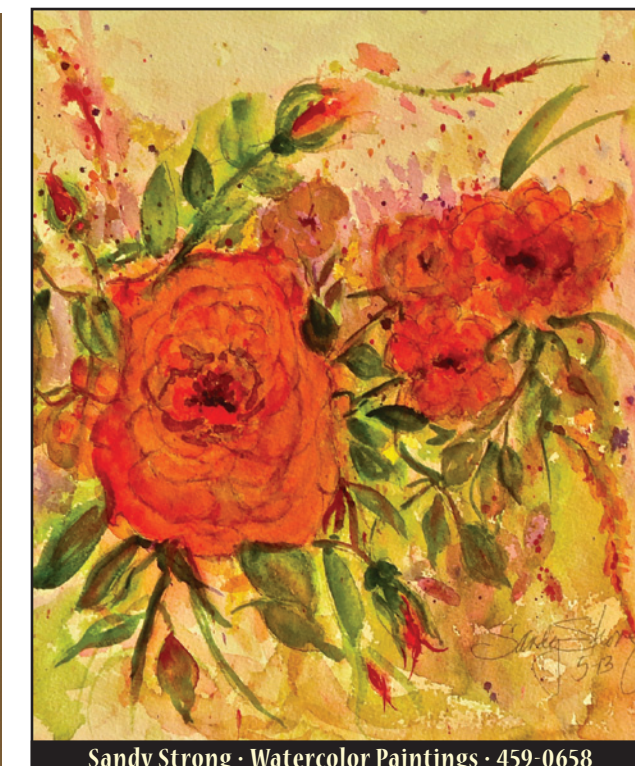
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ARIES
Mar 21 - Apr 20
Avoid making an important decision this week, Aries. Your mind is busy with too many ideas, and you will not be able to focus all of your attention on one task.

TAURUS
Apr 21 - May 21
Taurus, you may find you are focused on your finances this week. It's a good time to assess spending habits and make some changes for the better.

GEMINI
May 22 - Jun 2
Gemini, you may find that luck is on your side this week and you can use this to your advantage. Take some risks you might normally be hesitant to take.

CANCER
Jun 22 - Jul 22
You certainly are in the spotlight this week, Cancer. All of this attention may try your nerves, so you may be interested in hiding out somewhere. Later in the week, you will have the chance.

LEO
Jul 23 - Aug 23
Leo, a discussion with a friend could be significant this week, inspiring you to expand your goals and pursue new dreams with confidence. Be thankful for the newfound inspiration.

VIRGO
Aug 24 - Sept 22
Protect your privacy this week, Virgo. Though nothing serious is on the horizon, now is a good time to emphasize safety and security for you and your family.

LIBRA
Sept 23 - Oct 23
Restlessness settles in this week, Libra. You might want to plan a little adventure, whether it is a weekend trip or a night out on the town. The goal is to change the scenery.

SCORPIO
Oct 24 - Nov 22
Scorpio, stay on top of bills, paperwork and anything else that helps you to get organized. Once you're finished catching up, resolve to be more organized going forward.

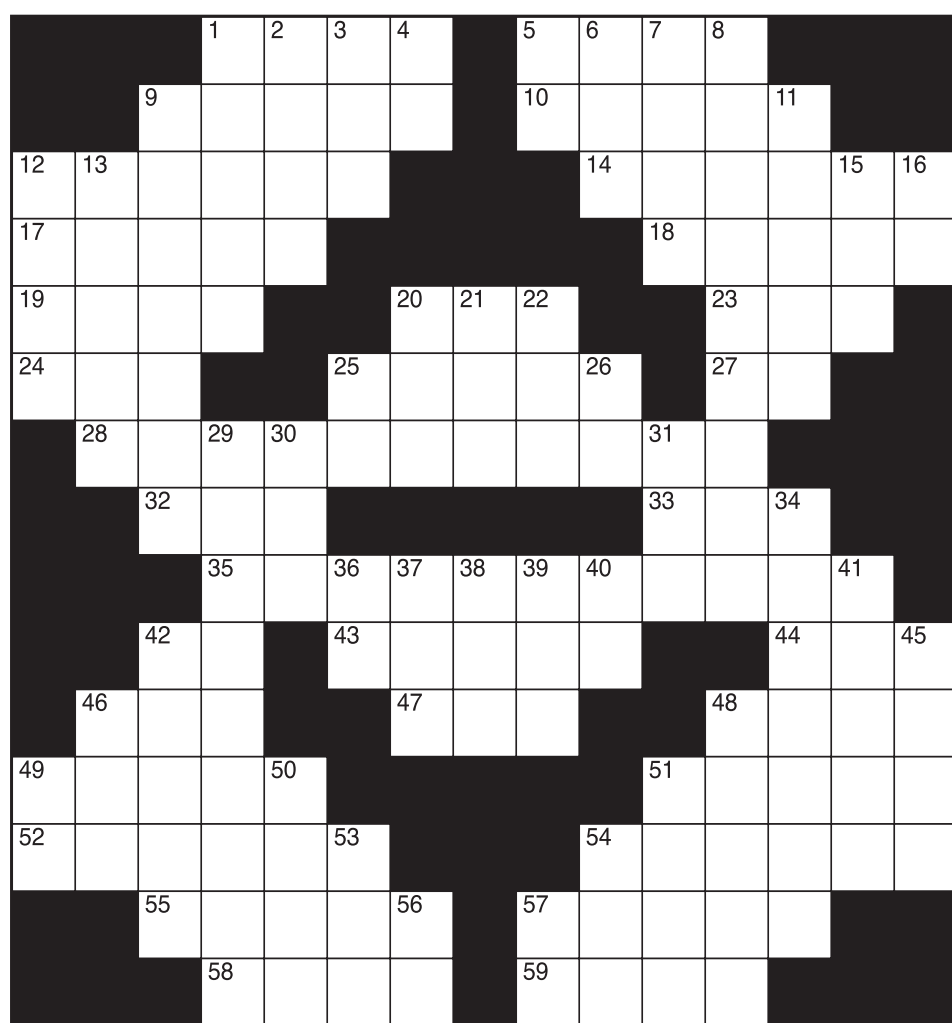
SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23 - Dec 21
You will have to put forth some extra effort this week, Sagittarius. It may feel like others aren't pulling their weight, but you still need to do what you have to do to get the job done.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22 - Jan 20
Capricorn, take some extra time cleaning up in anticipation of an unexpected guest. While company is always welcome, you want to have a tidy home to show off.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21 - Feb 18
Aquarius, enlist others to lend a helping hand this week. Others may not offer their time and effort, so be proactive in seeking help with an important task.

PISCES
Feb 19 - Mar 20
Pisces, it may be tempting to stay at home. But you have responsibilities, and they need to be tended to. You can always relax once your work is done.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- English monk (Olde English)
- Computer music standard
- South African prime minister 1948-54
- A column of vertebrae
- Noisy kisses
- Pairing
- Taxi drivers
- Jason's princess consort
- Amu Darya river's old name
- Founder of Babism
- Confederate soldier
- Lubricate
- A woman of refinement
- Mister
- Make up something untrue
- Mountainous region of Morocco
- Mutual savings bank
- Where angels fear to tread
- Distance to top (abbr.)
- Roman poet
- Hebrew unit = 10 ephahs
- Tai (var. sp.)
- Bishop (abbr.)
- Tropical Asian starlings

