



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Mother's Day present

To the Editor:

Today my 7-year-old son took some of his birthday money to Safeway to get me a Mother's Day present. Somehow between the flower shop and the checkout, he lost his money. A few other customers who saw he was upset rallied around and bought it for him.

Maybe they will see this letter and know that they made his (and my) day. Thank you all so much for showing him caring people do still exist. ♥

**Nina Smothers-Goodson**  
Willits, CA

## Thank you to Caltrans workers

To the editor:

I would like to thank the two Caltrans workers who helped me find my three mules, who got loose, and who also helped me find the spot where the fence had been cut. Thanks again, and I am so thankful for your help and concern.

**Debbie Watson**  
Willits, CA

## Best year ever

To the Editor:

Well here we go again with a huge thank you to this community for making Sober Grad's recent Tri-Tip Dinner for 4 another resounding success!! This was our best year ever, because we not only sold all of our 200 dinners, we received so many donations for all of the fixings!

First, we must thank Shauna Martin for coordinating all of those fixings – the potatoes, the salads, the rolls, the condiments. Your organization and energy made it all run smoothly. Another huge thanks to Linda Matz and Cat's Meow/Trillium staff for tracking and making sure all 200 of the tickets were sold!! Not an easy feat!

And then, of course, the dinner would not be so scrumptious without the experience and expertise of the tri-tip crew headed by Dan and Annette Pinon, Doug and Kathy Goss, Art and Annette Cooley, Fred and Ann Nava, and Rick Crowder. Thank you all! Thanks also to John McKee for letting us use your great barbecue.

More thanks to Tam Adams and Emandal for the yummy rolls and to MaryElyn Arana for the delicious cookies!! (The BBQ staff and the servers really enjoyed the "seconds"!)

Another big thank you goes out to businesses and individuals who made generous donations of goods and time: Mariposa Market, Flowers by Annette, LoBucks, Cattlemen's Restaurant, Loose Caboose, Brown's Corner, Brewed Awakening, Northbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation, Gribaldo's Restaurant, Willits High School kitchen staff, Willits Charter School kitchen staff, Sanhedrin High School, Holli and Rose in the Willits High School office, Peg House/Trillium Delights, Brooktrails Golf Course, Torch Time Glass, and the Class of 2013 and their parents!

It is truly rewarding to live in a community who supports us and who cares about keeping their kids safe. Thank you for helping to create a safe and sober Grad Night Party!!

**Joyce Waters, Willits, CA**  
for the Willits Sober Grad Party Planning Committee

## Ringed Turtle-Dove

To the Editor:

I read a copy of your new newspaper in Willits yesterday. Good job! And, good luck with your undertaking.

If you don't mind, please pass this message on to Sandy Strong. Thanks. Hello Sandy:

I read your little article about doves in the May 9 Willits Weekly. I thought you might find it interesting that the bird in your photo is actually, I believe, a Ringed Turtle-Dove (also called the Eurasian Collared-Dove or African Collared-Dove). I'm certainly no birder, and I apologize if I sound like a know-it-all. I happened to have recently looked this bird up because we have been seeing a few this spring at our place here in Round Valley.

I read in my old bird books that they descend from caged birds and are generally found only in Los Angeles and around Miami and Tampa, Florida. I guess they have really flown the coop now!

Here's a website that shows a comparison photo:

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/AboutBirdsandFeeding/EucodvRitdovID.htm>

Thanks for your article!

**Michael Mills**  
Round Valley, CA

## The Rest of Bypass | From Page 1



At top: Looking south towards Highway 101, showing the logged area around where the Warbler sat for two months in the Ponderosa pine

Above: The planned roundabout area at the north end of town

Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com

Bypass Debate

## Going to work?

In the effort of awareness, these aerial photographs were taken Sunday to help give a clear visual of the path of the Willits Bypass.

Has seeing these images helped you understand the plans?

Willits Weekly wants to hear from you with your take on the progress.

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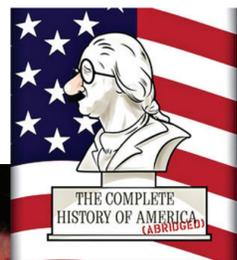


Cartoon by local artist Victor Herandez

"Hello there young 'un! Know where one could find the dog park?"

# Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



## SOLLY Benefit Friday

At right: Billy Hetherington, left, Bryan Arnold, center, and Christopher Martineau rehearse Tuesday night at the Little Lake Grange for their Friday evening performance of "The Complete History of America (abridged)." The Willits Shakespeare Company actors are reprising "Complete History," which had a successful run at the Ukiah Players Theatre earlier this year, for a benefit performance for Save Our Little Lake Valley, the local group opposed to the Willits bypass.

The colorful backdrop depicting (sometimes slightly altered) historic and contemporary figures was made by Bob Currier, director of the show at the UPT. "Some of the props are on loan from the UPT, too," Arnold said.

"We've messed around a bit," Hetherington said, "catering to the issue at hand [the Willits bypass]. No one is saved we're not pulling punches for anybody." Check calendar listing for May 17 for more information.

Photo by Jennifer Poole



Below: Jackie Herz and Iliana Mora, associate behavior specialists for MCOE

## Community "HU"



offers peace, answers and healing in today's fast-paced world

April Tweddell  
of Eckankar, Willits

If there was a two-letter word that could help you find inner peace, get answers to your deepest questions, and meet life's challenges, wouldn't you want to know it? According to followers of the spiritual teaching Eckankar, that word is "HU," an ancient name for God that can be sung as a non-denominational form of prayer.

And now in California, members of the public are invited to experience for themselves the benefits of singing this prayer/mantra in a group setting – call it a Community HU.

Throughout the ages, followers of many spiritual traditions have used prayer, the singing of holy words, and meditation to bring themselves closer to God. In the same way, HU (pronounced "hue") can be sung by anyone for spiritual upliftment regardless of their beliefs or religion. The Community HU is open to anyone and follows a simple format consisting of a two- or three-minute introduction by a facilitator, singing HU as a group for 20 minutes, and a short period of quiet contemplation, followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

According to Eckankar, defined as the Religion of the Light and Sound of God, singing HU has helped people of many

different faiths open their hearts more fully to the presence and security of God's love. Eckankar teaches that singing HU can help people experience: Comfort, peace and calm; expanded awareness; inner light or sound; a subtle sense of divine love; solace during times of grief; relief from stress; release of fears; answers to questions.

