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Brooktrails OKs new budget

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With little discussion Brooktrails directors unanimously approved a new budget for the township Tuesday night.

However, the board did hold budget workshops on April 26 and May 17, during which the budget was discussed and several changes made.

The final budget remains somewhat tentative. Questions remain about whether voters will approve Measure K, which would raise the fire tax in Brooktrails by \$34 (from \$65 to \$99 for single-family occupied parcels). In addition, it is unknown what the City of Willits will be charging Brooktrails to treat its sewage. The two jurisdictions have yet to settle a lawsuit over the issue.

Brooktrails General Manager Denise Rose said the overall budget for the new fiscal year is tentatively \$3,108,509. Each of the main sections of the budget are funded by separate enterprise accounts and cannot be mixed together, she added.

Water department expenditures are \$1 million, with revenues expected to reach \$1.14 million. Sewer department expenditures are \$1.23 million, with revenues of \$1.25 million. Fire department expenditures are \$326,465, while revenues lag at \$239,200. Park department expenditures are budgeted

Read the rest of **Budget** | Over on Page 11

Covelo woman found shot to death Sunday

Sheriff's investigators are seeking clues in the shooting death of a 21-year-old Covelo woman, whose body was discovered lying on the roadway in the 78000 block of Hopper Lane Sunday morning by a passing motorist.

Rosalena Bell Rodriguez had been shot several times, investigators say. Her body was found about 7:14 am.

A forensic autopsy was to have taken place Tuesday. Investigation into Rodriguez's death is continuing, the Sheriff's Office stated.

Persons with information that could assist detectives with their investigation are urged to leave a message on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Tip-Line at 707-234-2100.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office



Above: Willits High School Salutatorian Tristen Svendsen, left, and Valedictorian Cole Jessup jump for joy that graduation is here. Photo by Maureen Moore

Celebrating the 2014 Seniors

Graduation time is once again upon us, and at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 5, the Willits High School Class of 2014 will walk across the stage at Maize Field to receive their diplomas. The public is welcome to attend and cheer on the new graduates.

For more graduates, see pages 10 and 12, and look for other Willits schools' graduates in next week's Willits Weekly.



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Bypass charges grow as work continues

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Caltrans says security services provided by the California Highway Patrol to the Willits bypass construction site have cost \$3.1 million so far. Spokesman Phil Frisbie also said approximately \$5.4 million in additional "delay charges" has been approved for the bypass contractor to distribute to subcontractors unable to work due to construction delays.

The charges include the costs of redoing bird surveys required by state Fish & Game at the start of the construction project, as well as extra costs due to protests, including "tying up the wick drain stitcher for 11 days," Frisbie said, referring to protester Will Parrish's stitcher-sit last summer.

Caltrans had originally sought \$500,000 in "restitution" from Parrish for his 11-day protest, but later lowered its claim to \$150,000, according to prosecutor Paul Sequeira of the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

Read the rest of **Caltrans** | Over on Page 11

Animal control officers on 'dawn patrol' in Willits

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Animal control officers have been seen out and about during early morning hours on Willits streets, according to two city council members.

The City of Willits pays the Sheriff's Office for eight hours of animal control services each week inside city limits, a total of 416 hours per year.

The deal for animal control work between the city and Mendocino County was approved by the city council recently.

The council renewed a \$22,000 two-year contract, the same as the last contract between the two governments.

Services provided by the Sheriff's Office include responding to calls, being on patrol, looking into reports of dog bites, dogs on the loose, and dealing with cruelty and nuisance cases.

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Activities & fun for kids of all ages

In The Stars

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Interaction with an elder is something to cherish this week. Aries. Listen closely to the good advice you are offered, as it will pay dividends down the road.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, thoughts of returning to school may have floated around in your mind in the past. This week you are energized to investigate your educational options.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Do your best to turn a negative into a positive, Sagittarius. It may require a little creative thinking to pull this off, but you are up to the task. Start by smiling more often.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a new coworker may come to you with questions. This is your opportunity to serve as a mentor and use your experience to help the next generation.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Your creativity is on display this week, Virgo. You have ideas, and you need to put your thoughts in motion, whether through an art project or entrepreneurial venture.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Family matters will fare better this week than business matters, Capricorn. Focus more of your energy on your home life than happenings at the office that are beyond your control.

