



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Appalled

To the Editor:  
An open letter to Dr. Mills Matheson and the doctors at Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic:

As a patient of Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic for approximately 35 years, I was appalled when I read the notice in the Willits' newspapers announcing that BCMC will no longer refer patients to Howard Memorial Hospital.

HMH is one of Willits' treasures and a reason for staying in the area. In all of my and my family's dealings with HMH over the years, I can do nothing but rave about the treatment we have received. Just seeing all of our neighbors and friends serving as doctors, nurses and other employees with smiles and warm feelings is healing in itself. I have found the hospital to be comfortable, efficient and caring; and it has provided a positive experience with every visit.

HMH offers the community the convenience of a lab, emergency room and a first-class orthopedic department, along with other programs. It has been named one of America's Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals.

A trip to Ukiah is inconvenient and seemingly unnecessary. Just because BCMC has unexplained issues with Howard Memorial Hospital, must you resort to punishing BCMC patients with this action. I think an explanation is in order.

Mary Kanne, Dos Rios

## Unexplained issues

To the Editor:  
I am sorry to see Baechtel Creek Clinic refusing to consider remitting patients to Howard Memorial Hospital (HMH). As a somewhat senior citizen, I have spent a bit of time in many hospitals around this country, and have found that HMH is one of the best. Since neither the clinic nor Dr. Matheson has had the courage to explain to those of us who are not in the medical profession what and who these "hospitalists" are, and what kind of treatment we can expect, we are left with uncertainty as to what kind of care we might receive in an emergency.

In any dispute, there are two sides, and it seems silly to not be able to come to agreement on whatever issues there are and to refuse to use one of the finer facilities available. As a patient at Baechtel Creek since 1988, I have found them to be a fine clinic, but with their present attitude over issues that have not been explained in public, I believe my medical care will be directed elsewhere in the future.

Jack Wade, Willits

## Bypass non-sense

To the Editor:  
As a Willits business man, I want our community resources protected and our money well-spent. The Caltrans bypass does neither. It is an extremely costly solution to a simple problem: improving traffic in Willits. There is a better way to get traffic around the downtown, and solutions have been proposed for years by people and businesses in and around Willits.

But Caltrans, like many mega-corporations, has its own agenda and insists on a four-lane freeway through the ecologically sensitive Little Lake Valley. It would destroy land and resources that our community desperately needs - land, water, trees, fish.

Will Parrish and the community people who support him are doing us all a great service by standing up for the rights of the people, the land, and the animals. Some say that the rights of people driving motor vehicles to save a few precious minutes going through Willits are more important than the needs of our local community. I'm with Will and his supporters.

Let's get down to business and work out a solution that truly meets the needs of our community, not just the needs of the Caltrans mega-corporation. Most of us don't see the

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massive bureaucracy behind the local trucks and workers. But here are the facts.

Caltrans' annual budget: \$13.9 billion in 2011 (that's nearly \$14,000,000,000 for those like me who had to look up how many zeros in a billion), with 22,277 permanent employees (http://dot.ca.gov). If Caltrans was a country, its budget would be larger than 116 countries in the world (Wikipedia).

I'd say that qualifies as a mega-corporation. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is an executive department within the state of California. Its purpose is to improve mobility across the state. Their proposed Willits Bypass is not the best way "to improve mobility across the state." There is a better way. Let's come together, stop this Caltrans non-sense, and put a real solution to traffic congestion in Willits.

Jed Diamond, Willits

## The bypass debate and violence

To the Editor:  
In the context of the debate over the Willits Bypass, there are several phenomena that are disquieting. But none is quite as significant as the various ways in which violence has raised its ugly head. The protesters have, with only one minor (and mostly laughable) exception, remained essentially non-violent. In fact, they spend a lot of time and effort instilling in their troops a strict code of non-violence. It is shocking, though, to hear or hear of the sometimes quite violent reactions to the protesters - even if it is mostly limited to a verbal expression of hateful and vengeful attitude.

The code of non-violence preached and practiced by the protesters includes forbidding even violent language. Beyond that, it emphasizes maintaining a sense of compassion and understanding for opponents and individuals who might happen to be working to implement what they are protesting against, like the laborers building the bypass, the Caltrans crews and the Highway Patrol. That is an impressive exercise in self-discipline.

In comparison, let us look at a statement such as this: "They ought to take all those environmentalists, line them up against a wall and shoot them." And, yes, there are people who make such statements in all sincerity. Although, I do not mean to imply that I believe such people would really act in such a manner if they could or thought they could get away with it. But it would be naive to think such violent acts are uncommon.

Think about racial violence, government-sponsored assassinations, genocide, the dumping of toxic waste, fracking, kidnapping, rape, pornography and more - all of which is still prevalent if not increasing. And much of this violence is carried out in the name of so-called "progress," which is usually nothing more than the naked exploitation of the poor by the rich and powerful.

Such violent attitudes are perhaps not at all surprising, given the overall level of violence in our culture. But one would have to ask if what the bypass protesters are doing warrants such a response or what could possibly justify it. Let us first take a look, however, at why they are protesting and why it is so important to them. The Caltrans bypass project is not only a humungous waste of taxpayer money, with significant detrimental impact on the environment and the local economy, it is also a symbol of a mentality which is undermining any chance of a viable future for our young people and those not yet born. As we continue to build infrastructure that is designed to encourage and enable ever more gratuitous transportation of people and goods, we are further promoting an unsustainable lifestyle in which we are literally digging our own graves (or, at least, those of future generations).

This is not merely an overly dramatic expression of a doomsday attitude. This is a well-established observation that is now supported by overwhelming evidence and even by numerous government-commissioned reports. Is it any wonder that young people today are compelled to stand up against their own demise - even it means having to resort to non-violent civil disobedience in order to underline the significance of the issue, when our political leaders have utterly failed to listen and continue to bury their heads in the sands of denial or just plain ignorance?

The protest is not violence. It is, I believe, not even criminal behavior. This is a life-or-death struggle for our youth. And yet they are being treated as criminals, forcefully extracted from their tree-sits and now even tortured with ear-splitting music and bright lights as well as denied food and water.

But this is the kind of nation we have become. The practice of violence against people and the environment is rampant, not just here in Willits, but across the nation, in Washington D.C. and around the world.

And we have become so callous to all of it we hardly even take notice - or we even promote it with aggressive, threatening and oppressive, if not blatantly violent language leveled against those who would like to stop the further destruction of the planet. And this destruction for what sake? To save our motorists a few minutes of their oh-so-precious time and allow them the unrestricted pursuit of speed? Yes, the protesters would like to solve the problem of "congestion" in Willits, but not at the expense of the future.

David Partch, Willits

## Forgive us our trespasses...

To the Editor:  
I am writing this with a stubby pencil inside Mendocino County Jail (on June 25), where I am accompanied by five other jail "trespassers," including my daughter, Thea, Earth Firster Naomi Wagner and Matthew Caldwell. Many people ask us why we continue doing this. Jail gives one lots of time for reflection and contemplation, so here is my answer to the question: Why I trespass.

Civil disobedience is a fancy name for the idea, deeply rooted in American history and culture (beginning with the Boston Tea Party), that we have a right, even a responsibility and duty, to disobey laws that are unjust, destructive to people and other living things, and do not uphold our basic Constitutional rights. Henry David Thoreau popularized the idea of civil disobedience, but all of the major social movements in U.S. history, including the movements for the abolition of slavery, the suffrage movement, and the civil rights, anti-war and environmental movements, have used the tactic of civil disobedience. It is a time-honored tradition.

I believe it is a great honor and privilege to stand up for what you believe in. Most days, I cannot think of anything more important to do ... except maybe farming. (I do love to nurture plants and animals and make healthy food for my family and community!) Here is a short list of reasons why I trespass.

I trespass because I do not accept as legitimate Caltrans' claim to "own" approximately 2,060 acres, one third of our precious Little Lake Valley (60 acres are part of the bypass footprint and 2,000 are part of the so-called "mitigation plan"). I believe this "land grab" is a great travesty. We need farmland, pastures, wetlands, forests, in part, because our future will require greater local economic self-sufficiency. Our children and grandchildren will face many challenges, but I would like them to have a fighting chance to make a life and have a livelihood here in Little Lake Valley.

I trespass because I do not believe it was legitimate for Caltrans to dispossess local farmers, ranchers and homeowners in order to build an over-priced and unnecessary bypass freeway.

I trespass because I cannot accept as legitimate Caltrans' claim that they have the right to destroy and remove the forests, the soil, the creeks, the ancient oaks, the wetlands, the pastureland and all the beautiful, delicate and intricate life forms that depend on these miracles of nature.

I trespass to protect the future for our small herd of goats. I know this sounds silly, but it is the honest truth. Watching our goat herd graze and browse teaches me many things about the plant life in our valley. I know the goats are concerned about the future of the creeks, the wetlands and the pasture lands because they understand how they are an interdependent part of the web of life in our valley.

I trespass because many people in this community have spent more than two decades trying to get their voices heard. Doors have been slammed again and again. Our political and judicial systems have failed to provide any viable recourse for those who seek a common-sense alternative route to Caltrans' bypass boondoggle. Unfortunately, putting our bodies on the line seems to be necessary, but we all know it should not have come to this.

I put my body on the line as an offering of hope for the future. I know there has to be a better way than building another asphalt and concrete freeway. Climate change is real, and it is caused by burning fossil fuels - including the fuel we put in our cars. So many people in Willits and in Mendocino County have a long and proud tradition of seeking and implementing alternative solutions to our energy and transportation needs. It is time we all stand together to stop this bypass freeway.

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# Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



Above: a youngster jumps into his dad's arms. At right: lifeguard Irene and pool manager Damien Angell. Below, from left: a youngster jumps off the diving board; swimmers enjoy the pool; and watchful lifeguards make sure swimmers are safe.

