

Congratulations Column



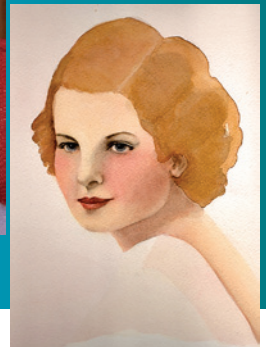
Newbie
Alansy
Zubicek

Welcome to baby Alansy Lorraine Zubicek, who was born December 3, 2013, to loving parents Tomas and Shana Zubicek of Willits. Alansy was 7 pounds, 14 ounces at birth. Also welcoming the new baby girl are: brother Jacob Zubicek of Palm Beach, Florida; grandparents Dee and William McGuffey of Healdsburg; and uncle Michael McGuffey of Santa Rosa. Alansy is the great-granddaughter of the late Lester and Lorraine McGuffey.

Condolences Column



Arlene Marie
Schauss
(née Clark)



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In loving memory of my Mother: Arlene passed away peacefully on December 23. At her side were her daughter, Donna, granddaughter Amy, and a very dear friend, Voris, a pastor from Lake County.

Arlene was born and raised in the small historic village of Wakeman, Ohio. Many of the original inhabitants of Wakeman came from New England after the Revolutionary War. Most of her family originally came from Milford, Connecticut.

Her grandfather Charles S. Clark started the Clark Seed Company in Wakeman, which became the largest in the U.S. at the time. He also started a minor league baseball team in Wakeman.

Arlene, coming from some of the original settlers of New England, from both sides of her parents' families, was a member of DAR (Daughter of the American Republic) and also of NSDAC (National Society Daughters of the American Colonists). She was also a member of the Wakeman Congregational Church. Arlene moved to Norwalk, Ohio, when she married, and raised a family with her husband, Karl, who passed in 1964.

Arlene attended four years of college, two at Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia. She spent her last two years at and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware, Ohio, where she joined the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She also attended business school in Oberlin, Ohio.

Arlene moved to Willits in 2005 to be with her daughter, Donna, and her son-in-law, Larry Stropes.

She enjoyed a long, rich life, with many historical aspects that she so vividly remembered. Arlene flew across the country with her parents in her father's four-seater airplane, going over the Golden Gate Bridge while it was under construction and landing at Chrissy Field. She remembered going to the San Francisco bars called speakeasies, because Prohibition was still in effect.

Arlene is survived by her son Karl Timothy, son David Charles, and daughter Donna Jean,

grandchildren Amy, Karl Timothy, Jr., Thomas and Susan, six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Later this year there will be a memorial for Arlene in Wakeman, Ohio.
- Donna Stropes

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Willits Science Fair deadline coming up

The 2014 Willits Science Fair will be held on February 11, 12 and 13 at the Willits Community Center. Schools expected to participate at this time are Brookside School, Blosser Lane Elementary, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Willits High School, Sherwood School, the Willits Charter School and the Willits Elementary Charter School.

Students who are interested in doing a science fair project for the 2014 Willits Science Fair must have an "Intent to Participate" form submitted by January 27. They must have submitted a form to be eligible to bring their project to the community center. Forms are available at all schools, and students should ask their teachers.

Most students will bring their projects by bus to the Willits Community Center on the morning of February 11. Judging will take place later that day. The Science Fair is not open to the public on judging day. The Science Fair will be open to the public on Wednesday, February 12, and Thursday, February 13. All projects will be removed after 3 pm that Thursday.

Mendocino County Qualifier Projects will be chosen in grades three through 12. Those students will be eligible to participate at the Mendocino County Science Fair, which will be held at Mendocino College on Saturday, March 29.



Willits students have traditionally done very well at the Science Fair competitions. Last year, for example, 10 out of the 15 projects at the county Science Fair that qualified to go on to the California State Science Fair were done by students from Willits High School or Willits Charter School.

A judge looks at last year's "Vinegar vs. Saltwater: The Chocolate Mint Plant Test" Science Fair project, done by Blosser Lane students Manuel Banuelos and Tristan Tartell. This project won a Bronze award in the Life Sciences category (grades 3-4) at the Mendocino County Science Fair in 2013.

If you want to help, or have any questions about the Willits Science Fair, please call Science Fair Coordinator Sharon Hanna at 459-4116 or email her at sharonhanna@willitsunifird.com.