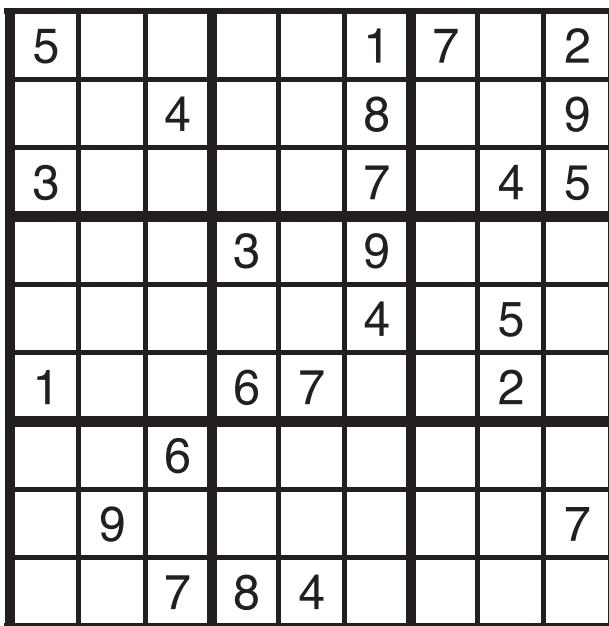
CLUES DOWN

- Performance of an action
- Animal neck hairs
- Manufacturers
- Repeat a poem aloud
- Consumers of services
- Supernatural forces
- Gulp from a bottle
- Noisy kisses
- Root of taro plant
- Fronts opposite
- Am. moose
- Cony
- Article
- Manuscript (abbr.)
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Circle width (abbr.)
- Entangle
- Former Portuguese seaport in China
- 1/10 meter (abbr.)
- Increased in size
- Sewing repair of a garment
- ___ Lanka: island country
- Bird beak
- 4th US state
- Cry made by sheep
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Ball striking club
- Parkinson's spokesperson's initials
- 12th Greek letter
- A bang-up quality
- Unidentified flying object
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Small swimsuits
- Sacred Hindu syllable
- Workplace for scientific research
- Schenectady County Airport
- Fabric with a corded surface
- Biblical Sumerian city
- Composition for nine
- 3 line Japanese verse
- Tear down
- Arrived extinct
- Former Portuguese seaport in China
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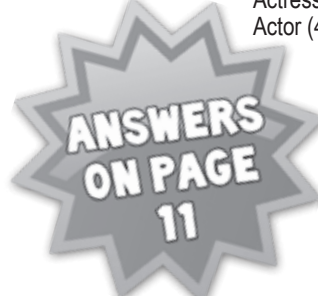
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 21: Robin Williams, Comedian (62), **JULY 22:** Selena Gomez, Actress (21), **JULY 23:** Michelle Williams, Singer (33), **JULY 24:** Kristin Chenoweth, Actress (45), **JULY 25:** Matt LeBlanc, Actor (45), **JULY 26:** Jeremy Piven, Actor (48), **JULY 27:** Dolph Ziggler, Wrestler (33)

Sudoku



Level: Intermediate



How To Sudoku:

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

The rest of Bunnies | From Page 1

year, where she helped by "clerking" for the judges, which gave her the opportunity to learn more about the show process and different rabbit species.

The rabbit project is just a small facet of Keely's involvement with the local 4-H chapter. She is a great example of how getting involved with the 4-H Club can teach lifelong skills, shaping a young person as a member of the community and into their adult lives.

This year, Keely is also treasurer of the Willits 4-H Club as part of the leadership development program. As the treasurer, she keeps track of the club's money, writing checks and balancing the checkbook. She has also logged many volunteer hours through the club and through the Willits Charter School where she currently is a student.

She received the Violet Richardson Award from the Soroptomists International of Willits this year for her volunteer work, and is also working on earning her bronze star for 4-H.

Earning the bronze star requires that the 4-Her give presentations, and Keely has given many presentations to the community and at contests around the state. 4-H stars are awarded to allow progression through the levels all the way to State Fair. This year Keely presented a cultural arts presentation at the county level and received a gold star; then she went on to sectionals in Upper Lake, where she received a gold; and then she attended the State Field Day at UC Davis where she also received a gold. This made her eligible to attend State Fair, but her schedule didn't allow her to go.

Keely did attend the 4-H centennial celebration in Hopland this year, where she not only helped set up for the event but also entered many photography, wood working, jewelry, and fashion review items for judging. She was also an official greeter, welcoming guests to the celebration, and entertained all with the presentation she'd given at State Field Day.

Along with the rabbits, Keely is involved in the following 4-H projects: photography, horse, cake decorating, sewing and textiles, gourd painting, leadership and shooting sports. She will be taking photography, gourd painting, cake decorating and woodworking entries to the Redwood Empire Fair this year, as well as her rabbits. She also took part in the REF Horse Show on June 23.

When Keely isn't caring for her cat, dog and rabbits, she loves to ride her horse and take pictures. Eventually, Keely would love to be a vet some day.

Ballet exchange

French dancers enjoying stay in Willits

Clara Yvon and Camille Le Roy, two French girls from Nérac, France are staying in the Willits area for nine days, as part of a cultural exchange between l'École de Danse du Val d'Albret in Nérac, and the Mendocino Ballet Company in Ukiah.

A dozen dancers from the French ballet school, aged 10 to 16, are here in Mendocino County to practice and perform, along with local dancers, in "The French Connection: A Classical and Contemporary Ballet, Modern Dance and Jazz Performance." Classes and rehearsals are being held every day with the directors of the two ballet schools, Héléne Darroman from Nérac and Trudy McCreanor, artistic director of the Ukiah ballet school.

Willits students Joy Brown, Rose Raiser Jeavons and

Natalie Moss will also dance in the performance.

Clara and Camille say they are enjoying their stay in Willits, and were looking forward to a trip to the Mendocino coast. Nérac is a town in southwestern France not much bigger than Willits, but centuries older: "The architecture is very different," Camille said.

The "French Connection" performance is Friday, July 26 at 7 pm at the Mendocino College Center Theater. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door; info: 463-2290 or www.mendocinoballet.com.

Below; from left to right: Clara Yvon, Camille Le Roy, Joy Brown, Rose Raiser Jeavons and Natalie Moss

Photo by Jennifer Poole



Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



Relay Again

Willits Relay for Life this weekend

Volunteers and organizers have created 24 hours of activities and information-sharing for the 2nd annual Willits Relay for Life at the Rec Grove this weekend. Relay runners will be walking, jogging and running around the track from 10 am Saturday until 10 am the next morning.

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"It's growing and getting bigger," said Jennifer Sookne, organizer of Relay, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society, as well as offering solidarity and support to local cancer patients and survivors. "We've raised more than \$35,000 online already" (as of Wednesday afternoon, the current amount raised is up to \$35,693.22).

"We really want the community to come out and see what it's about," Sookne said. "It's a free event, they get to participate [would-be relayers can sign up at the event on Saturday to take a few laps]; they can bring some money if they want to buy things; and they should prepare to have

a good time."

The Kids Korner is new this year, Sookne said, with fun activities for children, including "S'mores & Story Time," bedtime stories in tents with "lots of pillows and blankets, at 9 am Saturday night. Entertainment includes DJ Dave Mendez , the Sherwood Rancheria Youth Pomo Dancers, the New Blu Trio, games and a costume contest.

The Lions Club is offering free breakfast Sunday morning to all the relayers, but the public is also invited to enjoy the Lions' hearty breakfast from 7 to 9 am. The menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, and juice, water, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, for \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. Proceeds go to benefit the "Team Lions" Relay team. Lions will also be offering caffeinated beverages to all Relay participants throughout the night.

Info: 354-4219, or check the "Relay For Life of Willits, Ca" Facebook page.