Photos by Maureen Moore



## Life Savers

Last Wednesday, June 26, seemed like just another day at the Willits City Pool, with kids splashing about and parents enjoying a little tanning time, but for three youngsters, things could have been far from routine, if it weren't for the watchful eyes of the lifeguards.

Head guard Irene, 16, a junior at Willits High School, saw a little boy in the swimming pool who was getting out further than he should, not being able to touch bottom and "bobbing in the shallow end," she said. Irene, quick to react, jumped in and pulled the little boy out. "He was coughing a lot, but he was OK," Irene said.

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## Willits City Pool lifeguards rescue three kids last week

Damien Angell, 20, the new pool manager, also had to use his lifeguard training skills Wednesday when, on two separate occasions, two other youngsters were also out too far and couldn't touch the bottom. Angell was able to "identify and deal with" the situation before things became worse, he said, and he credits his Red Cross training for the saves.

"I'm a Red Cross Certified Lifeguard Trainer," explained Angell. "Irene was one of my first graduates."

Angell warns young swimmers to "stay where you can touch the bottom,



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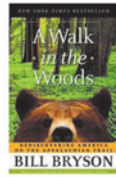
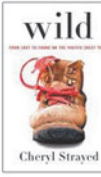


## Bestsellers

During my years as a bookseller, I felt obligated to read the latest bestsellers so I could discuss them with my customers. Now, I read for my own pleasure. This last month I had a very good time reading two books from the top of the current list.

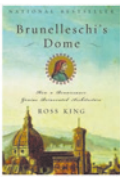
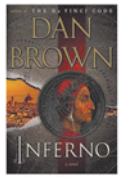
Fran Resendez  
Columnist

"Wild," by Cheryll Strayed, is a memoir. The author is looking back at her life when she was young, broken up with grief, self-destructive, and uncertain of her future. Like so many young people of the past, she heads west for an adventure - hiking on the Pacific Crest Trail, which runs north between Mexico and Canada along unrelenting mountainous terrain.



In her mind, she is prepared for the challenge. As it turns out, she has no idea what is in store for her. There are rattlesnakes, a woefully overloaded backpack she calls "Monster," and hiking boots one size too small. Ouch!

Like any heroine, she goes through many dark nights, but proves herself to be tough and durable. I recommend pairing this with "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson, which was published in 1998, only three years after Cheryl made her hike. Bill's book is about two guys on the Appalachian Trail and is so funny I warn you not to read it while you're eating or drinking.



The second blockbuster is "Inferno" by Dan Brown. You don't need to have read any of his other books (e.g. "The Da Vinci Code") to enjoy this international romp with his main character, art historian Robert Langdon.

Langdon is a mild-mannered American professor who gets sucked into fast-paced intrigues full of historical puzzles and beautiful locales. The inferno of the title refers to the writings of Dante, and much of the action takes place in Florence.

If you want more of that city's history read "Brunelleschi's Dome: The Story of the Great Cathedral in Florence" by Rose King.

Whether you read electronically, on the paper page or listen to audio books, please utilize our library system and take advantage of our county's delightful local bookstores, both new and used.

Local poet, Fran Resendez, is retired from 20 years of bookselling at the former Leaves of Grass Books in Willits. Getting her first library card was one of the happiest days in her reading life.

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## In the Stars...

**ARIES**  
Mar 21 - Apr 20  
You don't need to hide behind a mask. Aries. Let your true feelings be shown and you will gain more respect for having done so. If you meet resistance, try again.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21 - May 21  
Don't worry about a missed opportunity this week. Taurus. You will get a second chance and make the most of that well-deserved opportunity.

**GEMINI**  
May 22 - Jun 21  
Gemini, you will need to find ways to sure up a plan of action before you can start to move forward. You may want to seek advice from Pisces.

**CANCER**  
Jun 22 - Jul 22  
Cancer, keep trying even if you feel as though your efforts are getting you nowhere. Eventually you will make a breakthrough, and all that hard work will pay off.

**LEO**  
Jul 23 - Aug 23  
Leo, take care of a few things early in the week and then enjoy some much-needed and well-deserved rest and relaxation. Put travel at the top of your to-do list.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24 - Sep 22  
Virgo, you may experience a scare, but it will be short-lived and you will recover quickly. The rest of the week may prove uneventful, but do your best to stay busy.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23 - Oct 23  
Libra, you may be second-guessing an earlier decision that you now find isn't working out exactly as you had hoped. It is not too late to take a different path.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24 - Nov 22  
Scorpio, spend some quality time at home if you have been away for awhile. Time spent with your loved ones will rejuvenate you and put some hop back in your step.

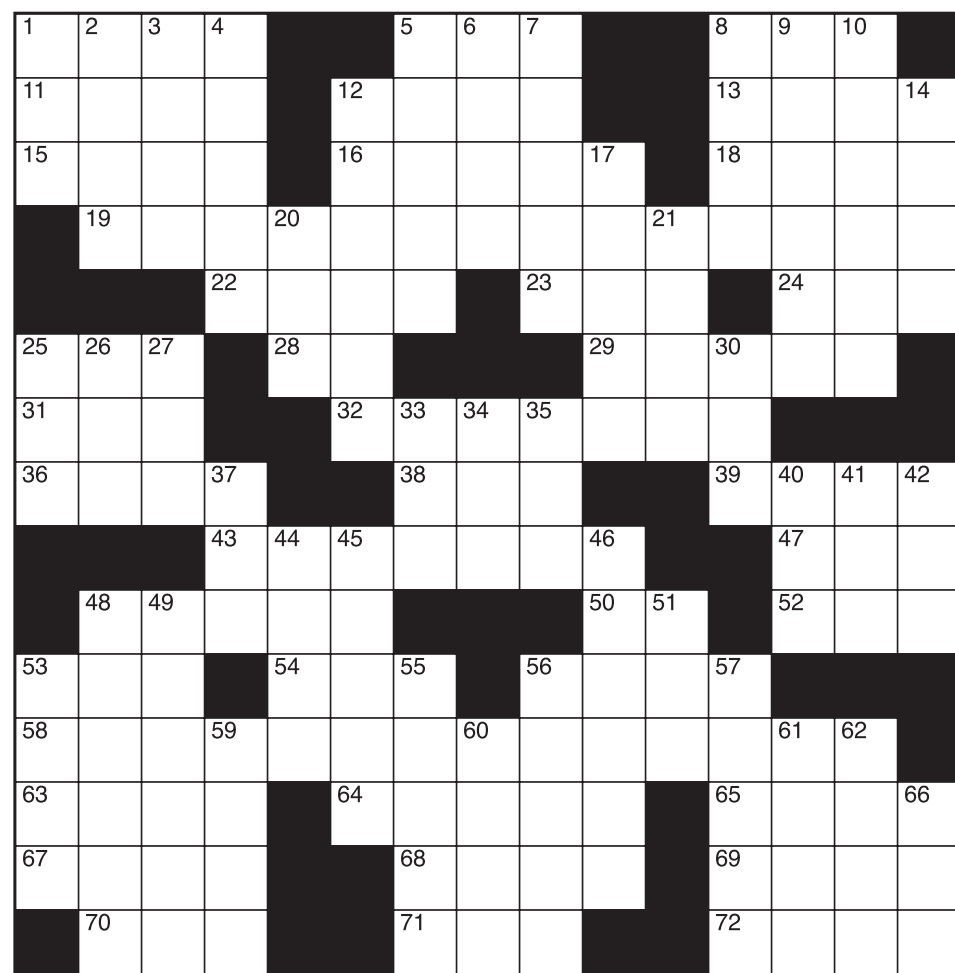
**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23 - Dec 21  
Sagittarius, step out of the shadows for a bit this week to get the praise and recognition you deserve. There's no shame in accepting the gratitude of others.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22 - Jan 20  
Capricorn, your focus on the future may be making it difficult for you to see what is right in front of you. Take stock of your immediate future and you'll be glad you did.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21 - Feb 18  
Aquarius, expect to tackle many things on your to-do list this week. While you are feeling motivated, keep going. You may accomplish a lot more.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19 - Mar 20  
Pisces, sometimes you will have to make sacrifices, and this week you may find yourself putting others first. You thrive at being selfless.

## Crossword Puzzle



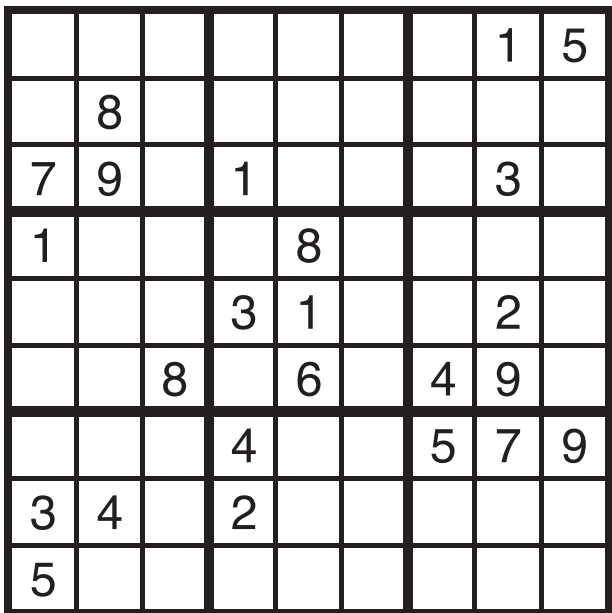
### CLUES ACROSS

- Applies paint lightly
- House mice genus
- Bible's Chronicles (abbr.)
- Old World buffalo
- Expression of contempt
- Levi jeans competitor
- A small-wooded hollow
- Donkeys
- River in Florence
- L. Rukeys's TV show
- The abominable snowman
- Deerfield, IL, Trojans school
- Be obliged to repay
- Woman (French)
- Delaware
- Fools around (Br. slang)
- Affirmative (slang)
- With three uneven sides
- Tel. \_\_\_\_, Israel city
- "As American as apple \_\_"
- Aba \_\_\_\_ Honeymoon
- Fictive
- Press against lightly
- Elderdown filled
- Lordship's jurisdiction
- River in Paris