"Singing HU each day can lead to a deeper understanding of yourself and why things happen the way they do in your life," writes Harold Klomp, the spiritual leader of Minnesota-based Eckankar. "HU is woven into the language of life. It is the sound of all sounds. It is a word people anywhere can use to address the originator of life."

For more information about the Community HU in Willits, call April at 707-972-2475 or visit the Eckankar California web site at [www.ECK-ca.org](http://www.ECK-ca.org).

About Eckankar: Eckankar teaches that everyone is connected to God through Divine Spirit (the ECK) which can be heard as Sound and seen as Light. Eckankar offers spiritual tools to help individuals experience the Light and Sound of God through simple daily spiritual exercises, including techniques for conscious experience with dreams, past lives, and Soul-Travel. Meaning "Co-worker with God," Eckankar offers personalized study to help people get divine guidance they can apply in their everyday lives, and on their journey home to God. It teaches that the full experience of God is possible in this lifetime. Followers of Eckankar participate in spiritual study groups in hundreds of cities around the world, including here in Willits. This global community is supported by a worldwide spiritual center in Minnesota and by volunteer groups nearly everywhere. For more information, visit [www.Eckankar.org](http://www.Eckankar.org).



Submitted by Eric Herz-O'Brien, Mendocino County Office of Education

Informational videos made for parents and teachers titled, "Getting Better Behavior from Your Child," made for parents and teachers, are now being broadcast on Willits Community Television (channels 3, 64 and 65) and are also viewable online at [www.betterbehavior.webs.com](http://www.betterbehavior.webs.com).

The videos were made by two associate behavior specialists with the Mendocino County Office of Education, Jackie Herz and Iliana Mora.

They are short 30- to 90-second videos that offer quick, simple information on how to improve your child's behavior. Some teach techniques to get your child's cooperation (including "Transitional Warnings," "The Grandmother Technique," and "Catching Kids Being Good").

Other videos provide useful information such as the difference between anger and aggression, and why it is important to recognize this difference.

For more information, access the BRONCO website at [www.sshsbronco.org](http://www.sshsbronco.org), or contact Herz and Mora at 459-5314 ext. 1113

## Junior Giants Sign-Ups

It's time to sign up for Willits Junior Giants, a noncompetitive baseball program for boys and girls of all skill levels. Two leagues: 4-10 years old and 12 to 18 years old.

Stop by BodyWorks, 1511 South Main Street, to sign up (hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 to 8 pm).

This is the 18th summer for the Junior Giants program in Willits. \$5 donation includes a baseball hat and glove. Practice and play on Tuesdays and Thursdays (no weekends). League play begins June 18.

More info: Keith or Cynthia at BodyWorks, 459-0594.



## Basket Winner

Linda Walker was chosen on the day-before-Mother's-Day drawing as the winner of the Sober Grad Raffle Basket.

Raffle baskets work as fundraisers for the annual alcohol-free party on graduation night.

The Ducky Derby is this Sunday - see the calendar on pages 6 - 7 for more info!



A new series of facilitated bereavement support groups is starting Thursday, May 23 at the Phoenix Hospice office in Willits, and will continue Thursdays through June 27 from 4:15 to 6:15 pm. This 8-week group "gives an opportunity for the bereaved to explore the normal symptoms of grief, as well as recognize the individual nature of its expression and duration," Phoenix Hospice writes. "With fuller understanding of the grief process, and effective techniques to manage stress, we can move toward recovery and affirmation of continuing life." This program is offered free of charge as a community service, but pre-registration is required. For more info, contact Linda at 456-3244 or 1-800-606-9596.

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Community News: Willits Weekly welcomes articles about community news, events and activities. Each week's deadline is end of day Monday for Thursday's edition.

Please send community news articles via email: [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com). Community news may also be mailed to: Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred.

Make sure to include a contact name and phone number. If you're sending digital photographs to accompany your article, high-resolution photos are best. Call 459-2633 with any questions about submitting community news.

### The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com). Letters from area residents, focusing on Willits issues, activities, events and people, have priority. Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred.

Letters & Commentaries must have a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No anonymous letters will be published.

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**Willits Premiere THURSDAY, MAY 30**

Director Mark Kitchell will appear with his Sundance film, **A Fierce Green Fire**. This film explores grassroots and global environmental activism spanning fifty years with vivid and inspiring stories of people fighting and succeeding against enormous odds.

*Robert Redford and Meryl Streep narrate this important film.*

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Bring Your Relationship Into Full Bloom and Keep it Healthy and Vibrant

We now can be connected to one another through many social media sites. We can get an instant thumbs up or down on our actions and gather hundreds of friends in a very short period of time, most of whom we will probably never meet. It is so easy to click a button or touch a screen in order to get the desired results – instant relationship. We may forget that taking care of a non-virtual relationship follows other principles.

You might be surprised how much gardening and taking care of a relationship have in common.

Like a garden, a relationship needs regular attention. It is best to know what you want to cultivate in it and what you do not. For example, do you want to cultivate your fighting skills or do you want to improve your skills to love? Do you want to learn from each other, or do you want to build up resentments around your differences?

In gardening it is helpful to have the right tools, strong seeds or starts, enough sun and water, and a healthy soil. Like a garden, sometimes your relationship may need extra fertilizer, and you need to keep toxic chemicals out of it. A relationship, like a garden, can also have disappointing and unsatisfying moments. You may not get what you envisioned and may be unhappy with some results. Having an open and curious mind will come in handy in finding out what works and what does not. It will help you find solutions. Commitment is as essential for a garden as it is for a relationship. Being patient and trusting your own good work is needed as well.

If you can provide all I mentioned in the garden analogy above, the resulting relationships in your life can go beyond your expectations. There will be so much to enjoy! However there is one major difference between a garden and a relationship. While you can easily garden on your own, it takes two committed gardeners for a relationship to make it thrive, blossom and produce sweet fruit.