Top: Members of the Miracles in Motion team, 2012, from left to right: Frank Barr, Pat Moeller, Kaye Wright, Kitty Rohrs, and Nancy Winters

Right: Team Miracles in Motion helps to recruit volunteer drivers for cancer patients at 2012 Relay. See calendar page story for more info

Below: A lighted luminaria

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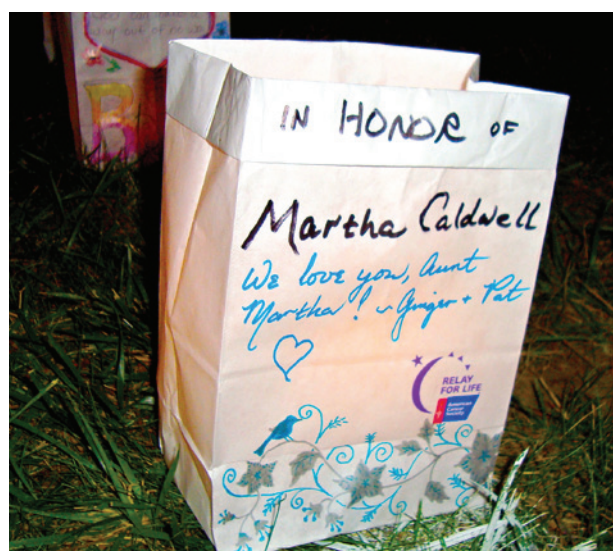
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Sat/Sun Matinee: 11:30am

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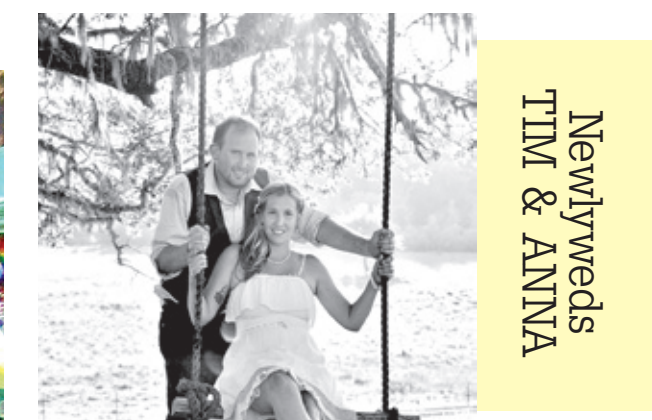
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Newlyweds
TIM & ANNA

Tim King and Anna Kirby were joined in marriage on July 6 at Spring Valley Ranch, the home of Ed and Barbara Mitchell. Tim and Anna were joined in the ceremony by Anna's 4-year-old son, Jakob. Sheriff Tom Allman conducted the ceremony. Tim and Anna are back at home and their respective jobs, after a week's honeymoon in Bend, Oregon.



Newlyweds
JOHN & EMILY ROSE

John Pinon and Emily Rose Smith were joined in marriage on July 20 in a grove in the Willits valley. The pair was surrounded by family and friends, and rode off into the sunset on a "Just Married" pony carriage. Parents Dan, Annette, Peter, Heidi and Kathleen all wish the pair much happiness, as they move forward into their future together.

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RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

GAVEL DOWN SALES would like to express many thanks to the individuals who donated items for our parking lot sale fundraisers benefiting the American Cancer Society (ACS). Our team "Colorful Characters Countering Cancer" will be walking in this year's Relay For Life on July 27th and 28th in Recreation Grove. A special thank you goes out to Brandon Blecker, Evelyn Dennis, David Swingle, Evelyn Wood and Joy Wood, all of whom are from Willits, for their many donated items and hours of work.

The event is open to the public at no charge. Please come and join in the fun on Saturday, July 27th, beginning at 9 am in Recreation Grove and remaining open for non-team members until the Luminaria Ceremony at 9 pm, and reopening again to guests on Sunday at 6 am until closing at 10 am. There will be a secure children's play area where parent(s) can drop off their children, and be issued a wrist band for identification for later retrieval of their children.

Relay For Life is an event that is full of education, games and camaraderie for cancer survivors, caregivers, family members and anyone interested in cancer awareness and the resources available through ACS. Each participating team will have a booth full of fun activities and information. This year's theme is "Carnival," and there will be fun had by all. Some teams will have "pay to play" games to help reach our fundraising goals, so bring those dollar bills and be prepared to have a fun-filled day.

Events are scheduled throughout the day on Saturday including: music by various groups, Sherwood Valley Pomo Dancers, Skee Ball, Scavenger Hunt, Parachute Game, and too many to list here. On Sunday, come and enjoy the ever popular Willits Lions Club Breakfast from 7 am until 9 am, which is only \$7 for non-team guests.



What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

Saturday, July 27

8 am, **Registration Open**
 8 to 10 am, Music by DJ **Dave Mendez**
 8 to 9:30 am, **Survivor Registration Open**
 8 am to 6 pm, **Luminaria Booth:** Hosted by City Girls – Lisa Epstein State Farm Insurance
 All Day, **Lap Bead Necklaces:** Purchase your "Lap Counting" bead necklaces at The Bead Ladies booth

All Day, **Stained Glass:** Decorate wax paper
 All Day, **Photo Ops:** Put your face on someone else's body around the track. Hosted by The Krohs

9:30 to 10:30 am, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Tulekai
 10 am, **Opening Ceremony**
 10:25 am, **Group Photo**
 10:30 am, **Survivor and Caregiver Lap**
 10:30 to 11:30 am, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by The Krohs
 11 am, **Survivor Brunch** – our survivors and caregivers are invited to gather for food and fellowship after the Survivor and Caregiver's Lap.
 11 am, **Awareness Speaker:** Hosted by Mendo Hunnies Team
 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, **Sherwood Rancheria Pomo Dancers**
 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Body Works 1
 12 pm, **Scavenger Hunt:** Sign up at between 11 am and noon. Meet at The Krohs site at noon to get your list.

12:30 pm, **Co-op-a-Walk Tournament,** Youth Division. Teams of 2 people 12 and under test their coordination in this fun and wacky race to the finish line.
 12:30 to 1:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Body Works 2
 12:30 to 4 pm, **Parachute Game**
 1 to 1:30 pm, **Zumba.** Come get your groove on with a half-hour workout the sassy Studio Joy Zumba gals.
 1:30 to 2:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by City Girls - Lisa Epstein State Farm Insurance
 2 to 3 pm, **Karaoke:** Hosted by Team Lucky Birds
 2:30 to 3:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Howard Memorial Hospital
 2:30 pm, **Co-op-a-Walk Tournament,** Teen & Older Division. Teams of 2 people 13 years and older test their coordination in this fun and wacky race to the finish line.

3:30 to 4:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Fruit Loops
 3:30 pm, **Team Parade:** team spirit award
 4 pm, **Team Competitions:** best site and best costumes
 4:30 pm **Miracles in Motion Sing-Along** and raffle winner announcement.
 4:30 to 5:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Team Northbrook
 5 pm, **Co-op-a-Walk Tournament – Finals**
 5:30 to 6:30 pm, **live music** by The New Blu Trio
 5:30 to 6:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Mendo Hunnies
 6:30 to 7:30 pm, **Dinner** hosted by Willits Rotary
 6:30 to 7:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Colorful Characters Countering Cancer

7:30 to 8:30 pm, **Fight Back! Booth:** Hosted by Miracles in Motion
 9 pm, **Luminaria Ceremony**
 10 pm, Drawing for Colorful Characters Countering Cancer Raffle
 10 pm, **Pajama Party Lap**
 10 pm, All visitors not on a team head home for the night
 Dark Hours (starting at 10:30 pm)

Game Zone Open – Games of skill and chance on every lap to keep you going through the night.

Sunday, July 28

6 am, **Gates reopen** for visitors
 7 am to 9 am, **Breakfast** hosted by Willits Lions – free for participants, \$7 for guests
 9:30 am, **Fight Back! Ceremony**
 9:50 am, **Final Lap:** All participants join in
 10 am, See you next year!

Kids Korner at the playground

Saturday, July 27

7 to 9 am, **Check-in**
 11 am, **Minute-to-Win-it** Challenge Games
 12 to 1 pm, **1-hour Mini Relay**

Throughout the day, **Quarter Raffle** for fun locally donated prizes. Each kid gets one free ticket and can purchase more for a quarter each; prizes drawn during story-time: Noyo Theater Movie passes for 2; Scoops \$10 Gift Certificate; KOA Pass day pass for 2

Throughout the day, **Costume Contest**
 Throughout the day, **Lawn Olympics:** ring toss, ladder ball, lawn darts, croquet, water balloon toss, etc.