### CLUES DOWN

- Male parent
- Afraid
- South American weapon
- Set out
- Volcano aka Wawa Putina
- Soviet Union
- A single piece of paper
- A bird's foot
- Of this
- Restores
- Paper adhesives
- In the year of Our Lord
- Obstruct or block
- Headed up
- Sir in Malay
- Soft-shell clam genus
- Mega-electron volt
- Indicates near
- The central bank of the US
- Central processing unit
- Direct toward a target
- Side sheltered from the wind
- 6th letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Form a sum
- The cry made by sheep
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Clan division
- Adult male deer
- Patterned table linen fabric
- Subtract
- An imaginary ideal place
- Chuck Hagel is the new head
- Round flat Middle Eastern bread
- Chickpea plant
- Make obscure
- Pole (Scottish)
- Cavities where spores develop
- Vintage Auto Racing Assoc.
- Hmong language \_\_\_\_ Yao
- Small head gestures
- Point midway between S and E

## Sudoku



### 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!



## Celebrating Hometown Style

This year's Hometown Celebration held in downtown Willits on Thursday, June 28, had an exceptional turnout. Main Street's sidewalks and parking lots were filled with happy hometowners, vendors, businesses, booths, fun, food, music and more. The Hometown Celebration helps kick off the Willits Frontier Days festivities, which conclude today with the horseshoe tournament, foot race, parade, barbeque and rodeo.



Clockwise from above: Scout masters from Willits Boy Scout Troop #42 Mike Millmore, left, and Verd VanBozoyen, with their monkey bridge; Bobbi Lippmann and her daughter, 2012 Sweetheart Rachel Belvin, with their dogs; Scott Enge and Brandi Cameron; Kapila Benz of Gavel Down Sales and Pat Wilson show off raffle tickets for a Relay for Life fundraiser; and Marie Laure's banana and Nutella crepes, which debuted at Thursday's celebration

These and many more photos available online at <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/hometowncelebration2013>



Above left: Jan Lambert, Marilyn Harden, Jane McCabe and Vicki Ham hold up last week's Willits Weekly, featuring Soroptimists on the front page. Above: Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, left, and Dick Graham admire a "WW" cookie at the Willits Weekly booth.

Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com



### Column | Well Mannered Mutts



## Puppies

Every time I go to a feed store, I see the cute chicks and ducks. I really fight the temptation to plunk down my money and take one of these oh-so-cute birds home with me. Why do I fight this urge? Because I'm not prepared to be a responsible chicken or duck owner.

Sallie Palmer  
Columnist  
Now mind you, my family had chickens and ducks as I grew up. You would think that would give me bonus points, because I've had some experience with this species. Sadly, this is not the case. My childhood chickens and ducks did not fare well. We didn't have proper housing. We didn't protect them from predators, and we didn't feed them properly. We were not at all responsible fowl owners.

I always have this conversation in my head while at the feed store staring at the chickens and fighting the oxytocin flooding my brain: "Maybe I should buy one. They are so cute. But I don't have time to take care of one. Where would I keep it? What about the raccoons, foxes, wild cats that flank the property? Eventually common sense takes over, and I talk myself out of the impulse purchase. I tell myself: "If I really want chickens and ducks, I need to do my homework first and be prepared." Ultimately, I know I probably won't do it.

So, what does this have to do with puppies? The conversation I have with myself about the chickens is the same conversation people should have about puppies.

A lot of people are not aware of just how much care and cost is involved with a dog. They aren't realistic about the amount of training, exercise, socialization, clean up, grooming, containment, veterinarian care and food cost is involved.

Most people aren't aware of how to choose a puppy that is right for them. People aren't aware of temperament testing, breed characteristics, or even how old a puppy should be before leaving the litter. By the way, the answer to the last one is eight weeks. Never take home an under-aged puppy, you are asking for behavior problems later.

If the potential puppy owner is fully aware of the time, energy and costs involved with being a dog owner, then they should next investigate the history of the pup they are considering.

Are the pups from a professional breeder? Or are they the product of a back-yard breeder? Can you meet the parents? Were the parents balanced and friendly? If not, remember the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Where were the pups kept while with the mom? Were they in a back yard away from human contact? Were they in a room in the house and lovingly handled? How much socialization did they have with humans? Were they left alone or held and cuddled?

When they were starting to eat solid food, how were they fed? Did they all eat out of one big bowl? If so, this can lead to food bowl aggression if the pups had to fight to eat. A simple method of placing two food bowls down for each pup in the litter (5 pups = 10 bowls) can eliminate food bowl aggression behavior from developing.

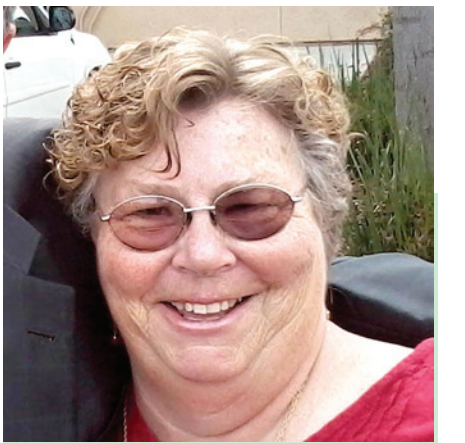
Did the breeder supply the pups with tug toys to play with? Numerous tug toys help the pups to focus on biting objects instead of each other and, therefore, when you take one home he is less likely to puppy-bite people.

What about vaccinations? The pups should have their first puppy series by eight weeks. All new puppy owners should take the pups

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## Condolences Column



Eickery Hansen

The 2013 Cutest Cowboy and Cowgirl contestants:  
Jonas Swearingin, Brett Rountree, Corinne Goldenghost, Tessa Simpson, Lillie Unangst, Adeline Shattuck, Noah Willoughby, Kiera Dragness and Skyler Goldenghost

On June 22, 2013, Eickery Ann Hansen passed away peacefully at home. She went to take a nap and has not yet awakened - but soon.... She was loved by so many family members and friends.

Eickery was a loving wife to Frank Hansen for 42 years. A loving mother to Michael (Alicia), Fesha (Danny), Debbie (Aaron), Jason (Rachel), Daniel (Suzanne), and Theresa. She was also an amazing grandmother and great-grandmother to 15. Included in her surviving family is her mother, Molinda Rose, brothers William, Arvel, John and Tommy, and sisters Becky and Balinda.

Eickery was born on February 14, 1951 to Arvel and Molinda Rose in Hanford, California. Eickery was a full-time Bible educator and also enjoyed traveling all over Northern California and Northern Nevada as a RBC volunteer helping to build and rebuild Kingdom Halls for over 15 years with her husband. She is lovingly known as the "Coffee Lady." Her father, Arvel, told her she was special and unique at an early age, and that proved to be a true thought her whole life!

She will be deeply missed until the day of her resurrection in the new world so close at hand. We yearn to welcome her back as Jehovah's witness to bring her back. Eickery's memorial will be held Saturday, July 6 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 740 Highway 20 in Willits at 1 pm. A comforting memorial talk will be given by Dan Nelson. Also for comfort, please read your Bible daily and visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).



Timothy Dean Marsh

In Loving Memory of Timothy Dean Marsh: "Timmy." Born October 19, 1963; left us June 20, 2013. Celebration of Life at John's Place, Willits, Sunday, July 7, 2013 at 4 pm. It's a time for happy memories, and recognition of Timmy as he wished that we remember him.



## The Cutest

Willits Frontier Days holds annual contest for the cutest cowpokes

See these and more photos here: <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/cutestcowpoke2013>



There were nine entrants who came to the rodeo grounds Sunday morning to compete in the annual Willits Frontier Days Cutest Cowboy and Cowgirl contest. The award up for grabs this year was a silver buckle for the boys and a hat tiara for the girls, an American flag, and a coupon for a free scoop of ice cream at J.D. Redhouse. (J.D. Redhouse sponsors the contest.)

Kiera Dragness, Corinne Goldenghost, Brett Rountree, Adeline Shattuck, Tessa Simpson, Jonas Swearingin, Lillie Unangst and Noah Willoughby all competed in their respective age groups: girl or boy, 4 to 5 or 6 to 8.

Winning the younger boys division was Brett Rountree from Willits, and Noah Willoughby from Willits won for the older boys group.

Lillie Unangst from Willits won the younger girls group, and Skyler Goldenghost from Willits won the older girls division.

Contestants were asked questions by the judges and also participated in a stick horse - or unicorn - race. Adoring family and friends cheered the entrants on, and 2013 Sweetheart Lija Lamkin was able to act in her first official duty as Sweetheart: squaring off in the stick race with Noah Willoughby.

All contestants enjoyed an OtterPop after the event.

Top left: Lija Lamkin and Noah Willoughby stick-horse race down the lawn. At left: Kiera Dragness (far) and Lillie Unangst (near) smile for the camera. Below left: Jonas Swearingin and Brett Rountree think of their answers. Below center: Adeline Shattuck answers an interview question. Below right: Lija Lamkin sits with Tessa Simpson after the contest

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# What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

## Thursday, July 4 - TODAY!



**Willits Main Street Mile:** 1 mile run down Main Street before the Independence Day Parade. Starts at the crosswalk at Commercial and Main, at 10:35 am precisely. Racers who can finish a mile in under 15 minutes are invited to participate. \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. Proceeds from the race are to benefit the Willits High School cross country team. Registration on the day of the race, from 8:30 to 10:20 am. Questions? 459-1731.