In this monthly column I will be sharing some important tools with you that I am using in my work as a relationship system coach and in my personal life. Tools that will help your relationship bloom and thrive. I will be writing about "relationship fertilizers," toxic communication styles, and behavior that can stunt a relationship's growth or even kill it.

I believe all these relationship tools and concepts should be common knowledge.

Although my main focus will be on intimate relationships, a lot of this information can be transferred and applied to any relationships: with your children, colleagues or friends. Even bosses and their employees can profit. I hope I have piqued your interest.

Until next month, Doris Wier is a certified life and relationship system coach who works and lives in Willits. She coaches individuals, couples and teachers and offers Explore-Shops on conflict resolution. Info: www.embraceconflicts.com.

# Hometown Business

All about commerce, life, and the need-to-know info

## Autos at the Arch

Auto Mart gives midtown Remco building a new lease on life

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drive trucks, Auto Mart's selection includes hot rods and classic cars, too. Montalvo has been involved with the Willits Shifters car club over the

years, including serving as president, and has won his share of awards in the Willits 4th of July parade, most recently last year with his 1937 Chevy coupe. The current selection of classics on display includes a red Gran Turismo 6, a yellow Corvette Stingray and a red Sunbeam Alpine.

The Montalvos did some work inside the building, taking out three big walls to open it up and "make it friendlier," and plan to repaint the outside, too, with a dark green color to match the Willits Arch.

Auto Mart's new address is 934 S. Main Street, and the phone is still 459-3039. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5:30 pm, and Saturdays from 8 am - 3 pm. Info: 459-3039.



At top: Autos now line the old Remco Building's parking lot.

At left: Jim Montalvo, owner of Auto Mart.

Above: Lots of choices make car shopping locally a possibility.

Photos by Jennifer Poole

Auto Mart Auto Repair, also in a new location at 101 North Lenore, is now owned by longtime manager/partner of Auto Mart's repair service, Bill Carter. "He has built quite a following, and will do quite well," Montalvo said. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 am - 5 pm. For info and appointments, call: 459-1344.

PG&E offers \$50 to home customers to join SmartAC

Residential customers of PG&E can get \$50 for enrolling in Pacific Gas & Electric's "SmartAC" program.

PG&E will install a SmartAC device, at no cost to the customer. On hot summer days, when the demand for electricity is highest, PG&E might call a "SmartAC event day," and the device will signal your air conditioning unit to use slightly less energy. The program operates between May 1 and October 31, but event days are infrequent.

PG&E says most people in the program say they don't notice when their device is active, and participants can opt out of any event day without penalty online or with a phone call. Since the SmartAC program only slightly changes the amount of energy your air conditioner uses, and only occasionally, PG&E says customers are not likely to see savings on their energy bills. Thus the \$50 reward check sent 4 to 6 weeks after signing up.

"By enrolling in the SmartAC program," PG&E writes, "you'll be taking an important step to help protect the power supply for your community."

To join (no appointment is necessary in most cases) visit www.pge.com/AboutSmartAC or call 1-800-908-4916. Currently, PG&E is accepting residential customers only into the program.

## Hometown Celebration

Sign-up Deadline June 1

There's a June 1 deadline for businesses, clubs and organizations to sign up for the 6th annual Willits Frontier Days Hometown Celebration, set for Thursday, June 27, during the 87th annual Willits Frontier Days Celebration. This year's Hometown Celebration also kicks off festivities for the City of Willits' 125th birthday, or "quasiquincentennial," 1888-2013.

All businesses and organizations within the greater Willits area are welcome to participate in the Hometown Celebration, which is sponsored by the Willits Chamber of Commerce as part of its ongoing "Shop Local" campaign.

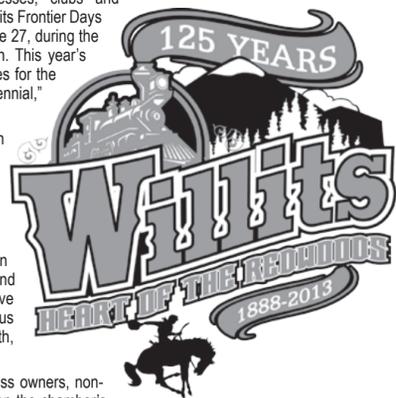
Local downtown businesses will stay open late, with many offering special discounts and sales from 4 to 9 pm. Event activities include live music, vendor booths, games, food, the famous prize wheel at the Chamber of Commerce booth, and more.

The chamber, along with a team of business owners, non-profit organizations and city representatives on the chamber's Local First Committee, are dedicated to providing independent business owners with opportunities to reach locals and visitors alike.

To have a booth, to become a sponsor, or to register your downtown business as a store-front participant, download forms on the Willits Chamber of Commerce's website, www.willits.org. Info: 459-7910.

### Do you have business tips or info?

Contact Willits Weekly at 459-2633 or willitsweekly@gmail.com to give us information about what's happening with your greater Willits area business. If you're a new business owner, we're happy to do a new business story, but Willits Weekly is also interested in informing our readers about established businesses in town.



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## Forever in the Twilight



At top: Pre-prom ladies photo moment: Kayla, Adeja, Jordan, Tonja, Nataly, Diane, Melleka, Bre, Emily, Casey, Brianna, Marrisona, Ana, Mikaela, Ashley, Dalvi, Ashley, Marrisona, Alicia, Amanda, Dara, Shyanne, Kylie and Kalie.

Photo courtesy Kalie Shuster

Above: Newly crowned Prom King and Queen, Jacob Bailey and Natalie Grossman share their first dance.

Photo courtesy Levi Phillips

WHS Prom held last Saturday night

Willits High Schoolers danced the night away at the annual prom last Saturday to the tunes of DJ Ken Steely and the theme "Forever in the Twilight."

Though the Little Lake Grange was slightly smaller than venues of the past, attendees seemed to enjoy the cozy, full ambiance the newly updated room provided.