Throughout the day, **Dance Jam:** fun, easy to follow dances, the Cha-Cha Slide, The Chicken Dance, Macarena, Hokey Pokey, and more
 9 pm, **S'mores & Story time,** in tents with lots of pillows and blankets, reading classic and current children's stories

Sunday July 28

24-minute Mini Relay
 Check-out, We'll watch the kids while you pack your gear

Thursday, July 25

Willits Library Kid's Event: 10:30 to 11:30 am at the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Free. "The Giant Carrot," a story about a carrot that grows out of control! Then, sample a carrot recipe.

Old Timers Game meeting: This Willits vs. Laytonville baseball tradition (75th annual game in 2012) needs coordinators and organizers to continue. Those interested in helping out, please attend tonight's meeting at the Healthy Start offices, 44400 Willis Avenue, at Harwood Park in Laytonville., 6 pm. Info: 984-8089.

Shanachie Pub: E.T. Jazz Jam, featuring Lincoln Andrews & Company with improvised genre-spanning jazz music. 8 pm, every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Friday, July 26

HazMobile Collection: at Brooktrails Fire Department, today and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Bring hazardous materials that can't be put in the trash, and swap your old gas can for a new CA Air Resources Board approved container.

Indian Food Benefit for City Pool: Lunch and dinner at TnT Market, 35 West Commercial Street, cooked by Indian chef Pete Mann. All profits after food costs will be donated to the City Pool to help make up for the losses from the recent vandalism. Lunch: noon to 2 pm; dinner: 5 to 10 pm. Plate with goat meat \$16; plate with chicken \$15; vegetarian plate \$10; samosas for an extra charge. Info: Shawna at 459-7125

Larry Livermore: Author Larry Livermore reads from his new book, "Spy Rock Memories," a memoir of his years living in the back hills of Mendocino County. Sponsored by The Book Juggler; 6 pm at the Willits Library. Livermore, co-founder of Lookout Records, recorded the multi-platinum band Green Day before their switch to a major label, and has written for many zines and music magazines. Free. Books available for purchase and signing.

4th Friday Fun Night: 6 pm, Willits Methodist Church, 286 School Street, across from the Grange. Fun, games, fellowship and food. Info: 459-0861.

Shanachie Pub: Podge presents House of Love DJ Night, featuring Richsoul with house music from 1996 to the present. 9 pm. No cover.

Saturday, July 27

Free Sports Physicals: provided by Howard Memorial Hospital for student athletes Saturday 9 am to noon in the 11 Oaks Conference Room at 1040 South Main Street. HMH will provide the medical forms needed



Della Mae: modern bluegrass at Dead on the Creek

Dead on the Creek:

A one-of-a-kind music festival in the hills outside Willits, August 9 through 12, featuring four days of live music by Della Mae, the Honeycutters, Joe Craven Trio, Wake The Dead, Hot Buttered Rum, and more. Private, limited admission (only 150 tickets are included camping, parking, kids' camp activities, swimming, libations, snacks, and meals made by a kitchen crew inspired by Mendocino County's fresh-picked local produce, wild-caught fish, and pasture-raised beef, pork and lamb. All-inclusive 4-day tickets: \$500, 3-day tickets: \$400; 1-day tickets: \$150; kids (7 to 16 years old): \$75/3 days and \$100/4 days; kids 6 and under, no charge. More info and reservations, visit www.deadonthecreek.com.

"If Not Now, When?" Save the Date:

Health & Well-Being Presentation: Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 pm at the Harrah Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free. Topic: "Emotional and Spiritual Health and Well-Being." Panelists include Dennis Long, BCC, chaplain and director of Spiritual Care for Howard Hospital; Robin Goldner, licensed clinical social works; Maggie Graham, music instructor and community volunteer; and Janice Marcell, facilitator of Nicotine Anonymous. Info: 459-6826.

for enrollment in a sports program. Walk-ins welcome; but RSVPs are requested, call Kristen at 456-3127.

Willits Relay for Life: 24-Hour Relay to benefit the American Cancer Society, starts at 10 am at the Rec Grove, with an Opening Ceremony and "Survivors Lap," while all cancer survivors at the event take the first lap around the track, to upbeat music and the cheers of the crowd. At least 32 teams will be relaying this year; anyone who wants to walk, jog or run a lap or two (or 100) is welcome to come today and join in or sponsor a relay. Cancer survivors are especially encouraged. 9 pm Saturday: Luminaria Ceremony; 9:30 am Sunday: Fight Back Ceremony; 10 am Sunday: Closing Ceremony. Lions Club pancake breakfast Sunday morning, information booths, other fun activities. Info: 354-4219, or check the "Relay For Life of Willits, Ca" Facebook page.

Willits Library Family Event: 11 am to noon at the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Free. Local radio personality and actor Linda Pack tells tales of food eaten in Mendocino's past, plus treats.

Studio Joy Dance Party: Doors open 8 pm; 1262 Blosser Lane. Flashback to the '70s with black lights and disco ball, best-dressed costume contest (neon and white glow the best) and other prizes. With Joy Tribe Zumba instructors. \$10 advance; \$15 at the door. Info: 707-841-7499.

Shanachie Pub: solo originals and blues by West Coast guitarist JL Stiles; his upcoming album: "House of Murmurs." 8 pm. \$5 cover. Visit: <http://www.jlstiles.com/>

Sunday, July 28

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: CANCELLED. Changing from monthly to quarterly.

Lions Club Breakfast in Rec Grove: in support of Willits Relay for Life, 7 to 9 am. Breakfast free to Relay participants; \$7 to general public (\$5 for kids). Pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, and juice, water, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Proceeds to go to "Team Lions" Relay team. Caffeinated beverages will be provided to Relay participants throughout the night.

Wowser Grand Opening Party: noon to 6 pm at the Wowser facility, 330 East Commercial Street. Wowser is a 20,000-square-foot membership-based manufacturing facility "that provides a unique working/learning experience intended to produce a new generation of industrial production here in Willits." Tours, music, BBQ fundraiser with \$1 hamburgers, 50 cent hotdogs, Tesla coil and 3-D printer demos. Check the Wowser page on Facebook or call 707-457-9697 for info.

Free Composting Workshop: 3 to 4:30 pm at the Brooktrails Community Garden (located across from the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch Street). Led by Ron Woolsey, "Learn how easy it is to turn waste into nutrient-rich soil for your garden." Sponsored by Gardens Project of Mendocino County. Info: 462-1958

Monday, July 29

Grace Community Church: Vacation Bible School, for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade, from July 29 through August 2, 9 am to noon. Behind Flyers gas station. Theme: "Learning how to face

HazMobile

at Brooktrails Fire Department this weekend

The HazMobile household hazardous waste collection team will collect dangerous materials that can't go in the trash at the Brooktrails Fire Department, 24860 Birch Street, this weekend. Collection hours are from 9 am to 1 pm on Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27.

Toxic items like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and household batteries and fluorescent light tubes are accepted by the HazMobile.

Members of the public can also bring in older gas cans, one per household, and exchange them for two- and five-gallon California Air Resources Board-approved portable fuel containers.

The HazMobile service is free to households, but there is a limit of 15 gallons per vehicle per day (or 60 feet of fluorescent tubes) and five electronics items. The 15 gallons is measured by the capacity of the containers of hazardous materials. If individuals wish to dispose of more than 15 gallons, they must make a special appointment and a fee will be charged.

Small business waste is also welcome at the collection, but an appointment must be made (call 468-9704) and a fee will be applied per gallon of waste.

When bringing materials to the HazMobile, the public should be careful that items are kept in their original containers (except motor oil which can be consolidated), that nothing is leaking, and that all containers are tied down.