**Grace Community Church Old-Fashioned July 4th Celebration:** 12:30 to 5 pm at Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street, behind Flyer's. 459-3106. Free for the whole family. Bounce house, cake walk, petting zoo, watermelon melon eating contest, puppet show, face painting, gunny sack races, water balloon toss, sing-alongs and more. Barbeque served from 12:30 to 2:30 pm; hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, cotton candy and ice cream served while they last.

Carolyn Bakewell, Cynda Valle, Carolyn Carpenter, Elaine Toomey, Ashley Alexis Olds, Rachel Schroeder, Polly Palecek, Patsy Chadwick. Exhibit runs through July 28, with artists reception on Saturday, July 6 from 6 to 9 pm. Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, 4 to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. Info: 459-1732.

**Shanachie Pub:** Celebrate Independence Day with The Self-Fulfilling Prophecies. 8 pm. No cover. Featuring Morgan Stocker, Buckminster West and Bodhi Idarius. Visit [www.myspace.com/selffulfillingprophecies](http://www.myspace.com/selffulfillingprophecies)

## Friday, July 5

**Shanachie Pub:** DumbStruck Genius, a fun danceable blend of rock, reggae, punk and hip-hop, featuring Adam Manus, Steve Johnson, and Blair "Blaze" Rowland. 9 pm. No cover.

**The Itals:** Jamaican roots reggae trio at Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch Street. 10 pm to 2 am. Rootical Productions Presents. With Trinita and special guest DJ and MC. 21+. \$20 at the door.

## Saturday, July 6

**Jesse Pittman Fund Memorial Scholarship 5K Run and 5K Walk:** 7:30 to 10:30 am at Ky-en Recreation Area, Lake Mendocino, 1250 Marina Drive, Ukiah. Half pavement; half dirt road; runners/walkers of all ages invited. \$25; \$15 17 & under. Info, online registration: [www.jessepittmanfund.org](http://www.jessepittmanfund.org).

**Walking Tour of Ridgewood Ranch:** Home of Seabiscuit. 9:30 to noon. Docent led tours \$20; children under 11 free. Tours are twice a month through October. Info/reservations: 459-5992; [seabiscuit@instawave.net](mailto:seabiscuit@instawave.net), or [www.seabiscuitheritage.org/tourschedule.php](http://www.seabiscuitheritage.org/tourschedule.php).

**WHS Booster Alumni Golf Tournament:** Brooktrails Golf Course. Help keep sports in the schools. Info: 459-6761.



**2nd Annual Masters Exhibition:** Opening reception, 6 to 9 pm, featuring live music and food. See Thursday, July 4 listing for more info about the show.

**Shanachie Pub:** Schindig, folk rock, featuring local musicians Forrest Glycer, Malakai Schindel, Josh Swearingin, Michael Cantwell and Joe Swearingin. 9 pm. No cover. Visit <http://www.reverbnation.com/schindig>.

## Sunday, July 7

**Resting in the Eye of the Storm:** Free workshop on integrative restoration, for all those living with cancer and those who care for them. Sponsored by the Cancer Resource Center and Yoga Mendocino. 11 to 3:30 pm at Our Yoga Center, 1726 South Main Street, Unit B. With Karla Downing, R.N. and Serena Miller. Info: 415-722-1258.

**Sunday Bingo Bash:** Harrah Center; doors open 10:30 am; games begin 11:30 am. Bingo buy in \$10; also available Blackout, 3 specials. Door prizes; lunch at 11 am, 1501 Baechtel Road.

## Monday, July 8

**Ice Cream Social:** 2:30 to 3:30 pm. "Bring your friends and family for ice cream, pie, games, and entertainment at the Harrah Senior Center." Every 2nd Monday of the month. 1501 Baechtel Road. \$1 members; \$2 for non-members.

**Willits Community Alliance Meeting:** 6:30 pm at the Willits City Council Chambers (a change in location from the Willits Library). Discussion on

the future of the alliance, which held its first meeting in late 2011, should the alliance: 1. find and support candidates for City Council or 2. bring the community together to hear speakers and to plan town hall meetings of community-wide interest, or do both. Info: 459-5505.

## Tuesday, July 9

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre. This week the Tightwad Tuesday movie is "World War Z" (1:45 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:35 pm, 9 pm), 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

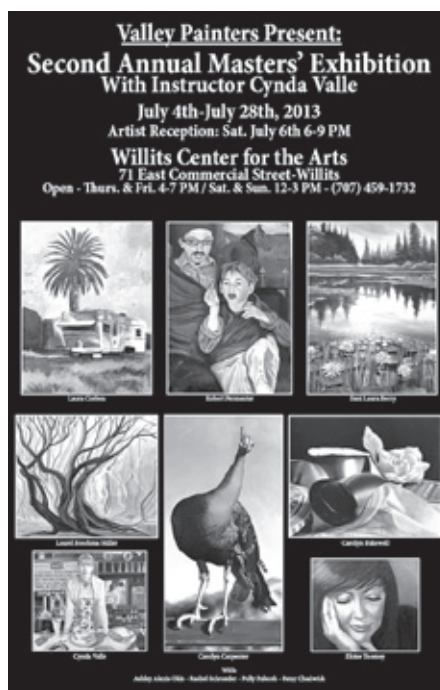
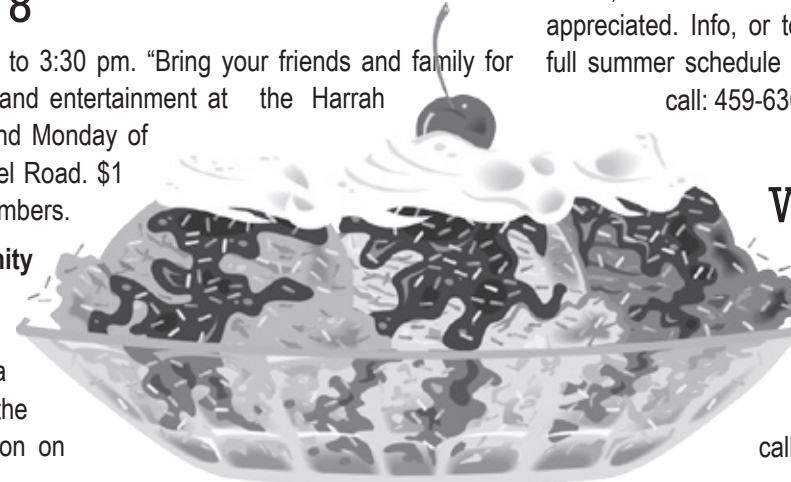
**Textile Skill Sharing at the Grange:** 7 to 9 pm, "Capitaine Crochet" - Mending &

Creating with Crochet, with mentor Lucy Shido. Bring any yarn or yarns & hooks you might have/want to use (or share!) and projects for mending, or ideas for projects to make. Newbies welcome. Skill Sharings every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Donations appreciated. Info, or to get the full summer schedule by email, call: 459-6362.



## Wednesday, July 10

**Bereavement Support Group:** sponsored by Phoenix Hospice. Every Wednesday from 10 am to noon, from July 10 through August 28, at 100 Sanhedrin Circle. No charge, but pre-registration is required. To register or for more info, call Linda at 456-3244.



**2nd Annual Masters Exhibition:** students of instructor Cynda Valle, oil painting class, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Show opens July 4, with a special 4th of July celebration: All the painters in the show will be painting all day on Independence Day, from 10 am to 4 pm. Come meet the painters, enjoy the air-conditioning, and see the show. Painters: Laura Corben, Robert Permenter, Suni Laura Berry, Laurel Boschma Miller,

# Ongoing EVENTS

**Farmers Market at City Park:** No Farmers Market on 4th of July! But usually every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm.

**Kids' Farmers Market at the Willits Library:** No Kids Farmers Market on 4th of July! But usually Thursdays from 3 to 4 pm, through August 15.



**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

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

**"Cooling Center" at Willits Community Center:** Feeling too hot when you're out and about? Stop by the Willits Community Center's "cooling center" any afternoon from 1 to 5 pm, during this hot spell, to cool off. Air-conditioning, tables and chairs, and a "hydration station" with water and ice. Keep up with City of Willits announcements and activities at the City of Willits Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofWillits>.

**Willits City Pool Activities:** Water Aerobics classes (\$6; \$5 for seniors; 20-class pass for \$100) at 11 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 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.



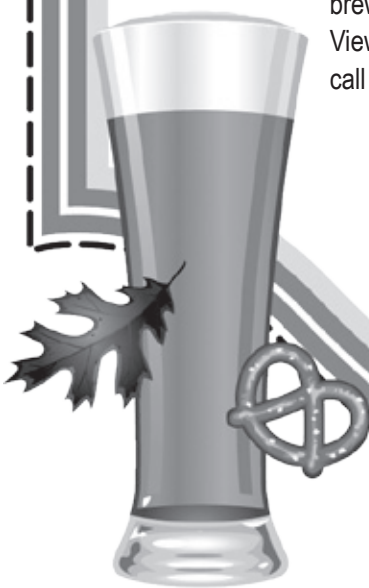
**Half-hour swimming lessons** (two weeks of lessons) are offered Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 11 am and 4 to 6 pm. Call ahead to sign up for lessons: \$50 for first child (two weeks of lessons); \$45 for second child; \$40 for all remaining.

**Red Cross training starting July 13 & 14.** Pool located at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: Damien at 459-7125 (message phone) or 459-5778 (pool phone).

# B.R.E.W. CLUB

The Willits Home B.R.E.W. Club will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, July 12, at 7 pm at Anna's Asian House Restaurant. Members and the interested public are cordially invited to come learn about the craft of home brewing, whether it is to make beer, wine, bread, mead, or kombucha. If it involves yeast, we're interested! Of special interest will be the sampling and discussion of the recently fermented Double IPA homemade beer, a hearty ale brewed on May 6, at a public brewing demonstration put on by the B.R.E.W. Club at Coast Hardware.