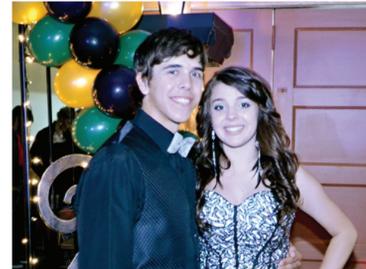
Jacob Bailey and Natalie Grossman were crowned Prom King and Queen and other nominees Kailer Collicott, Wyatt Sanderson, Alicia Mehtlan and Kayla Schnitzius took home Prince and Princess titles.

Donations from parents and Safeway accompanied tasty nibbles made by the Willits High School Cooking Club.

"There were lots of people there to help set up and clean up too," explained Junior Class President Kalie Shuster. "We all had a great time!"



Above left: Dancers enjoy the prom songs by DJ Ken Steely.



Above right: WHS Junior Will Betts and WHS Freshman Tiara Grey.

Photos courtesy Levi Phillips



Above: Pre-prom guys photo moment: Tyler, Luis, Chris, Kyle, Kyle, Sam, Christian, Wyatt, Brent, Kailer, Danin, Mike, Dainen, RJ, Jake, Casey, Jon, Palmer, Brendon and Shivan.

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## Congratulations Column

Goss Family  
40th Wedding Anniversary



Doug and Kathy Goss were married in Willits on May 11 and celebrated their 40th anniversary last weekend with family and friends.

"We've lived in Willits most of our lives and loved that we could share this event with so many of our friends and family," said Kathy. "A few will recall attending our wedding - and as with most wedding celebrations - there was a lot of hugging and kissing! Doug came down with hepatitis B 4 days later which required all celebrants to get a gamma-globulin shot! Jon Sterngold was our physician then and can likely remember it well, too!"

All of the couple's sons and grandsons came to celebrate along with many who came from out of the area.

Photo: Left to right: (top row) Grandsons Brody and Chance, wife Kathy, grandsons Austin and Cody; (bottom row) son Bo, husband Doug and sons Eric and Tim.

Baby McCoy  
Number 3 on the way



Ricco and Michelle (Tobin) McCoy are excited to announce another addition to the family, baby McCoy #3 who will join brothers Connor, 3, and Coltin, 10 months, on his due date: December 20, 2013. Grandparents Mike and Kathy Tobin are excited to meet the new one already.

Phlebotomy School GRADUATE



Congratulations to Rahaya Willens for graduating from Mendocino County Office of Education-Medical Assistant Class of 2013 and Phlebotomy Certification! Your hours of study and diligence have paid off. Good job - we are all so proud of you.

Send us your congratulatory notes!  
willitsweekly@gmail.com

The Rules: CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Column: Willits Weekly is pleased to publish small congratulatory notes to locals in this column. Each week's deadline is end of day Monday for Thursday's edition, and notes should be no longer than 100 words.

Please send notes on births, engagements, weddings, milestone birthdays, job promotions and other appropriate events via email: willitsweekly@gmail.com. They may also be mailed to: Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits 95490, but email is preferred.

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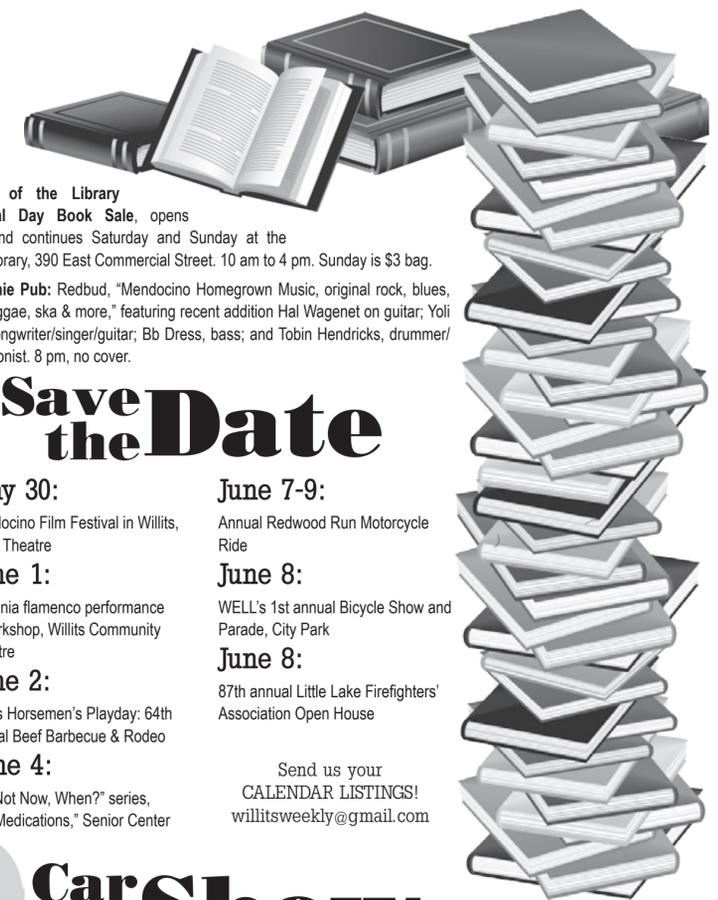
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# What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits



**Friends of the Library Memorial Day Book Sale**, opens today, and continues Saturday and Sunday at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 10 am to 4 pm. Sunday is \$3 bag.

**Shanachie Pub:** Redbud, "Mendocino Homegrown Music, original rock, blues, punk, reggae, ska & more," featuring recent addition Hal Wagenet on guitar; Yoli Rose, songwriter/singer/guitar; Bb Dress, bass; and Tobin Hendricks, drummer/percussionist. 8 pm, no cover.

## Save the Date

**May 30:** Mendocino Film Festival in Willits, Noyo Theatre

**June 1:** La Tania flamenco performance & workshop, Willits Community Theatre

**June 2:** Willits Horsemen's Playday: 64th annual Beef Barbecue & Rodeo

**June 4:** "If Not Now, When?" series, "Medications," Senior Center

**June 7-9:** Annual Redwood Run Motorcycle Ride

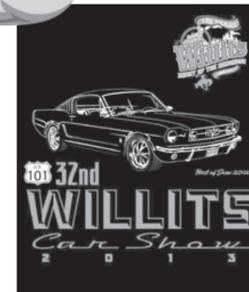
**June 8:** WELL's 1st annual Bicycle Show and Parade, City Park

**June 8:** 87th annual Little Lake Firefighters' Association Open House

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## Car Show

32nd Annual Community Festival and Classic Car Show events



**Saturday, May 25**

**Willits Community Walk for Health:** Registration begins at 9:30 am at JD Redhouse on this 14th annual "Boogie Woogie Walk," starting at 10 am. Five-mile (10,000 step) walk starts in downtown Willits, and winds through the neighborhoods. Free and open to all (including well-behaved pets on leashes). Walk as little or as much as you like, and catch a ride back with the Harrah Center van if you get tired of walking.