Explosives and road flares are excluded from HazMobile collections.

Info: 468-9704 or www.MendoRecycle.org.

our fears at Colossal Coaster World." Pre-registration and info about bus service: 459-3106 (leave a message) or office@gracecommunitychurchofwillits.org

Girasoles Flamenco: 8 pm at Shanachie Pub. Artistic director and flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes presents traditional Spanish flamenco song and dance, on her summer tour of the Northwest: "Girasoles" (Sunflowers). "Real Flamenco straight up and stunning" – Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Also featuring acclaimed flamenco cantaor (singer) Jesus Montoya of Seville, Spain and Bulgarian guitarist Roberto (Bobby) de Sofia. VIP tickets \$30; \$15 advance; \$20 at the door. Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com or the Pub

Tuesday, July 30

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Wednesday, July 31

Willits Library Kids' Event: "Pirate Tales" at the library, 390 East Commercial Street, with Judith Kayser, children's librarian Judith Kayser, 10:30 to 11:30 am. Also, pirate hat making. Free.

Thursday, August 1

Willits Library Family event: free showing of the film, "A Veggie Tales Movie! The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything!" (rated G), plus snacking on "gold doubloons and dip." 10:30 am to noon at the library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Redwood Empire Fair: August 1 through 4 at the Fairgrounds, 1055 North State Street, Ukiah, a "Jungle of Fun." Thursday night: live music by McKenna Faith, and motorsports (7 pm): Motor Home Demo Derby, Tuff Trucks, UTV and ATV races. Friday night: live music by The Funky Dozen, and motorsports: (7 pm) Mud Bogs. Saturday night: Live music by Il Big, and motorsports (7 pm): Truck & Tractor Pulls. Carnival, wild exotic animal exhibit, and livestock and other exhibitions. Hours: Thursday and Friday, 3 pm to midnight; Saturday and Sunday, noon to midnight. Admission: \$8; \$5 (kids 6 to 12); \$5 (seniors); children 5 and under are free. Parking: \$7.

Paintings by Doug Volz: "The New Light Show"; former Willits resident shows 12 visionary oil paintings, before a Los Angeles exhibition and sale. Four days only: August 1 through August 4. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Reception Saturday, August 3, 6 to 9 pm. Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, 4 to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. Info: 459-1732.



Kinetic Carnivale Volunteer Recruitment Fair: 6 pm at the Mendocino County Museum's Wonacott Room, 400 East Commercial Street. The carnivale needs many volunteers to work the fair in the Rec Grove, the handcar races and the Grand Ball, and for general logistics. This is the best opportunity to plug into this year's event, set for Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8. If you can't come, call Megan Wolf at 530-647-6512. More information about the 2013 Kinetic Carnivale is available at www.kineticcarnivale.com and www.facebook.com/KineticCarnivale.

Friday, August 2

Redwood Empire Fair: see Thursday, August 1 listing for details.

Saturday, August 3

7th annual WELL Farm Tour: meet at the WISC building, 221 South Lenore Street, at 9:45 am, to tour small-scale local farms (map and directions provided), including the WISC Community Garden and Green Uprising Farm, ending with lunch at the Golden Rule farm. Learn what grows here in the Willits area, when and how to plant, and some of the challenges farmers face. Carpooling encouraged. Free for current WELL members; \$15 donation includes tour and WELL membership. \$5 donation for lunch, or bring your own. Families and youth encouraged; bring water and shade hat or parasol for the tour. Info: Madge at 459-1493 or mstrong@willitsonline.com.

Benefit Car Wash: for Willits Junior Giants. 10 am at Les Schwab Tires, 1565 South Main Street.

Redwood Empire Fair: Junior Livestock Auction, 12:15 pm. See Thursday, August 1 listing for other details.

"Scotland's Music – United!": just back from living in Scotland, duo performers David Brewer, bagpipe player with Molly's Revenge, and Rebecca Lomnicky, Glenfiddich fiddle champion, perform an evening of captivating Scottish music. Willits Community Theatre, 2 pm. Tickets, \$15, at Goods' Shoppe and online at www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/409907, or by phone 459-0895 with credit card.

Sunday, August 4

Redwood Empire Fair: see Thursday, August 1 listing for details.

Ongoing:

2nd Annual Masters Exhibition: Last weekend: runs through July 28. Students of instructor Cynda Valle's oil painting class, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, 4 to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. Info: 459-1732.

Farmers Market at City Park: Summer vegetables, including tomatoes, zucchini, and more from area farmers, plus live music, garden starts, flowers, crafts, baked goods, dinner and more. Every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm.

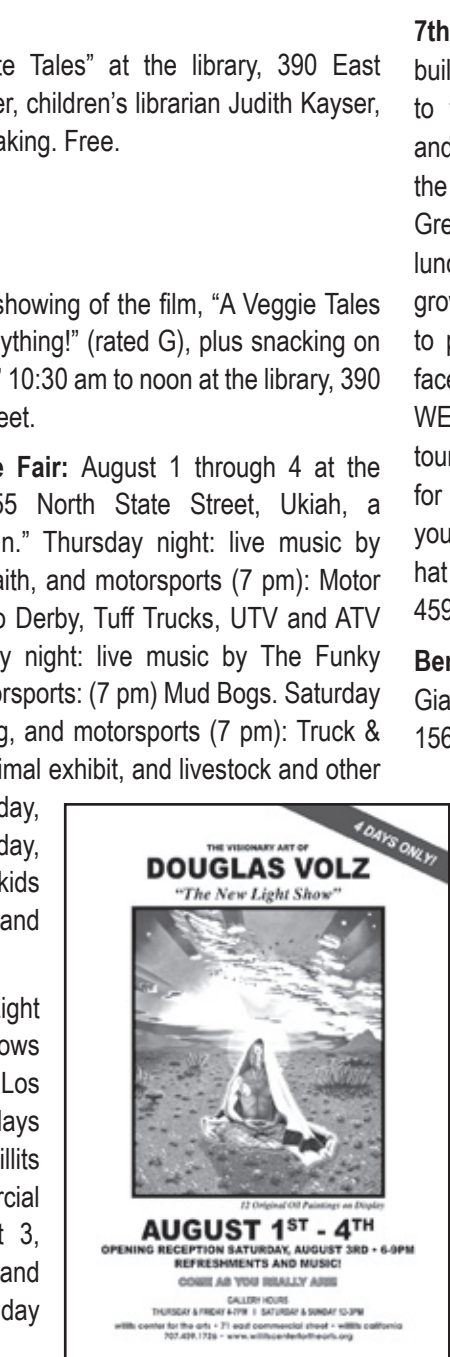
Kids' Farmers Market at the Willits Library: Produce, flowers, eggs, and more; all grown, raised, and marketed at great prices by Mendocino County kids. Thursdays from 3 to 4 pm, through August 15. Info: Judith at 463-4153.

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932

Willits City Pool Activities: Water Aerobics classes (\$6; \$5 for seniors; 20-class pass for \$100) at 11 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at 6:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Swim hours: Lap Swim: 6 to 8 am, Monday through Friday; Open Swim: noon to 4 pm, Monday through Saturday; Family Swim, 7 to 8 pm, extended to 9 pm if more than 12 people, Monday through Friday. All swimming is \$4/person, with a 20-swim card for \$70.

Half-hour swimming lessons (two weeks of lessons) are offered Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 11 am and 4 to 6 pm. Call ahead to sign up for lessons: \$50 for first child (two weeks of lessons); \$45 for second child; \$40 for all remaining. Pool located at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: Damien at 459-7125 (message phone) or 459-5778 (pool phone).

Open Mic at Shanachie Pub: Every Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm.



'Hot August Night'

benefits from tribal participation

"From the beginning," said Willits Multi-Use Trails Coalition organizer Larry Stropes, "we believed that the coalition should be as broadly based as possible. We've encouraged all local businesses, affinity groups and other community-based organizations as well as individuals to get involved with the Haehl Creek Trail project."