Home B.R.E.W. stands for Brewing Research Engineers of Willits. The organization is committed to promoting the craft of home brewing. The goal is to help, mentor and educate each other and those around us. In addition to monthly meetings, the group also conducts Brew Days (like the one on May 6) and field trips to area micro breweries. The group has a lending library of publications on brewing, and is developing a set of brewing equipment for loan to beginning brewers. Check out the B.R.E.W. club at [www.willitshomebrew.weebly.com](http://www.willitshomebrew.weebly.com). View photos of a field trip at [www.flickr.com/photos/homebrew\\_95490](http://www.flickr.com/photos/homebrew_95490). Info: call Rick Hewett at 459-1338.



# Save the Date:

<b>July 15-19:</b> Vacation Bible School, Agape Bible Church	<b>July 20:</b> Poker Run to benefit American Cancer Society, Diggers Bar
<b>July 18:</b> "In Organic We Trust" film, Little Lake Grange	<b>July 20:</b> Football Field Community Work Day, Willits High School
<b>July 19:</b> Pianist Dan Kennedy, Willits Community Theatre	

Do you have a community event or upcoming activity to include in our calendar? Send us info and a high-resolution photo if you've got one, to [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com). Deadline is end of day Monday for each Thursday edition.

Have questions? Call us at 459-2633 or 707-972-7047.

# Bereavement Support Group

at Phoenix Hospice

Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County is sponsoring a bereavement support group every Wednesday at 100 Sanhedrin Circle, Willits for eight weeks, starting on July 10.

The group will meet 10 am to 12 noon, weekly through August 28. There is no charge for the group, however pre-registration is required due to limited group size. To register or request further information, please contact Linda Beebe at Phoenix Hospice at 456-3244.

"While family and friends may acknowledge the need for support during the dying process," Roland Hulstein, the facilitator for this group, says, "they often find themselves quite alone after two or three months. Yet experts agree that the loss of a close family member or friend may easily take two to three years to integrate."

Grief is a normal and natural response to loss. "When a significant person in our life dies," Hulstein continues: "our emotions, our bodies and our spirits are all affected. Loss may throw us off balance, and the 'work' of grief may be unfamiliar."

During the course of this bereavement group, the facilitator will provide information on the process of grief, as well as provide an opportunity for each participant to share their unique experience. The intention of the group is to create a safe and confidential space for participants to honor their personal grief and, at the same time, make space for others to share their grief journey, as well. Questions? 459-3244.

# Ukiah's Local Business Expo

Thursday, July 11 at the Railroad Depot

The Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce invites residents of Willits to its 4th annual Local Business Expo, held Thursday, July 11, from 5 to 8 pm, at the historic Train Depot, 309 East Perkins Street.

This free family-friendly celebration of local businesses, activities, foods and beverages, features product demonstrations, free samples, raffles and giveaways, and other fun activities.

Music will be provided by DJ Ryan of Tah Dah Productions.

Some of the participating businesses include: Crush and Saucy and other restaurants offering free food samples; cookies from Schat's Bakery; a Tower Garden from Juice Plus; animals from the Humane Society, Aaction Rents showing off some of their equipment, the Savings Bank of Mendocino County, North VB Bank, Wells Fargo Advisors, Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Ukiah Naturopathic Clinic, Pacific Outfitters, MTA, Redwood Empire Fair, Valley Yellow Pages, Anytime Fitness, Redwood Health Club, New Trend Cellular, Brandon Kight Visual Creations, Servpro, Travelodge/Fairfield Inn & Suites, Visit Mendocino County and more.

Nonprofits and clubs will also be represented, including Leadership Mendocino, Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation, Soroptmist International of Ukiah and others. Info: 462-4705.

## Friday, July 12

Willits Home B.R.E.W. Club Meeting: 7 pm at Anna's Asian House Restaurant. The public is invited to come learn about the craft of home brewing, whether it is to make beer, wine, bread, mead, or kombucha. "If it involves yeast, we're interested!" B.R.E.W. = Brewing Research Engineers of Willits. Visit: <http://willitshomebrew.weebly.com/> Info: 459-1338.



## Sunday, July 14

**Pancake Breakfast:** 8 to 11 am. Every 2nd Sunday at the Harrah Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pancakes, eggs (any style), bacon, sausage, or ham, orange juice, coffee. \$6 members; \$7 non-members; under 12, \$5.

# Today's Willits Frontier Days Events

Horseshoe Contest, 9 am

Independence Day Parade, 11 am

Western Beef BBQ, 12 noon, Rec Grove. \$15 adult; \$8 child/senior

Black Bart Gunfighters Performance, 3 to 4 pm, Rec Grove

Parade Awards, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Rec Grove

CCPRA Rodeo 4 pm, Jack Sharp Arena, box seats: \$15, general admission adult, \$12; child, \$5



Officer Jeff Andrade, Doc, and Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez pose for a photo in front of the police department before the Willits Hometown Celebration

Photo by Zack Cinek

# WPD's newest officer on the job

Four-footed 'Doc' works the streets during Hometown Celebration

Zack Cinek  
Reporter  
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during last week's Hometown festivities.

WPD's Jeff Andrade and Doc have been training together, spending a month in Dorris in Siskiyou County.

"I was up there a whole month with Doc," Andrade said.

A dual-purpose dog, Doc's training allows him to help perform several aspects of police work.

The Willits Police Department's new police dog, Doc, worked city streets for the first time

"He is able to protect me and find evidence," said Andrade.

WPD's police dog program is new, but Andrade has had the assistance of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit.

WPD has the opportunity to gain all MCSO's dog-handling knowledge, and the sheriff's K-9 handlers have stepped up to help, says Andrade.

Andrade wishes to thank Mike Davis, Joe DeMarco and Jason Cox of the Sheriff's Office for sharing their knowledge, and WPD Sgt. John Anderson for his help in getting the program up and running.

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



## In the Making

Junior Rodeo contestants rope & ride at annual youth event

Contestants for the big boys' rodeos held on July 3 and 4 have to start somewhere, and many would-be rodeo riders hone their roping and riding skills at the Willits Frontier Days Junior Rodeo.

The Junior Rodeo was held last Sunday, and 48 juniors vied for the title of All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl, along with seven adults who participated in the Jr./Sr. Team roping event.

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Contestants were able to compete in calf riding, steer stopping, steer riding, steer daubing, barrel racing, Jr./Sr. and Jr./Sr. team roping, bull riding, breakaway, and goat tying. Those with the highest cumulative scores won the All-Around title: Michael McKinnon of Willits for the boys, who took home a silver belt buckle sponsored by North Coast Plumbing & Heating, and Lauren Luna of Letoia for the girls, who also received a silver buckle, donated by Yukum's Body Shop. McKinnon also took home the overall high point rider of the day award: the Bud Suttles Memorial Trophy.

A fun event for spectators aged 9 and under is the mystery scramble. Kids are welcomed into the arena and are lined up with the littlest in front. Scramble wranglers Taylor Yardon and Mike Persico brought in a box, and at announcer Kathy Goss' command, the kids scrambled toward the just-opened box revealing several chickens and ducks, which reciprocated the scramble around the arena. The scramble operates under the "you catch it, you take it home" system of rules, and several children proudly walked back to proud but trepidatious parents, with ducks and chickens in hand.

Calf riding is the event for the littlest of soon-to-be-bull riders. Boys and girls under the age of 12 can try to hold on for 6 seconds to get a score, or just make it across a chalk line in the arena to win a buckle for their efforts.

"Calf riding had 10 contestants," Jr. Rodeo



At right: Maple Grumps loops a steer. At left: Garek Sedita tries to hang on atop a bull. Below: Aidyn McFadden catches a chicken. At bottom right: Jordan Gutsch rides around the barrel.

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co-chair Bobbie Tilley said. "They all were able to ride across the line and receive a buckle, but only one rider made it to the 6-second mark."

The prize went to Adrian Phillips from Covelo.

Steer stopping tests the rider's abilities to rope, catch and turn a steer. Time stops when steer and rider are facing one another. Of the nine contestants, first place went to McKinnon, with a time of 4.57 seconds; second to Danielle LaRose of Potter Valley, with a time of 6.00 seconds, and third to Casey Persico of Willits, with a time of 11.43 seconds.

Steer riding is for the slightly older livestock-riding crowd: kids aged 13 to 16 can try their hands at staying on the back of the slightly larger steer. Four riders competed, and Sawyer Johnson of Dorris and Noah Davila of Covelo tied for first place.

Steer daubing offers riders a chance to test their quickness ... and stretch their arms to the limit. A paint-soaked rag is affixed to the end of a large pole. The rider's job is to touch a running steer with the end of the stick, leaving a paint mark at the point of contact. The rider must then stop and face the judge, with the stick in the air, to stop the clock. Of the 16 contestants in this event, Luna took first place, with a time of 3.03 seconds; second place went to Dalli Fonsen of Willits, with a time of 3.21 seconds; and third to Shannon Gayski of Willits, with a time of 3.24 seconds.

Girl's barrel racing is broken into two age groups: 12 and under and 13 to 18. Each contestant must run a "cloverleaf" pattern around three barrels, making either two left turns and one right turn, or two right turns and one left. In the 12-and-under group, first place went to Marissa Rosenberg of Santa Rosa, with a time of 19.96 seconds; second to Bella Colombini of Redwood Valley, with a time of 21.34 seconds; and third to Ashley Carr of Alderpoint, with a time of 27.29 seconds. In the 13-to-18 group, first place went to Caitlyn Wood of Sebastopol, with a time of 18.10 seconds; second to Luna, with a time of 18.19 seconds; and third to Gayski, with a time of 18.42

Far left: All-Around Cowgirl Lauren Luna, left, poses with 2013 Sweetheart Lijia Lamkin and Michael McKinnon. All-Around Cowboy and Bud Suttles Memorial Trophy Winner. At left top: the All-Around Cowgirl buckle. At left bottom: A girl proudly holds her prize duck caught during the mystery scramble. Below: A.J. Safford flips her goat in the girls' goat tying event. Bottom: Casey Persico and Michael McKinnon compete in team roping.