**Mini-Maker Faire:** 10 am to 5 pm at the County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. New this year! A Make-It-Mendocino celebration of artful ingenuity throughout our region. Try do-it-yourself projects at

interactive booths; see technology demonstrations; participate in crafts workshops, and listen to local music. Food and beverages on sale throughout the day to benefit the Mendocino County Museum Exhibit and Education Fund. Museum admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for youth 6-18 years; children 5 years and younger are free. Participation in the Mini Maker Faire is included in Museum admission. More info: MendocinoMakerFaire.com,

**Maker Masquerade Ball:** 7 pm to midnight at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. With Zydeco, Latin, Gypsy, Afro-Caribbean, and world beat music guaranteed to make you dance. Music by Tee Fee Swamp Boogie and Quarteto Pura Vida and a belly dance performance by Troupe Satya, in an atmospheric 1920s themed venue. Wine, beer, and Italian sodas for sale along with hand-crafted appetizers and desserts. Costumes and masks are encouraged but not required. Come as you are. Tickets \$25 at the door; advance: \$20 adults; \$15 youth, available at the museum, Mazahar and online at Brown Bag Tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/382929>

**Classic Car Show:** 10 am to 4 pm at the Rec Grove. "Take a stroll down memory lane" and enjoy the lovingly restored pre-1973 classic cars on display. Roots of Motive Power antique steam equipment display. Vendor booths, family activities, food, door prizes and fun.

**Memorial Day Ceremony:** at noon, the American Legion Post 174's color guard will present the colors at noon at the main stage area, with Jeff Whitby on Scottish bagpipes, leading the procession in remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

**Classic Car Awards Ceremony & Raffle Drawing:** 3:30 pm

### Thursday, May 16

**Sherwood School Open House:** 5:30 pm. 32600 Sherwood Road. Traditional full day program, K through 8th grade, plus K-8 partial independent study, and K-8 independent study program. Info: 707-984-6769.



Ventura Perez, Associated Student Body President 1939, portrayed here with ASB President Alicia Mehtlan; Site Council members Christian Carrillo and Wyatt Sanderson; ASB Historians Kailer Collicott and Pelon Arreguin

Photo courtesy WHS Facebook Page

**Willits High School Open House:** 5:30 pm. 299 North Main. Will be celebrating of the great athletic facility improvements afforded by Ventura Perez' generous donation of \$200,000 to WHS Athletics and \$1 million to our community! Our hearts are with you, Mr. Perez. Info: 707-459-7700.

**Shanachie Pub:** Solo coastal guitarist Steven Bates, 3rd Thursday of every month. 6 pm, no cover. "When playing acoustic Bates delivers a fast-paced strumming technique that has a rock and roll vibe unto itself." Visit [www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician](http://www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician)

**"Betting the Farm":** a documentary about a group of Maine dairy farmers – dropped by their national milk company – who launch their own milk company in a bid to save their farms. 7 pm, Little Lake Grange. \$5 donation.



**"Dead Man's Cell Phone":** Last weekend for this edgy dark romantic comedy by prizewinning contemporary playwright Sara Ruhl at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse. Tonight (7 pm, \$10), Friday and Saturday (8 pm, \$15) and Sunday (2 pm, \$10). Adult language. The theater is located at 37 W. Van Lane; tickets are available at the Goods' Shoppe or by calling 459-0895 to reserve tickets by credit card.

### Friday, May 17



**Willits Kids Club Carnival:** 4 to 7 pm at Willits Kids Club, 1265 Blosser Lane. Third annual carnival created by Baechtel Grove Middle School students for the younger students and the community. Games, face painting, and lots of fun. Kiwanis Club selling hamburgers (\$2) and hotdogs (\$1) to benefit the Kids Club and other fun and healthy food. Free, except students can pay \$3 to qualify to win prizes.

**Save Little Lake Valley Benefit:** Dinner theater by Willits Shakespeare trio Billy Hetherington, Bryan Arnold, and Christopher Martineau: "The Complete History of America, Abridged," "a fast-paced show bent on delivering whacky, pun-riddled American history in a hurry; music by The Dirt Floor Band, and a full-course Italian dinner cooked by Chef Peter Norris and crew (gluten free and vegetarian available). Little Lake Grange, 7 pm. Tickets: \$30, available at Goods' Shoppe.



The Dirt Floor Band is performing at the Save Little Lake Valley benefit Friday night.

Photo courtesy DFB

**"The Sound of Music":** Opening night tonight and Saturday at 7 pm, plus 2 pm matinee on Sunday. The spring musical from the

Willits High School theater class. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students/ seniors.

### Saturday, May 18

**Tea & Togs Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show:** noon to 2 pm at the Harrah Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. The fashion show showcases fabulous finds from the Willits Seniors' Thrift Store, modeled by fabulous local models. Bring your own teacup and enjoy a delicious selection of tea sandwiches, scones, cakes, tarts and teas. Tickets, \$10, available in advance at the Harrah Center or at the door. More info: 459-6826.

**Free workshop on Alzheimer's/Dementia:** with Elizabeth Santos, certified dementia practitioner, Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, across from the Grange, 1 to 3 pm. To teach people about the difference between Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia, diagnosis and progression, challenging

## Ongoing Events

**Farmers Market at City Park:** Every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Spring vegetables from area farmers plus live music, garden starts, flowers, crafts, baked goods, dinner and other edibles.

**"Journeys":** an art show at the Willits Center for the Arts, hosted by Manzanita Services, for Mental Health Month in May. Paintings, sculptures, poetry, dolls, jewelry, ceramics, metalwork, and the unfinished "Journeys Quilt." Gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 4 to 7 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 pm. Through May 26.