Earlier this year, the coalition met with representatives of the Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribe "to make sure that our planned Haehl Creek Trail wouldn't disturb any Native American artifacts. They approved our trail as we described it to them," Stropes said. "Almost from the get-go, the Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribe became an enthusiastic member of our coalition."

The tribal office has lined up a band, the West Coast Rhythm Kings, for the coalition's August 10 "Hot August Night!" benefit for the trail project at the Rec Grove, from 4 to 10 pm. Sherwood has recruited the Round Valley Feather Dancers to perform, too.

Tribal members Lucy, Wally, Anna, and Lil will be serving up Indian tacos and strawberry shortcake that night. Others will be organizing games of Frisbee golf, for kids and adults, that Native American kids at the recent tribal camp-out in Potter Valley loved.

The Rancheria is selling tickets to the event and has "just provided a generous cash donation from the entire Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribe," Stropes said. A tribal representative said the tribe has donated \$50,000 to the new hospital project already, and felt the Haehl Creek Trail would be a benefit to all Willits residents staying in the hospital, as well as people visiting or working there.

"This is our community, the way I look at it," the tribal representative said. "I just like to see the tribe involved. I'm glad the community brought us into this, and I hope everybody shows up. We're looking forward to it. The band is going to rock!" Info: 459-1642 or www.facebook.com/HaehlCreekTrail.

- Jennifer Poole

WANTED: Your Passenger Seat

American Cancer Society seeks volunteer drivers in Mendocino County

The empty passenger seat in your car could be making a difference in the successful recovery of local cancer patients. Most patients from Mendocino County must travel to Ukiah, Santa Rosa, or the Bay Area for treatment. This often requires more appointments than the time and resources of friends and family can manage. Volunteer drivers can be a key to meeting this challenge.

The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program matches volunteer drivers with cancer patients needing transportation. Volunteer drivers choose the days, times and distances they

Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits

At right: 2013 campers: Lijia Lamkin holds Count, who is ridden by Katelyn Germann and Kiera Dragness; Haley Reed holds Buster, who is ridden by Noah Willoughby; Lilah Garman holds Ben, who is ridden by Porter Garman and Zoe Alvarado; Leta Garman stands behind Dusty, who is ridden by Ella Garman and Hayden Lamkin, with Elaine Mancini standing in front and Patches, ridden by Emma Garman with Thais Reed standing beside.



On right side: top: instructor Elaine Mancini; middle: Emma Garman smiles for the camera; bottom: Porter Garman tries out his saddle on the mounting stool before saddling up.

Below: riders make their way around the obstacle course

Photos by Maureen Moore / Mphotographress.com



For more than 25 years, Elaine Mancini has been holding a week-long horse camp, giving local kids a chance to learn horse-riding skills and bond with other mini-equestrians.

This year, camp was held during the second week of July. Ten students aged 4 to 12 came to learn riding basics like grooming, tacking, balance and steering. The horses and ponies that helped guide these riders down the obstacle course, around the arena – and even over some jumps – ranged in age from 10 to over 20.

The days started with lounging and course riding, activities that encourage and build confidence in the riders for their solo time behind the reins.

Lounging is done in a small round arena, commonly called a round pen. The horse moves around the perimeter of the arena, called the rail, and is tacked up with either a saddle or bareback pad and a bridle. What's different with lounging versus solo riding is that the horse is also attached to a 20-foot line, the other end of which is in the hands of someone standing in the middle of the circle and arena. Having this person help control speed of the horse from the ground, also with the use of a long whip, can let the rider, who is usually not holding on to any reins, focus on balance, posture and their body placement, without having to worry about steering or maintaining the horse's speed.

Varying degrees of difficulty can be added to this process all the way up to vaulting; an event where riders basically perform gymnastics on horseback, hanging upside down, flipping around and even standing up as the horse moves quickly around the rail.

Campers get a taste of the fun of vaulting by practicing on "Lightning," the stationary vaulting barrel. This is also where kids learn to give each other "leg ups," which help riders mount their horses from the ground, and practice the ever-important emergency dismount.

Course riding is equally important to develop riders' steering, stopping, going and proper spacing skills. The course this year featured a PVC maze, figure-eight barrels, walk-over poles, a pool-noodle curtain, a sand pit with crushed tin cans, a pass-through gate, and a bridge, among other obstacles that tested riders' abilities. Many riders rode the course solo or double, while bareback or in saddles. Campers also took turns leading each other along through the course on foot.

Once everyone felt confident enough, trips were made down the hill to the large outdoor arena where more-advanced students worked on their canters and even did some jumping.

Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Lijia Lamkin, an alumnus of horse camp who assists every year, gave a jumping demonstration, and showcased her skills riding her horse, Count, without a bridle. Another demonstration

was given by San Vicente Ranch's Carlie Scarbery, who showcased her roping skills to the crowd. San Vicente Ranch, located out in the Willits valley, hosted the camp again this year.

After two days of riding, campers get to enjoy a day on the lake. Mancini takes the boat to Lake Mendocino, and kids and parents swim, splash, and soak in the sun, the students all the while marinating on the horse skills they have learned.

The last two days of camp are back on the horses, refining and honing campers' skills for Friday's demonstration, where they can show their admiring parents their new talents.

"Camp is all about improving your horsemanship and equestrian skills," explained Mancini. "Campers get the chance to ride all the different horses and learn the variations required to ride each one. Having all the students in the arena riding together also gives them a chance to navigate safely around each other and develop tools they will need throughout their riding careers."

Camp and lessons are a great way to start, continue or advance all riders' skills for pleasure or show riding: seven of the 10 campers participated in the Willits Frontier Days horse show this year. Horses are available at the stable, or riders can bring their own horses for lessons or training.

For more information or to get signed up for next summer, contact Mancini at 459-6704.



Above: left: Zoe Alvarado rounds the cone; Elaine Mancini demonstrates proper leading; Kiera Dragness and Katelyn Germann walk through the noodle wall

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Free Sofa Bed

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Eckankar

Have you had a spiritual experience? You are invited to participate in an ongoing, spiritual discussion Tuesday, August 27, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475.

Tell them you saw it in the classifieds

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information is available.

Parrish's arraignment was continued July 12 in Mendocino County Superior Court. District Attorney David Eyster has charged Parrish with 16 misdemeanors, including a separate charge of "unlawful entry" for every day he occupied the wick drain equipment. Parrish spent 11 days in one of two stitcher towers in protest of the Willits bypass project.

Parrish rejected a plea bargain offered by the DA and discussed at a July 3 arraignment hearing, before he was released from Mendocino County Jail. He was extracted by CHP officers from the wick drain stitcher tower and arrested July 1.

The rejected plea bargain reportedly included three counts of trespassing, a year's probation, fines, fees, and restitution for any property damages caused by his occupation of the stitcher, as well as for the cost of lost productivity.

Save Our Little Lake Valley has initiated a letter-writing campaign to get the charges against Parrish dismissed. The SOLLV literature states: "Will demanded a jury trial, and District Attorney David Eyster responded by throwing the book at him."

DA's Office press spokesman Mike Geniella said in response: "It's not discretionary [the charges]. They're all mandated under state law. That's what he apparently didn't get, or his lawyer didn't get," Geniella added. "If you reject the plea, you're subject to the mandate."

Reportedly "dozens" of letters of support have been

written to the district attorney in support of Parrish, but are apparently being directed to and collected by Parrish's attorney, Omar Figueroa.

At least one member of SOLLV, Michael Foley, told Willits Weekly he sent a strongly worded letter directly to the DA's office more than a week ago, expressing dismay at the DA's tactics and support for Parrish.

Geniella said there has been "no resolution" in the case, adding he is "not privy" to any letter-writing or protest-related campaigns. "Nothing's happened except a pre-trial date change at Will's request."