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riders dismount, usually mid-gallop, and run to the goat. They flip the goat onto its side and tie three legs together with a rope. If the goat stays tied for 6 seconds, the rider is given a clear run and her time is clocked. First place went to Lucy Moore of St. Helena, with a time of 14.40 seconds; second place went to Maple Grumps of Oroville, with a time of 15.58 seconds; and third place went to Riata King of Willits, with a time of 15.59 seconds.

"Many thanks to all who donate your time to put on this event year after year," said Junior Rodeo co-chair Tilley.

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## Relay For Life Fundraiser

GAVEL DOWN SALES has sponsored a team that will be relaying on July 27 & 28 in Rec Grove. Our parking lot fundraiser and new dresser raffle will be on Sunday, July 14, from 9 am until 2 pm.

## Roommate Wanted

Brooktrails home, has veg/flower gardens, near creek and walking path. Prefer working female, n/s, no alcohol, small dog okay, own bathroom. Buddhist would be sweet, someone respectful. \$350. 459-1775.

## RV/Trailer Space for Rent

Space rent starts at \$390 per month and includes water & garbage. Central location near Safeway in downtown Willits. Contact Manager in space #9 or call Dan (707) 462-7383.

## Swim Coaches Wanted

Wanted: Swim Coaches for Willits Otters swim team. Experience coaching desired. Monday through Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 pm. Possible Mornings, 7:30 to 9 am. Some weekends required for swim meets. Contact Tara @ 317-753-9413.

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Have you had a spiritual experience? You are invited to participate in an ongoing, spiritual discussion Tuesday, July 23, 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.

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## Eckankar

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## Music

Finally serious about delving into the magic and mystery of music through study of the piano, theory & practice? M. Graham, M.A. degree, 459-2305

## Singing the Anthem

It was another great turnout for the National Anthem singing contest this year at Willits Frontier Days, with seven participants trying their voices at singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

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Aidyn McFadden, 7, and Matthew Posey, 4, to teens and adults, including Tara Logan, Joey Kroh, Kelley Labus, Maddy Rose Turcotte and Julia Hardy.

After all contestants finished singing to the gathered crowd, judges made the decision that Turcotte would be the one to sing at the July 4th parade and CCPRA rodeo events. In addition to these traditional

appearances, Turcotte will also be singing some songs at the barbecue in the park, following the parade.

Turcotte, age 15, of Navarre, Florida has sung in many other venues, including the Santa Rosa County Fair in Florida, the Navarre Florida Mardi Gras Parade, Navarre FunFest, Navarre Relay For Life, Sailor's Grill Wine Tastings, The Blake Retirement Home, the Air Force Enlisted Widow Village, and Blue Wahoos Bayfront Stadium in Pensacola, Florida.

Turcotte is spending the Fourth of July here in Willits visiting her grandparents Richard Turcotte, Sr. and Anita Turcotte. Her dad is Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Richard Turcotte, Jr., who graduated from Willits High School in 1984.



Above left: 2013 anthem contestants; back row: Kelley Labus, Joey Kroh, Julia Hardy, Maddy Rose Turcotte, Tara Logan; front row: Matthew Posey and Aidyn McFadden. At top: runner-up Julia Hardy and contest winner Maddy Rose Turcotte. Above: The youngest singer, Matthew Posey, sings the National Anthem.

Photos by Maureen Moore See these and many more photos of the contest at <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/anthemcontest2013>

Why we trespassed on June 22, 2013

More than 35 community supporters gathered to bring food and water to Will Parrish, who has been sitting in the crane of the wick drain machine since June 20. The machine had been drilling "wicks" 80 feet deep into the wetlands to remove water and compact the soil in preparation for the fill dirt, asphalt and concrete that will follow in order to build a freeway over the top of the wetlands. Will's brave presence on the crane of the machine has prevented it from working. The community supporters, myself and my daughter included, "trespassed" in an attempt to bring food and water to Will.

The California Highway Patrol blocked the delivery of supplies, cutting Will's rope, and later ordering us to leave. As we were moving to leave, I was grabbed and arrested. My daughter was very upset by what she perceived as my wrongful arrest and when she spoke up in my defense, she was also arrested. Naomi Wagner also sat down to protest the arrests and was later arrested, along with Matthew Caldwell.

Sara Grusky, Willits

## Sober Grad thanks

To the Editor:  
How do you throw an all-night party for 134 graduates and their guests? Read on....

First you invite all of the graduating seniors from Willits High School, Willits Charter School, San Hedrin High School, New Horizons Independent Study, La Vida Charter School and Community Day School.

Then you treat them to numerous activities, including a casino with Black Jack, Roulette and Texas Hold 'Em tables hosted by the Lions Club; you bring in DJ Ken Steely, who keeps everything going from 9:30 pm until 4 am the next morning; you rent a Sticky Wall where the grads can put on a Velcro suit, run down an air-filled runway and launch themselves onto a Velcro-covered, air-filled wall; you add basketball, ping pong, air hockey, a movie room, air brush tattoos, beautiful henna tattoos by 2004 grad Hilary (Manning) Kochoer, portraits by local artists Cynda Valle and Cat Emerson, and nearly \$25,000 in gifts and cash prizes!

And, of course, you provide plenty of great food donated by parents, and pizza purchased from Pizza to Go, thanks to a generous donation from Sparetime Supply, and all of the water and soda they can drink. And don't forget the specialty drinks bar, where grads and chaperones alike can enjoy delicious frothy blender concoctions. And, of course, a must have is coffee - lots of coffee - with all of the fancy fixin's donated by Brewed Awakening.

And then, as the night turns to morning, you end it with the announcement of the four \$1000 grand prize winners - two guys and two girls. Congratulations to Marissa Greene, Kelseigh Holder, Damian Rodriguez and Sean Kettering!

And as an extra bonus you give each grad that stays the length of the party a check for \$50, with an extra \$20 for those grads who had helped out throughout the year.

But - we cannot forget this community, this wonderful village which is filled with individuals and businesses who recognize how important the life is of each and every graduate who goes through our schools and who give and support us so generously, which allows us to put on this incredible party year after year, for the last 27 years, and in doing so, together, we save lives - oh so many lives.

Throughout the year, after each of our fundraisers, we have thanked the businesses and people who have helped make each one a success. Now we wish to thank the ones who donated gifts, money and/or time to ensure the party's success: Barbarie Gonzalez, Solid Wastes of Willits, Little Lake Grange, Mendocino County District Attorney, State Farm Insurance, Hans Sawatzky, DDS, Ileya Stewart, Ron's Old Beauty Salon, Lee & Evelyn Persico, Valley Paving, Bruce Andich, MD, Willits Mini Storage, East Hill Veterinary Clinic, Sanhedrin Nursery, Realty World-Selzer Realty, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, Mendocino Forest Products, Mariposa Market, Sparetime Supply, Brewed Awakening, Swiss Tech USA, Ponderosa & Sun Realty, Ruth Weston, Tri-Counties Plumbing, 101 Trailer & RV, Alfred Kerr, DDS, Shuster's Transportation, Dr. & Mrs. Tedd Dawson, Willits Lions Club, Dr. & Mrs. William Bowen, Willits Police Department, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Robin Goldner, Waters Construction, Inc., DripWorks, Main St. Music, Willits Tire Center, Brown's Corner, Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op, Coast Hardware, Cathy Sanders, JC England and the City of Willits, Dave Edgar, Wayne Waters, Todd Hollifield, Olenick Fence, Linda Matz, Jacques Morninglight, Annette, Dan & Mattie Pinon, Kira Crely, Miranda Maglinte, Kathy Uppinghouse, Randy & Mary MacDonald, Earth's Treasures, Doug Manning, Sid Cuthbert, Wayne Bashore, Betty Meinecke, Kathy Nicolas, Debbie Carrillo, Christina Hsieh, Diane Smalley, Willits High School, Book Juggler, Gerry Gonzalez, Tom Allman, Rachel Cash, Brian Bowlds, Jeff Bergman, Divora Stern, Laura Walker, Dorothy Dalske, Genevieve Bonnet, Anthony Willcutt and MetaIfx, Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, and seniors and parents of grads who worked on the committee and/or came to help set up, chaperone and clean up!

Also thanks to the Sober Grad board members who put in innumerable hours: Ruth Dell'Ar, Angi Edgar, Davina Sentak, Sandi Young and Joyce Waters. We could not have done it without everyone working towards a common goal!

And that's how you put on a party! This party is a true community event and we know the grads appreciated everyone's efforts to keep them safe and show them a good time. Thank you Willits!

Joyce Waters, secretary

Willits Sober Grad Party Planning Committee

# Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



Above, from left: Adam Seminoff, Matt Miner and Sage Basler try their trucks against "The Terminator." Below, from left: Kenny Kumpulua shows off his trophy plaque; Fred Barry drives the "Time Bandit"; and Connor Basler excitedly awaits his dad Sage's pull.

Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com



## Dirt, diesel & (mostly) dudes

Truck pulls let drivers show off their rigs as they square off against "The Terminator"

The fifth annual Truck and Tractor Pulls event was held at the Jack Sharp Arena last Friday, and drivers in many weight classes were able to try making a "full 300-foot pull" in front of the full stands of cheering fans.

Local and professional trucks are hooked to "The Terminator," a weighted sled provided by event producer MLM Motorsports. "The Terminator" is driven by an operator who can control how fast the weight slides up and down its ramp, exerting more and more downward force for the driver to pull against, depending on their truck's weight class.