**Sheriff's Activities League activities below. \$5 per year Contact Body Works Gym to sign up 459-0594 | 1511 S. Main Street**

**Karate:** Thursdays at Body Works Gym. Karate is available for those aged 5 and above and all skill levels are welcome. Classes are on Thursdays. For those aged 5 - 11, class is from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, and 12 - adult follows from 7:30 to 9 pm

**Boxing:** Fridays at Body Works Gym from 6:30 to 9 pm

**Teen Gym:** Monday to Friday at Body Works Gym. Teen Gym is available to kids aged 13 to 18 who are currently enrolled in school and runs weekdays from 3 to 5 pm



Above: WKC kids pose with their giant Jenga game

## JENGA!



Above: Mariah SanDiego and Amaia Hammack show off the new bean bag boards

Baechtel Grove Middle School students who participate in the after school program with the Willits Kids Club helped create handcrafted carnival games in preparation for Friday's event.

Stop by the Kids Club building at Blosser Elementary Lane School and play from 4 to 7 pm.

Info: Willits Kids Club: 459-9201.



Left: Macie Huddle smiles through the bean bag board  
Right: Jenga masters EJ Buzzard and Cody Pedersen

## Benefit for SOLLV

MAY 17<sup>th</sup> - 6pm till Midnight

Featuring *The Complete History of America (Abridged)* & The Dirt Floor Band




### Dinner, Theatre & Dancing!

This benefit show for SOLLV partners a pasta dinner presented by the Little Lake Grange (vegetarian & gluten free options!) with a comedic theatrical romp through our varied history and the always rocking Dirt Floor Band.

All proceeds go to SOLLV.

- \* Door opens @ 6pm, Dinner @ 7 pm
- \* Complete History starts @ 7:30 pm
- \* Dirt Floor Band @ 10 pm

Tickets \$30

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Little Lake Grange @ 291 School St. Willits

For More Information Contact Liam: 456-2470

**The Rules: CALENDAR LISTINGS**

Calendar Listings: Willits Weekly is pleased to publish calendar listings and promotional articles for Willits events and activities. Each week's deadline is end of day Monday for Thursday's edition.

Please send calendar listings and press releases via email: willitsweekly@gmail.com. Email us the electronic versions of posters or flyers you've made to publicize your event, too. Calendar listings, press releases and flyers may also be mailed to: Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits 95490, but email is preferred.

Make sure to include a contact name and phone number. If you're sending a digital photograph you'd like us to use in the paper, a high-resolution photo is best.

# Puzzle Page

Activities & fun for kids of all ages

## In the Stars...

**ARIES** | Mar 21 - Apr 20

Aries, life might get stressful really soon unless you curb your spending. Although you may feel like you're made of money right now, eventually the well will dry up.

**TAURUS** | Apr 21 - May 21

Making changes is seldom easy, but change is necessary this week. Taurus. You may need to analyze which areas of your life can use the most work.

**GEMINI** | May 22 - Jun 21

Gemini, kick back and have some fun in the next few days. Otherwise, you may waste an opportunity to recharge your batteries. Work responsibilities will not wait for long.

**CANCER** | Jun 22 - Jul 22

Cancer, expect some rejuvenated ambition and energy. Spurred on by this newfound energy, you can successfully tackle many of the things on your to-do list.

**LEO** | Jul 23 - Aug 23

Leo, unless you can focus you will just be puttering around without a goal. Put your mind on one thing and stick with this line of thinking for a few days.

**VIRGO** | Aug 24 - Sept 22

Virgo, once you set your mind to something, it can be difficult to alter your opinions or perceptions. You may need to be a bit more flexible with a loved one this week.

**LIBRA** | Sept 23 - Oct 23

Libra, if you want someone to take you seriously you have to make up your mind. Don't flip-flop on your ideals this week or you may come across as a pushover.

**SCORPIO** | Oct 24 - Nov 22

Scorpio, just when you think you have reached a dead end, a new path miraculously opens up. Don't miss your opportunity because time is fleeting.

**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov 23 - Dec 21

If practice makes perfect, then you have just about reached perfection, Sagittarius. You have been over and over something from every angle. It is now or never.

**CAPRICORN** | Dec 22 - Jan 20

Capricorn, there are many things you will not be able to change about this week, so why focus on the negativity? Instead, work around any issues and get the job done anyway.

**AQUARIUS** | Jan 21 - Feb 18

You often seem immune to the seriousness of certain situations, Aquarius. This week is no different. Try to recognize the gravity of a certain situation and put your best foot forward.

**PISCES** | Feb 19 - Mar 20

Don't think that your efforts have gone unnoticed, Pisces. A few key people have been keeping track of your accomplishments.

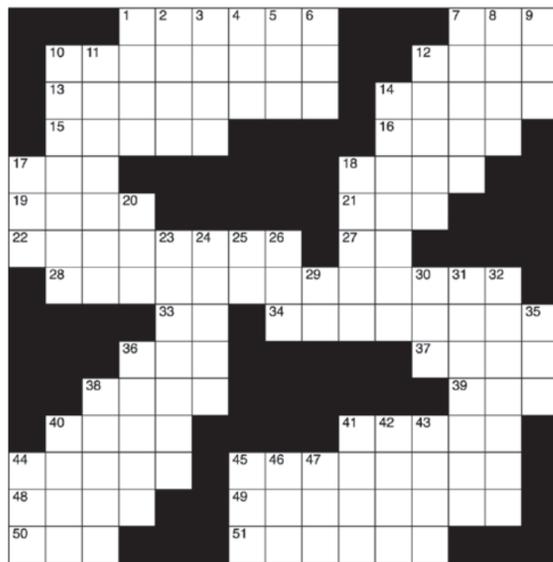
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## Sudoku

	8			6	5	2		
	6			9				4
4				2	1			6
						3		
8								5
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			9			4		
		9				8	6	1
			4					

Level: Intermediate

## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Fulmar
- Maple fluid
- Most saponaceous
- Icelandic island
- Stressed pronunciation
- Ginseng genus