"No letters ... We haven't heard anyone complain about our treatment of Mr. Parrish, except Mr. Parrish," Geniella said. "In fact we've actually been getting letters asking why we're treating him with kid gloves."

Regarding an unconfirmed report that Parrish's legal team may be augmented and led by civil rights activist attorney Tony Serra, Geniella said: "We're not interested in Tony Serra or any of that. This is a case, and he's trying to make it into more."

"A jury trial is a very costly procedure," Geniella said. "He's [Eyster] made his effort to resolve this quickly and simply. The outcome rests on Parrish. He's the one that wanted to go to trial."

Neither Parrish nor Figueroa could be reached for comment. Serra's office also was contacted, but no response had been received by press time.

Parrish's pre-trial hearing is scheduled for September 16 in Ukiah.

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vacant and developed property owners in Brooktrails to have the grass cut.

"So far we have had pretty good compliance with that, and that is still ongoing," Noyer said.

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, a nonprofit group helping to organize grass-roots fire safety in the county, has its office on Dora Street in Ukiah.

Executive Director De-Anne Hooper was busy handing over the reins to her successor Wednesday, but was able to talk about the council's work.

"We are facing a crisis in our forests. That crisis is not necessarily mismanagement, but lack of management," Hooper said.

Hooper mentioned the importance of "fire-adapted" or "fire-wise" communities, which means: "increasing our resistance to fire, because fire is a natural component and we have suppressed it for far too long."

Brooktrails, for example, has an evacuation plan that it would be "fire-wise" for residents to learn about. A copy of the plan can be read online at the Brooktrails Fire Department website.

"It is important for Brooktrails residents to be familiar with where they are at," Brooktrails' Noyer said. If there is an evacuation, he advises residents to listen to law enforcement.

Online, the Brooktrails Fire Department is at www.brooktrailsfire.com, and the Fire Safe Council is at www.firesafemendocino.org.

Comfrey

Symphytum uplandica

Comfrey (*Symphytum uplandica*) is an herb that is so easy to grow that gardeners often say, "Only grow comfrey where you always want comfrey!" This is because, when harvesting roots, even a piece of root the size of a fingernail left in the ground will become another comfrey plant.

All of this vigorous growth is part of the plant's medicine as well. In this short article, the external, wound-healing uses (simple and effective) will be discussed, and not the internal uses (more complicated and sometimes controversial).

Donna d'Terra
Columnist

As an exceptional wound-healing herb, comfrey has been used for 2,500 years. Leaves, stems and flowers can be used together as a wash for wounds, bruises, chicken pox, poison oak, broken or fractured bones, pulled muscles and ligaments, and more.

To make a wash: powder dried leaves by grinding them in a blender. Pour 2 cups of boiling water over 1 cup of powdered leaf. Cover and let steep for 15 to 20 minutes. Strain out the herb. Pour this liquid over a wound as an antiseptic healing wash, or soak a washcloth in the tea, lightly wring it out, and apply the washcloth to the affected area.

A poultice is a mash of herbs that is applied directly to a wound, fractured bone, varicose veins, etc. To make: put a handful of fresh or dried chopped leaves in a bowl, and pour a small amount of boiling water over them, just to moisten.

Apply this mash of leaves directly to the area, cover with a towel and a plastic bag to keep the warmth in. After 15 to 20 minutes, discard the poultice. For best results, apply a new poultice several times a day.

This very useful, versatile herb has many, many uses and is so easy to cultivate that it should be included in any medicinal herb garden.

[This information is not intended to diagnose, prescribe or replace the advice of a qualified health professional.]

Donna d'Terra is a Willits area herbalist who has been teaching herb classes for 25 years. She may be contacted at motherland@pacific.net.



Comfrey in a Willits garden Photo by Jennifer Poole

Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits

Willits Junior Giants

parents vs. kids game

On Tuesday [July 16] the parents played the kids. The parents played their heart out, only to fall short of the mark. Once again the kids beat the parents and showed that the superior training by the Junior Giants coaches prepared the kids to play the game with confidence and dignity.

Each child came to the plate with a determination to hit the ball and succeeded in their effort. Most of their hits were just out of the aging reach of their parents.

However the parents will have one more chance to get their revenge on Tuesday, August 6, when the parents play the kids for the last time this year. If the parents do not triumph in this game, they will have wait another year to play again. Game time 6:30 pm; warm-up starts at 6 pm. Come out to the ballpark on East Commercial Street for some free entertainment, and watch the parents dismantle their parents again on the field."

Jim Hale
Coach, Willits Junior Giants

Junior Giants is a free, non-competitive baseball program for girls and boys ages 5-18. The program focuses on the four bases of character development – confidence, integrity, leadership and teamwork – and offers programs in education, health and violence prevention. More info at www.facebook.com/WillitsJuniorGiants.

A benefit car wash for the Junior Giants program is set for Saturday, August 3 at 10 am at Les Schwab Tires.



Above: Junior Giants parents and kids after the game Tuesday. "See their smiles?" asks coach Jim Hale

Photo by Richard Wartell

Five Willits non-profits get Community Foundation grants

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County has awarded five Willits non-profit organizations a total of \$15,400 from the 2013 Community Enrichment Grant program.

A check reception was held at the Willits Kids Club, with representatives from the organizations on hand to accept the grant awards. This year's Willits grant recipients are: the Willits Kids Club (\$4,000), the Charter School Association of Willits (\$3,000), Nuestra Alianza de Willits (\$4,000), Willits Community Theater (\$1,000) and Willits Daily Bread (\$3,400).

Emmy Good has served the Community Foundation as a regional advisor for the Willits area for many years. The process for awarding these

grants, Good explains, requires careful review of the grant applications by a team of local volunteer "advisors" who understand their communities. "We look at the depth of leadership, extent of volunteer support, the group's vision and their needs. Each of these Willits groups exceeds the criteria. Not only do they stretch the funds that are available, they support each other in many ways. The hundreds of hours of donated volunteer time and the way they use their funds is impressive."

Representatives spoke briefly of the work the grant awards will enable their organizations to do.

Kris Wagner from the Willits Kids Club explained that the grant will be used to plant 70 new trees in the

Willits Kids Club Discovery Park and Playground. The kids will create the protective structures around the trees. The Willits Charter School will use the grant to purchase a two-door commercial refrigerator for the school.

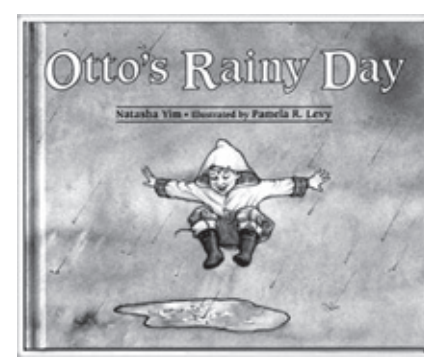
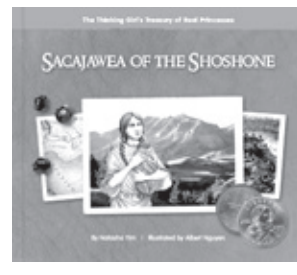
Nuestra Alianza is transitioning from working with Mendocino College to self-sufficiency. The grant will enable the organization to develop a business plan and the board leadership skills necessary to lead Nuestra Alianza into the future. The Willits Community Theater will use their grant to initiate and record a series of workshops designed to inspire interest in theater from community members traditionally outside the scope of committed theater "regulars." Willits Daily Bread



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At left: From left to right: Dina Hutton, board president, Nuestra Alianza de Willits; Donna Vaiano, director, Willits Community Theatre; Kara McClellan, director, Willits Elementary Charter School; Cindy Savage, director, Willits Daily Bread; and Kris Wagner, executive director, Willits Kids Club

Willits Library Summer Reading



Local author *Natasha Yim* talks about her book, "Sacajawea of the Shoshone," as part of the Willits Library's Summer Reading Program, "Reading is So Delicious," last Thursday. Yim is also the author of "Otto's Rainy Day."