In the 4,500-pound street class, first place went to Matt Harbour of Willits, with a pull of 110'5"; second to Tiffany Powers of Willits, with a pull of 110'2"; third to Rockell Rutter of Willits, with a pull of 107'1"; and fourth to Clint Jewell of Willits, with a pull of 98'1".

In the 5,500-pound street class, first place went to Kenny Kumpulua of Willits, with a

pull of 135'6"; second to Branden Powers of Willits, with a pull of 112'9"; third to Michael Wilder of Willits, with a pull of 110'9"; fourth to "The Clair" driven by Cole Munderloh of Willits, with a pull of 107'9"; fifth to Matt Lovell of Willits, with a pull of 106'0"; sixth to Dave Lovell of Willits, with a pull of 104'4"; seventh to Kevin Kvasnicka of Willits, with a pull of 100'4"; eighth to Justin Johnson of Willits, with a pull of 95'9"; ninth to Jesse Davenport of Willits, with a pull of 95'2"; and tenth place went to Ray Rowles of Laytonville with a pull of 93'5".

In the 6,500-pound street class, first place went to Jason Whitby of Willits, with a pull of 141'9"; second to Sage Basler of Laytonville, with a pull of 129'3"; third to Kenny Kumpulua of Willits, with a pull of 113'9"; fourth to Andrew Moen of Willits, with a pull of 102'3"; and fifth to Michael Wilder of Willits, with a pull of 76'2".

In the 8,000-pound stock diesel class, first place went to Mathew Miner of Willits, with a pull of 157'0"; second to Adam Seminoff of Willits, with a pull of 150'9"; third to Jeff

Yokum of Willits, with a pull of 147'4"; fourth to Tiffany Powers of Willits, with a pull of 141'2"; fifth to Kevin Slaughter of Willits, with a pull of 130'6"; sixth to Phil Saye of Redwood Valley, with a pull of 128'5"; and seventh to Rocky Stansberry of Willits, with a pull of 77'9".

In the OMG class, first place went to Darrell Burke, Jr. of Willits, with a pull of 164'3"; and second place went to Jimmy Smith of Willits, with a pull of 142'4".

In the 6,200-pound modified 4x4 big-puller class, Willits' Fred Barry driving the "Time Bandit" was able to place fifth, with a pull of 196'4".

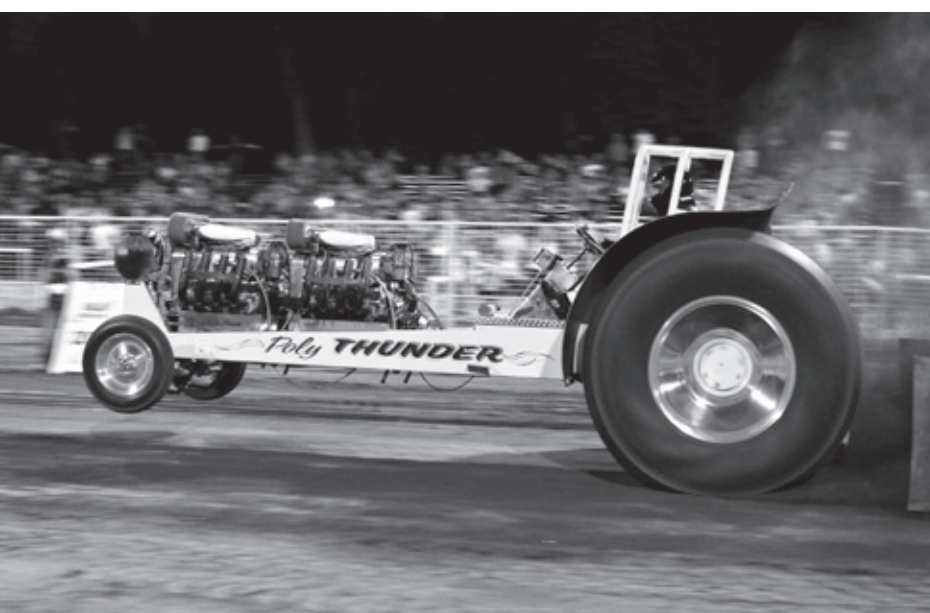
Though some of the big-puller entrants made it relatively close to the 300-foot mark, only one driver was able to make it past 300 feet: Donnie Fagundes of Hanford, driving "Maxx Kak" in the 8,000-pound unlimited class, who made it all the way to 316'8".

Results were provided by MLM Motorsports, and full results are available on the MLM Motorsports Facebook page: "Always a wild, good time at Frontier Days!!" the promoter writes.



Above, left: Pit crew members start up Maxx Kak; center: local boys scramble to try and belt their truck's driveline back together before eventually being towed out of the arena; right: a fan shows support for "Young Guns" and driver Larry Lopes. Below, left: Cole Munderloh drives "The Claire" in memory of his grandmother; below right: "Poly Thunder" lifts its front end off the track in the 7,200-pound modified class.

See these and many more photos uploaded soon to <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/truckpulls2013>



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Check out the calendar on pages 6 and 7 for pool activity schedules

said the pool was "enjoyed by many" Sunday afternoon.

The Willits Community Center was also open Saturday and Sunday as a "cooling center," with tables and chairs set up in the air-conditioned

room, and ice and water available. "With so many folks expected to be out and about in the hot weather over the next few days," a post on the City of Willits Facebook page announced, "a cooling center would provide a

place to cool off and rehydrate." Temperatures weren't quite as high as expected, especially on Sunday, but the city will open the "cooling center" again afternoons this week.



Above left: Several of the Willits City Pool lifeguards from left: Megan McKinley, Izabel Hagaman, Alex Byers, Irene, Damien Angell, Kayla Lyman, Brice Ferrante and Sarah Patterson; above right: Megan McKinley watches over the pool during the open swim days

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underway. In an interview this week, City Manager Adrienne Moore said she hopes to see the report as early as this week.

The study will compare Willits to similar-sized cities and will focus on public works, engineering, and water and sewer operations, said Moore.

Recommendations from the report could aid City Hall in functioning more efficiently.

"I am anxious to get [the report]," Moore said. "It will be up to myself and the city council as to how we proceed with the recommendations."

Tough choices and heavy cuts could be a solution. "What we are doing each year is just kicking the can down the road," Stranske said. "It keeps going and going, because nobody sits down and makes really tough choices."

Madrigal said she would be interested in

taking action on budget changes before next year's round of budget talks begin.

"With all the brainpower looking at this problem, we have collectively not been able to reduce this budget," Councilman Ron Orenstein said.

Layoffs could be another fix: "We could get rid of this deficit fairly easily," Orenstein said, "but there is going to be blood on the streets."

Burton said he thought the council had lacked the will to tell department heads and city management to prepare a balanced budget.

"We direct policy, and now we are telling them our policy is to have an unbalanced budget," Burton said. "We did not have the will to ask."

Strong suggested council members review budget matters every three months.

"I am going to ask all those empty seats [in the audience] to tell me what you are willing to give

up," Orenstein said. He proposed 10 percent across-the-board cuts to city services, turning decisions about street sweeping or patching potholes over to Willits citizens.

Madrigal favored setting a timeline for structural change.

"We don't have department heads. We have a lot of holes," said Madrigal. "I think it is very reasonable to consider making tough decisions."

Willits was boosted by more than \$874,000 from a loan repaid in 2012 when the city's redevelopment agency, like all California RDAs, closed.

Sales tax, Willits' greatest income, recently topped 2008 levels for the first time, a budget report from City Hall stated.

Willits' working capital is estimated to be about \$1.8 million when next year's budget talks begin, down from a current \$2.2 million.

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"There's a doubling of medical knowledge every three years now," Matheson said. "The problem with the old model is that we in primary care cannot keep up with medical knowledge. The old paradigm of the family practitioner taking care of patients while they are in the hospital is untenable."

Matheson's sentiments were echoed by Dr. Monte Lieberfarb, a practicing physician at BCMC.

"The main reason for the switch is there are not enough hours in the day," Lieberfarb said. "The notion of a 12- or 15-hour work day for doctors is a thing of the past. It takes a toll on you, all the work and the stress."

"In my case, I worked so much for so many years I developed a condition that was very much like post-traumatic stress disorder," he said. "That isn't good for you. And as you get older, it gets worse. You do less and less well with lack of sleep."

"It's time to realize it's just too much work. The baton has been passed to another form of medical care for people sick enough to be in a hospital."

Matheson and Lieberfarb said the controversy over Baechtel leaving Howard won't make much of a difference to either party. Lieberfarb said he had admitted only 12 patients to Howard during the last six months of 2012, and Matheson noted BCMC had admitted only 150 patients to Howard last year.

"Eighty percent of Howard admissions are orthopedic patients," Matheson said, taking care to explain that orthopedic means "bones."

"Patients will still have a choice over where they will go," Matheson said. "They can still have lab work done at Howard."

Most BCMC patients who require hospitalization will be sent to Ukiah Valley Medical Center, he added. UVMC switched to the hospitalist model five years ago.

It was a hard decision to make, Matheson said, and a major change for BCMC. "This is as difficult a decision as stopping delivering babies here," he said, recalling his 40-year medical career. "We didn't get the C sections done quickly enough to deliver babies safely, and so we stopped."

"The next step I see is full-time hospitalists," he said. "We do hope Howard Hospital develops a hospitalist program like every other hospital in Sonoma, Lake and Humboldt counties, and like every other hospital in the Adventist system."

Rick Bockmann, Howard Hospital CEO, told the Willits Weekly his hospital had no plans to adopt a hospitalist system.

"The whole hospitalist model is physician-driven," Bockmann said. "Howard Memorial has always been more community-physician-driven. That's where you have doctors who have offices or clinics in the community, and then they come here and work here in the hospital, too. We have always felt, and we still feel, it's better for the community that way."