- Seizes
- Loose Arab garments
- Title of respect
- Operatic solo
- Fleur-de-lis flower
- Pad used as a floor covering
- Sine curve
- In the year of Our Lord
- Day or sleep away supervisor
- Carrier's invention
- Infant bed
- Fiddler crabs
- English monk 672-735 (alt. sp.)
- Precise and prudish
- The beak of a bird
- Point that is one point N of NE
- Blighia sapida
- Russian political prison camp
- Unselfishness
- Arabian Gulf
- Unsupported
- Thieving bird
- Alarm and dismay
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Yemen capital
- Actresses Ortiz & Alicia
- Photographs
- Exposing folly to ridicule
- Egg-shaped instrument
- Established custom
- St. Patrick's, Macy's or Rose
- Female sibling
- Gather lots together
- Total
- Allowance for intervals
- Medieval philosopher
- Jupiter satellite
- Invest with knighthood
- Sodium
- Women's \_\_\_ movement
- Singleness
- Saves or delivers
- The bill in a restaurant
- Of a city
- Former name of Belau
- Class of comb jellies
- Height x width
- Pick out from others
- German port, bay and canal
- Jacob's 6th son
- Goat or camel hair fabric
- One circuit of a track
- 3X = 1 TBS

### CLUES DOWN

- Cigarette bundle
- Fencing sword
- Cannisters
- A way to drench
- Point midway between E and SE

\$10 for 5 lines  
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# Classifieds & More

Quick ads and extra info

### Consignments Accepted

GAVEL DOWN SALES, located at 1611 South Main Street, is open Wed through Sun, 10 am to 6 pm, and is accepting quality home furnishings for consignment. Contact Kapila at 707.459.1300.

### Goat Found

If you've lost a goat please call 707-489-5916. It's on Mariposa Creek Road in Willits, just above Redwood Valley.

### Eckankar

Join us for a Community HU Song Tuesday, May 28, at 6 pm at the Willits Library meeting room, 390 E. Commercial Street. HU is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra and can help you experience divine love and find inner peace. Families and all faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475.

### Help Wanted

Ardella's Downtown Diner now hiring all positions. Apply within. No phone calls please.

### Notice

Hey, Willy Willits, what do you think of this?  
— "Not a Willy fan"

### Football Time!

Football season is around the corner. Anyone interested in coaching football or cheer, please stop by Round Tree Glass for an application.

### For Rent

West Side Willits House: 1500sqft, 3bed / 2bath, all appliances, W/D. New Granite & Stainless kitchen, Berber carpet, screen porch. \$1275+\$1300 deposit includes yard maintenance. Sm. 3rd suitable for teen, with dresser. Pets considered with extra deposit. No pot grows, or indoor smoking. Must be OK with scheduled inspections. 530/559-3577.

### For Sale

1990 Lance Squire 9.4 Camper. Put the convenience of home on the back of your truck. Has stove/oven, refrig, toilet/shower, outside shower & awning. Sleeps 4-5. Fits on 8' truck bed. \$2,400 OBO. 707-459-6729.

### Garage Sale

Saturday, May 18, 8 am to 4 pm, Willits Mini-Storage, 261 Franklin Ave. Locker #110. Come one, come all.

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### Old Cars Wanted

ALWAYS LOOKING for Cars, Scooters & Motorcycles! '40s thru '50s. Show Car to Parts Car. Please call Alan: 489-7165 or email agrossman@pacific.net.

### Parking Lot Sale

Gavel Down Sales located at 1611 S. Main St. is having a parking lot sale Sunday May 19th beginning at 9am. Lots of Tools, Auto Parts, and much more. Also the store will be having 10 percent off the entire stock at the same time.

### Pinball Machines

PINBALL MACHINES for sale. 459-6372.

### Timber Framing

GARFIELD CONSTRUCTION, New England Style Timber Framing. Hand cut joints held fast with oak pegs. Homes, Barns, Gazebos and more. Stop by our shop and see the display. 299 Highway 20, 841-7429.

### Volunteers Needed

Harrah Center is looking for people, any age, with a heart for service. We can use all skills and coordinate for your free time. Call us 707-459-6826 or come in 1501 Baechtel Rd, Willits

## The Rest of Johnson

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New Willits superintendent of schools, Patricia Johnson (left), with Maria de los Angeles Munguia, principal of Baechtel Grove, and Olga O'Neill, principal of Brookside

Photo by Jennifer Poole

"I'm excited," Johnson – who goes by "Pat" – told Willits Weekly. "This is a great opportunity. We've done a lot of RV traveling up here – to Petaluma, Benbow and Garberville – and I am looking forward to making it permanent."

Johnson's husband, Rocky, a retired administrator, is excited about enjoying the area's outdoor life, she said, including kayaking and learning how to fly fish.

The Victor Valley school district, in Victorville, is a 7th through 12 grade district, with 10,000 residents. Victorville is a city of 100,000. Johnson, who was with the Victor Valley district for 11 years, said her job blended involvement in curriculum, instructional and budgetary issues, along with "making sure things got done."

Johnson said Victor Valley was also experiencing declining enrollment, with challenges from charter schools encouraging the district "to rethink how we do business" and to explore alternative programs and take a more creative approach.

"I've gotten a good sense from the board about their concerns," Johnson said, "and as long as we keep student achievement at the forefront, we should be great."

Pat and Rocky Johnson have three grown-up children.

The board also approved a memorandum of understanding Tuesday night with the Middletown Unified School District in Lake County, to hire (at least temporarily) Sherrie Ebyam, director of business services for the Middletown district, for 10 days a month through June 30 "to get through budget development" for next year.

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## The Rest of Oslund

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"I've loved every day of it," he told Willits Weekly. I wake up in the morning and I think, 'I get to go to try to make things better with a group of amazing kids.'"

Willits High School is a "wonderful, wonderful school with a bunch of great people," he said. "I've always felt like it's been a privilege to serve as principal, and I really mean that. I thank the students, the parents, the team that I work with, the school board, and the community."