Photo by Cat Lee



The rest of Cultural Arts

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"I imagine the city would want to re-establish the commission and appoint new commissioners," Moore said.

If the council approves the proposal, an ad hoc committee would be established for about six months to ensure a smooth transition to a nonprofit status, Moore stated in a report to the council.

The city council appointed seven original commissioners in 1993; the downstairs area of the Art Center did not open its doors until 2000.

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has purchased a new commercial refrigerator in order to improve food safety and reduce energy costs for its food program.

Megan Barber Allende, director of Grants and Programs at the Community Foundation, notes that the Community Endowment Fund has been built by donors with various interests, and all of these are reflected in the grants. "We awarded grants for youth, to help the poor, for the arts, to preserve the natural beauty of this place, and for many other areas of interest. We do it all through the big umbrella of the Endowment Fund."

Community Enrichment Grant applications for 2014 will be available online in September. To see the complete list of Community Enrichment Grant awards go to: www.communityfound.org/grants/community-enrichment-grant-recipients. To contribute to the Community Endowment Fund or learn more about the Communication Foundation's grant programs, visit: www.communityfound.org.

It's mid-way through the season, and Willits Library's Summer Reading Program is kicking it into high gear. This summer, the program is featuring events for kids, teens, and families, as well as movies, readings with authors and crafts.

"Reading is So Delicious" is the theme for the summer, so lots of healthy, creative foods and snacks are involved to enrich the experience.

Of course, kids are reading books too. Those who regularly participate have been adding an ice cream scoop for each book they read during the summer program to their huge paper cones on the wall at the library.

Last week's reading with author *Natasha Yim* was a kids and teen event, and the house was full.

"This is a great turnout for her," one of the volunteers for the event said. "It's getting bigger every week," another replied.

It will be a busy week at the library with the following activities between now and next Thursday:

Thursday, July 25, 10 am to 11:30 am – Kid's Event: "The Giant Carrot," read by *Tarney Sheldon* and *April Cunningham* from Mendocino County's Garden Project. This is a story about a carrot that grows out of control. Carroty snacks will be offered after the tale is told.

Saturday, July 27, 11 am to noon – Family Event: "Mendocino is Sooo Delicious!" Local radio personality and actor *Linda Pack* will talk tales of food eaten in Mendocino's past. Come and enjoy some great tales and treats.

Wednesday, July 31, 10:30 to 11:30 am – Kid's Event: "Pirate Tales with Children's Librarian *Judith Kayser*." Brush up on your pirate talk and walk, and make some crafty pirate props for the movie which will be shown the following day.

Thursday, August 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Family Film Fun: "Presenting, A Veggie Tales Movie: The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything!" Snack on gold doubloons and dip.

Willits Library is located at 390 East Commercial Street. Information: 459-5908. – *Cat Lee*

New Sod for Willits High School



Sod installers Jose Paniagua, left, and Juan Gonzalez of Park Avenue Turf take a break for a photo

New sod was laid by a team of professional installers from Park Avenue Turf on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Willits High School football field.

About 63,000 square feet of "fine sod" was delivered, laid down in strips that were 30 inches wide, and 100 feet long. Each roll weighed 100 pounds. The team used a sod carrier and a roller to install the strips, with workers fine-tuning by rake and by hand.

Each section was watered with the new sprinklers for about 20 minutes, with more watering in the evening, to make sure the sod roots in properly. Project coordinator *Wayne Bashore* was there watching over the work crew, and school board member *Bob Harper* was there Tuesday, in charge of turning on and off the sprinklers.

The field will have to "rest" for eight weeks now before play can begin on the new turf.



Rolls of sod ready to be placed

– Jennifer Poole

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Little Lake Industries building gets new life

From left: Zoe Martinez, Tara Logan, Lacey Ayers and Dalton Beals help pull the safety equipment shed back to the wall.



Homemade signs around the walls at Wowser show where machines or work areas will be

Something cutting edge and creative is going on down at the old Little Lake Industries assembly building – vacant for 20 years – on East Commercial Street. Organizers Roger Wilson, Dickey Weinkle, Lila Ryan, Cyndee Logan – and many others – are building a membership-based manufacturing facility that is intended to produce a new generation of industrial production here in Willits. The Wowser motto is: “Learn, Make, Teach.”

Those who want to find out more about what's going on at the 300 East Commercial Street space are invited to Wowser's Grand Opening Party & Open House BBQ this Sunday, July 28, from noon to 6 pm.

Volunteers have been cleaning out and cleaning up the 20,000 square foot building since January, Wilson said. There are new walls and new windows, letting the light in, new paint and new bathrooms.

So far, most of the big industrial machines the crew plans to have available for metal and wood workers are represented by signs on the wall: “Sanding,” “120 Ton Shear,” “Welder,” “Large Brake” and “Chop Saw.” But Wilson promises “fabulous big machines” will be available to members once Wowser gets rolling, in addition to the Tesla coil and 3-D printer already acquired.

Members will pay a \$100 annual fee, which pays for insurance, and all members must pass the required safety and orientation class and be certified as competent in the

use of tools and equipment by a Wowser instructor.

Students 14 to 17 can be members with parental consent, and local students are demonstrating their interest by showing up to help clean up the building.

Jennifer Poole
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Student Dalton Beals, who's moving from the charter school to Willits High School in the fall, says he's interested in learning skills at Wowser because he wants to be a blacksmith. He's applied to be an apprentice at a couple places, but with no luck yet. He figures learning wood and metal working skills at Wowser will help him get into trade school, after he graduates. Volunteers can pay for their membership by putting in hours, and Beals is working on that, too. He's interested in the exclusive parties and events members will be invited to at the building.

Willits Charter School student Tara Logan is interested in taking future “RepRap” classes and working with the 3-D printer, as well as jewelry and leather working classes. RepRap is short for: “replicating rapid prototyper”; the RepRap open source project is developing a 3-D printer that can print most of its own components. Logan also hopes the dream of aerial silk classes – the facility has a 19 foot ceiling – will come true in a couple of years.

Willits High student Zoe Martinez is interested in “electricity,” she says, finding out more about it, and taking classes in how to use it, as well as welding and “making a lot of things.”

Wilson says it's great to have students interested in Wowser and what it offers and will have to offer. “If they want to learn it, we'll find a way to teach it,” he said.

Sewing is also planned to be a part of the Wowser curriculum: important in tent-making and in costume design, although costumes are about more than sewing, Wilson said. “If you want to make a costume for the Kinetic Carnival,” Wilson said, “clothes are only a part of it, it's about the accoutrements – the accessories and extra pieces that look slick.”

Videographer Tony Ellis walked in to Wowser while Willits Weekly was there with \$100 to join up. He's interested in using the big space to build a big flying machine out of bamboo, for the Kinetic Carnival. “It's a replica of a Da Vinci flying machine,” he said. Is this project envisioned just to be ornamental? No, not necessarily. “It should fly,” Ellis said, citing the “Bamboo Butterfly” hang glider design from 1961.

At least one team will be building handcars at Wowser for the Kinetic Carnival's handcar races, set for two days this year, on September 7 and 8. Wilson also talked about producing “tadpole” bicycles – recumbent bikes with two wheels in front – using old bikes as source material.

The Grand Opening Party features tours, music, a BBQ fundraiser with \$1 hamburgers and 50 cent hotdogs, and demos of the Tesla coil and 3-D printer. Info: check the Wowser page on Facebook or call 707-457-9697.



At left: the safety equipment shed. Center: Roger Wilson, left, volunteer Bruce Trent, center, and new member Tony Ellis. Right: A mysterious machine in front of the framed-up areas where members will be able to store their projects

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