Above: Attendees at the Willits Youth Soccer meeting Monday night (in rear): Melissa Donegan (holding baby Kalaya), Tatiana Cantrell (holding the check), Martin Rodriguez, Saprina Rodriguez, and Marian Lohne. In front: Eric and Mariah Rodriguez.

\$500 for Youth Soccer

Ace Copy & Shipping has raised \$500 to donate to Willits Youth Soccer, and owner Martin Rodriguez presented the check to the club at its Monday night meeting at Old Mission Pizza.

This is the third year Rodriguez has raised money for soccer in Willits through customer donations at his copy shop. "We used to have a \$1 fee for drop-offs for UPS or FedEx," Rodriguez explained. "Now I just ask for a donation for the soccer programs."

The donations since the start of soccer season last fall added up to \$425, and Rodriguez made it an even \$500.

In previous years, Rodriguez has made the donation to the Baechtel Grove Middle School soccer program and to the Willits High School soccer program. Board members of Youth Soccer will decide whether to use the money toward new equipment, a new goal, or scholarships to help families pay the \$45 registration fee for each player or for uniforms. Last year, 240 Willits area kids from age 4 to 15 participated in the youth soccer program. For information about this fall's Youth Soccer season, or this summer's soccer camp, check www.willitsyouthsoccer.com or call Rodriguez at 456-9800.

News on the flu

Influenza cases are on the rise in Mendocino County and elsewhere. Mendocino County Public Health announced, in a January 8 press release, that an adult in northern Mendocino County died at the end of December "from chronic conditions which were complicated by the flu." Eight flu deaths have been reported in Sonoma County, including the death of a healthy 23-year-old man, and 17 deaths have been reported in the Bay Area.

According to the press release, eight patients had, at that time, been admitted to Mendocino County hospitals with confirmed cases of H1N1 flu. "The H1N1 strain appears to be the predominant strain circulating in California and the rest of the United States this flu season," the press release continued. "The H1N1 virus, which emerged during the 2009 pandemic, causes more illness in children and young adults, compared to older adults. It causes severe illness in all age groups, including those younger than 65 years of age."

H1N1 was called "swine flu" when it emerged, due to the virus' original jump from pigs to humans, but the World Health Organization says H1N1 "is now just like any other annual human flu strain."

Public Health encourages residents to

get this season's flu vaccination, which "protects against the strains circulating in the state, including H1N1." Public Health ordered additional doses of flu vaccine for adults and children last week, and is holding a drop-in flu vaccination clinic for adults in Ukiah on Friday, January 18, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Public Health offices, 1120 South Dora Street. A \$10 donation is suggested. No flu clinic has yet been scheduled for Willits. For info on the future schedule for Public Health's drop-in clinics, call Karen Broderick, LVN, at 472-2681.

In addition to flu vaccinations, it's necessary to practice good health habits. If you become ill, you should take actions to stop the spread of germs, including: 1) Stay home when you are sick; 2) Cover your coughs and sneezes; 3) Wash your hands with soap/water; 4) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; 5) Do not return to work or school until you have been without a fever for 24 hours.

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital announced Tuesday night that it was instituting "H1N1 Visitor Guidelines" "to help reduce the spread of Influenza (H1N1) to community members, visiting patients, employees and patients themselves." Ukiah Valley Medical Center had earlier

Drop-in vaccination clinic; guidelines for hospital visitors

announced these same guidelines.

Anyone planning on visiting a hospitalized patient should follow these guidelines:

- Please enter the hospital through the main entrance.
- If you are experiencing a cough, sneezing, or respiratory symptoms, you are advised to wait to visit until you are feeling better (barring any special circumstances).
- No visitors under the age of 18 (barring special circumstances).
- Limit of two visitors at a time per patient (barring special circumstances).
- Pregnant women are prohibited from visiting for their safety and the safety of their baby (barring special circumstances).
- Visitors will be asked flu screening questions to ensure the health and well-being of visitors, employees, and patients.

The flu virus can be particularly difficult for young children and older adults. Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and fatigue. Some patients may experience nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. If you feel you have the flu, contact your primary care provider.

AMERICAN HUSTLE

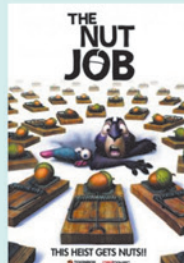


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