"In the last 15 years, I've given my heart and my soul and that's been wonderful," Oslund said, "and so as I leave, it's obviously with a lot of sadness, but with no regrets for the great experiences I had with these kids, and I'm looking forward to the principalship at Ukiah High School and the great opportunities and the great adventures that offers."

"The most important part of my job right now," Oslund continued, "is to have the best community celebration we can have for the graduates of the class of 2013. I want folks to know I haven't lost my focus on what we're here for, to celebrate kids."

Ukiah High School has 1,600 students.

Oslund's move adds to changes in the Willits Unified School District for next year that will include a new superintendent and a new business manager for the district, as well as the retirement of WHS Vice Principal Linda Jacobs.

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ALL STUDENTS are welcome to attend Sherwood School Field Trips & Festivals  
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6th - 8th GRADERS are welcomed to join any WUSD sports team for their age group

**Families & Students from all over the county are welcome!**

**CRYPTO FUN**  
Determine the code to reveal the answer!  
Solve the code to discover words related to salsa.  
Each number corresponds to a different letter.  
(hint: 9 = e)

- A. 2 9 22 7 2 9 25 6**  
Clue: Salad ingredient
- B. 12 26 21 7 24 2 20 9**  
Clue: Coriander leaves
- C. 9 24 26 9 24**  
Clue: Makes you cry
- D. 11 25 11 11 25 20 6**  
Clue: Hot or sweet

**NOVO THEATRE** Willits, CA  
Times for 5/17-5/23/13

**STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS**  
in 3D  
(PG-13)  
Runs: 2 hr. 12 min  
Fri: 6:00, 9:00  
Sat/Sun: 12:30, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00  
Mon - Thurs: 7:00

**IRON MAN 3**  
(PG-13)  
Runs: 2 hr. 10 min  
Fri: 6:45, 9:30  
Sat/Sun: 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30  
Mon - Thurs: 6:45

**GREAT GATSBY**  
(PG-13)  
Runs: 2 hr. 23 min  
Friday: 6:20, 9:15  
Sat/Sun: 12:30, 3:25, 6:20, 9:15  
Mon - Thurs: 7:15

Coming Friday 5/24:  
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Thurs 7:PM \$10  
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Poster design: Creek Horns

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# Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits

Cars and trucks traverse the temporary bridge  
Photos by Zack Cinek



## The Rest of Bridge | From Page 1

feet of Bailey Bridge material," Dashiell said.

He said that he expects the roads to be closed for about two to three weeks when the culvert is replaced.

Hard rain at times this winter may have left a mark on county roads, but an otherwise dry winter has been kind to the county road system.

Mendocino County Department of Transportation maintains 1,018 miles of road and 137 bridges in the county. County roads, Dashiell said, are in better shape than they have been in past years with more winter rains.

## The Rest of Trailer | From Page 1

Pelleriti, code enforcement officer for the county said.

Pelleriti enforces code in inland Mendocino County for the Department of Planning and Building Services. The number of phone calls he gets on abandoned vehicles varies.

"I probably get maybe a phone call a week," Pelleriti said. "Next week I could get 15 calls."

According to the county, the abatement program has removed nearly 17,500 vehicles from public and private property since it started in 1992.

Correspondence from the Mendocino County Planning and Building Services department stated to county supervisors that the California Highway Patrol would need to charge Mendocino County about \$15,000 to restart collection of the \$1 fee for vehicles registered in the county.

Documents submitted to the supervisors from Planning and Building state that the board of supervisors ended the program in April 2012 to comply with 2010's Prop 26, requiring a 2/3s "yes" vote on taxes.

Mendocino County Solid Waste Management Authority,

also a joint operation including Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Willits and the county, oversees Mendocino County's garbage business.

To Mike Sweeney, manager of the authority, clean-up of abandoned vehicles is an essential service that cannot be interrupted.

"Trailers and cars are just a big piece of litter," said Sweeney.

On a scenic Reynolds Highway turnout, a travel trailer abandoned on a pullout with scenic views of grazing cattle and oak trees appeared in February. With broken glass, garbage inside, and unlocked doors, the vintage trailer was an eyesore in an otherwise pristine corner of the valley.

At that time, the abandoned vehicle abatement program was expected to be out of order for several months, Planning and Building Services Director Steve Dunicliff told Willits Weekly.

Although the abatement program is not in operation, abandoned RVs and trailers have been removed and stored until the program restarts, Planning & Building's Pelleriti said.

Participation in the program would give the Willits Police



An old trailer was removed last February

Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com

Department a shot to begin recovering money for the time its staff spends on abandoned vehicles.

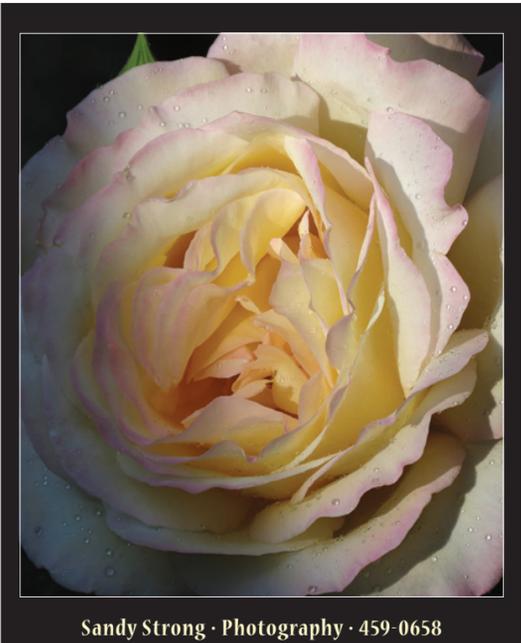
"In the past, the City of Willits would tag and make referrals to the County of Mendocino Code Enforcement Department and receive no reimbursement for time spent abating abandoned vehicles," Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez said, in a report to the Willits City Council.

If the Willits City Council votes to join the program, Planning and Building's Pelleriti said a packet will

be sent to the CHP in Sacramento for approval.

### How it works

- No agency receives money unless a quarterly report is submitted.
- A tow company is contracted for removal and disposal of vehicles.
- Vehicles or parts are scrapped unless a vehicle qualifies for restoration.
- A board of directors will consist of a representative of each participating jurisdiction.



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