"We have what we call a 'call of physicians' work here. These are doctors from various practices who work here on a rotation basis. They've decided they don't want to adopt a hospitalist model. But if at such time as our community physicians say, 'we feel it's time to make that change,' we would do that," Bockmann said.

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to a veterinarian within 24 hours of receiving them.

If this sounds like doom and gloom, I apologize. I just want pet owners to be well-informed. Far too many dogs are surrendered to shelters because the owners were not prepared to keep the dog for life. The shelters are full, and don't fool yourself: the outcome for that cute puppy is usually bleak. I have been given purebred pups within days of purchase because the owner realized they were not prepared.

There are some resources available to help you. There are several books on how to choose a puppy for your lifestyle. There are free e-books by dog trainer Ian Dunbar titled "BEFORE You Get Your Puppy" and "AFTER You Get Your Puppy." Go to [www.stardogdaily.com](http://www.stardogdaily.com) to download them. Two of my favorite books on puppies are "The Art of Raising a Puppy" by the Monks of New Skete and Cesar Millan's "How to Raise the Perfect Dog."

Sally Palmer is a Certified Dog Trainer and a member of the International Association of Canine Professionals and the Association of Humane Dog Training and an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. She offers private & group dog training, behavior consultation and dog events. For more information about Sally, go to [www.welmaennedmutts.com](http://www.welmaennedmutts.com)

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to be done, but they just took their time to make sure nobody got hurt.

"We had medical on standby so the first thing we did was walk him over to the shade, and had medical take care of him."

Asked about the traffic jam north of town Monday morning, Epperson said the tie-up had "nothing to do with the protesters" and "nothing to do with us. They [Caltrans] have construction going on. We had to have them stop doing that so we could get in." Southbound traffic was heavy due to visitors returning from the Kate Wolf Festival in Laytonville, but northbound traffic was tied up, too, due to Caltrans flaggers directing north- and south-bound traffic into one lane throughout the morning.

Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie said the decision to use cherry pickers to remove Parrish was made sometime last week, but Monday was the day "when CHP was able to gather together the appropriate staff to do this safely. This individual [Parrish] has put himself and others at risk, and delayed construction by trespassing, and with the ongoing hot weather forecast, we were also concerned about his health and safety."

After hearing multiple reports of "armed railroad security" chasing off people who were walking along the railroad tracks north of Commercial Street, Willits Weekly called Mitch Stogner, executive director of the North Coast Railroad Authority.

Stogner confirmed that back in February or March – "long before the Willits bypass controversy" – the NCRA hired a security firm, Lear Asset Management, "to patrol our depot in Willits and our right-of-way within the city limits of Willits."

This, Stogner said, was at the urging of the Willits Police Department and the City of Willits code enforcement office. These guards "do in fact carry permitted firearms," Stogner said.

"As a matter of practice, if anybody wants to get on the NCRA's right of way – the trains aren't running right now – they need an access permit, and they need to get an insurance waiver. We can't have people walking around on the railroad tracks, whether they're protesters or anybody else."

## More HOMETOWN 2013 CELEBRATION



Left: Sean Telles and Lorianne Salazar of First 5 Mendocino; above: the Sherwood School ladies

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In 2011, Brooktrails Township estimated these additional costs would likely amount to \$75 a year per customer.

In its lawsuit in Mendocino Superior Court, Brooktrails argued that Prop. 26, which was approved in the same election as Measure D, requires that measures such as Measure D, which raises fees or charges or rates for services that are not directly linked to an individual's benefit, must be approved by a two-thirds majority.

Since Measure D did not get a two-thirds majority, but only a plurality, Brooktrails argued that Measure D did not pass. Superior Court Judge John Behnke agreed with Brooktrails.

Now, however, the Appeals Court has overturned Behnke's ruling. The Appeals Court found that Prop. 26 went into effect the day after Measure D was approved, therefore, the mere plurality by which Measure D won was sufficient to pass the measure. In other words, the Appeals Court found that Prop. 26 does not apply retroactively.

Therefore, Brooktrails will be required to adopt Measure D, and property owners who own properties for which the water has been turned off will not have to pay the monthly base water and sewer fees to Brooktrails Township.

Brooktrails attorney Chris Neary said he doubted Brooktrails would seek review of this latest court decision, "but that's a decision that has not been made yet." Neary said he did not know when the provisions of Measure D would be adopted.

Neary also said, with at least a partial recovery of the real estate market in Brooktrails, the effects of implementing Measure D were not as much of a concern to the township as they were in 2010, when there were "well over 100" foreclosures, with many bank-owned homes sitting vacant. There are fewer vacant homes in Brooktrails now, and Neary said he'd recently heard multiple reports of houses – "these are the nicer houses" – being sold on the first day they're listed.



Left: Glen Helton, Ed Scott, and Tom Lucier work the griddle. Center top: Lisa Epstein and Bill Barker work the egg station; center bottom: a full plate of breakfast. Below: Tony Madrigal brings in fresh hotcakes.

Photos by Maureen Moore



## Flapjacks for the Fourth

Willits Lions Club members rolled out early Sunday morning for the annual Frontier Days Cowboy Breakfast starting at 7 am in the Rec Grove. The Lions dished out hotcakes, ham, scrambled eggs and plenty of hot coffee.

About 300 breakfasters enjoyed the beautiful weather and the hearty breakfast, said Lions vice-president Verd VanBezooyen. "It went very well," he said, with about 15 Lions cooking, serving, taking tickets and cleaning up.

"It's always good to do the Cowboy Breakfast," VanBezooyen said. "It's very nice we have such a hard-

working group." Like others involved with Frontier Days, the Lions Club members volunteer their labor to put this event on for the community.

"We do this as a service to Frontier Days, and they always appreciate it," VanBezooyen said, commenting that Marcy Barry, who started as Frontier Days president in 2011, "has done an outstanding job over the last three years."

The Willits Lions Club is also happy to offer catering for private affairs, including the club's well-known pancake

breakfasts, tri-tip and chicken barbecues, and mobile full bar. "Everything's mobile," VanBezooyen said. "We do reunions, parties, all kinds of stuff. We did a wedding in Lake County for 200 people." Anyone interested in private catering should check out the Lions Club Facebook page or call VanBezooyen at 489-5364.

The next public Willits Lions Club Pancake Breakfast is set for the Willits Relay for Life event, which starts at 10 am on Saturday, July 27 at the Rec Grove.



## Tharp's Anniversary

Jack and Candi Tharp, left, celebrating their 28th anniversary – a little early – at the 2013 Sweetheart Dinner Saturday night. The couple was married on July 4 in 1985, the first year Jack Tharp was president of the Frontier Days Association. The wedding ceremony took place in the outdoor patio at the then-Garden Restaurant, across Commercial Street from John's Place.

"We've been to every single Frontier Days since we got married," Candi Tharp told Willits Weekly. "Our anniversary dinner is a corn dog. We like corn dogs. The whole week of the carnival, we get a corn dog each night, with a diet cherry Pepsi."

"We try to go to as many events as we can. We don't go to the dances like we used to, though. We

loved the dances. Sometimes, now, we might sit there and tap our feet."

The Tharps have a special place to sit and watch the rodeo at the arena named the "Jack Tharp Arena" in honor of Tharp's more than 40 years of volunteer work for Willits Frontier Days. "They put up cones, and we park there in our gold van," Candi said. "We can see everything and people can come up to say hello. Wheelchairs are hard to roll on gravel."

Jack, who turned 80 last October, and Candi also plan to ride in the parade again this year, though Jack won't be riding his usual "old tractor," Candi said, but the couple might be riding in Mike Mondo's red convertible, "Ruby."



Above: Past sweethearts: (standing) Riata King - 2011, Claire Huffman-Robertson - 1953, Kathy Graves - 1974, Leslie Scaglione - 1966, Liz Day - 1979, Rachel Belvin - 2012, Tracy Ford-Moody - 1985, Melanie Ulvila - 1990, Lanae Lamkin - 1991, Olivia Grupp-Wilkinson - 2000, Tina Shull - 2004, Lindsey Bowlds - 2009 and (kneeling) Nicole Persico-Kunka - 1988, Courtney Figg-Hoblyn - 2007 and Mattie Pinon - 2003



Below: 2012 Sweetheart Rachel Belvin presents awards to Willits Frontier Days 2013 honorees: left: Top Hand Denny Pinon; center top: Honorary Grand Marshals Barbara and Cloyd Taylor; right: Top Hand Jeff Cook. Below center: Willits Frontier Days President Marcy Barry and Willits Frontier Days board member Billy Rutler pose with 2013 Grand Marshal Mike Griggs. Not pictured, 2013 Heritage Award winner Hal Wagenet, who was unable to attend the dinner

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lucky riders and was owned by Mancini for many years before becoming Lamkin's very own in 2007. She has spent hundreds of hours working with him, learning his limits and overcoming his cold back, all the while enjoying and appreciating his diversity and kind heart.

Lamkin's family adores Count as much as she does. Mom Lanae takes care of Count when Lamkin is busy, and little sisters Hayden, 8, and Blighe, 4, shower him with kisses and enjoy riding with Lamkin every time they get the chance. The family nursed Count back to health and prime riding condition from a serious broken leg injury he suffered on New Year's Eve of 2008.

"She certainly put her heart and soul into running," Lanae said. "She knew what she wanted to do, and her father, Luke, and I are so proud of her determination and desire."

Lanae noted one memorable moment during the ticket sale process that spoke to Lijia's character and attitude, during a trip to Ukiah one day:

"I was waiting in the truck for her when she was inside selling tickets," explained Lanae. "When she came back, I asked how it went and she said: 'Well, that was \$3 worth of raffle tickets ... but I made a friend!' – that really stuck with me as a true Lijia moment."

Congratulations, Lijia!



Far left: Ron Moorhead of the Willits Chamber of Commerce and Lanae Lamkin put the tiara on Lijia's hat; left: Lijia Lamkin, 2013 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart

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