GEMINI
May 22/Jan 21
Gemini, you are intent on purchasing an expensive item sometime this week, but make sure it can be returned. Hold on to the receipt and carefully survey your finances.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Your ability to compromise is a big asset in the workplace, Libra. This alone can propel your career to new heights. You'll take a few steps in the right direction this week.

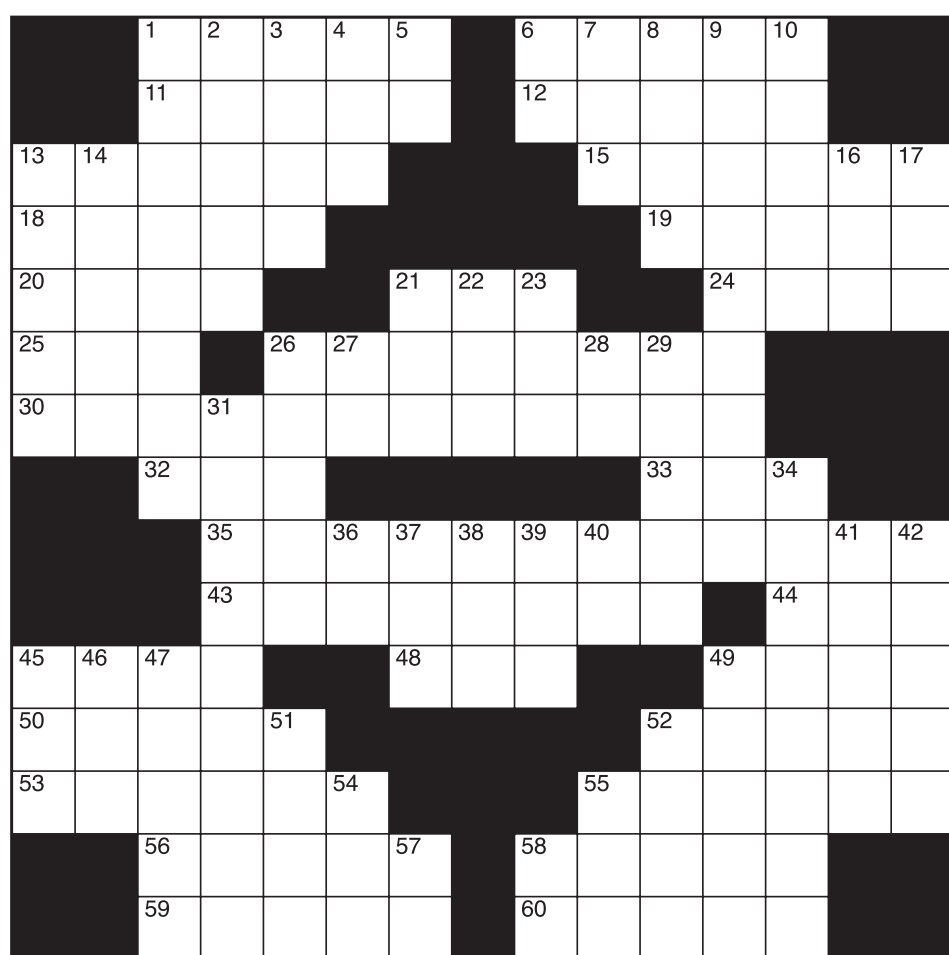
AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, pay attention to all of the little details this week. If you can keep your eyes open, you may find new opportunities coming your way in the next few days.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
It is time to get out of a rut, Cancer. Explore a new fashion choice or dine on a different type of ethnic food. The idea is to step out of your comfort zone.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Your ability to stay informed helps you to feel in touch with your surroundings, Scorpio. You will enjoy socializing with friends this week and may host a gathering.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, don't let your emotions get the best of you when making an important decision this week. Let logic reign.

Crossword Puzzle

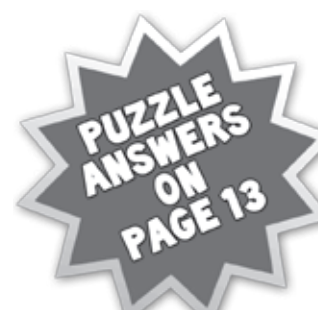


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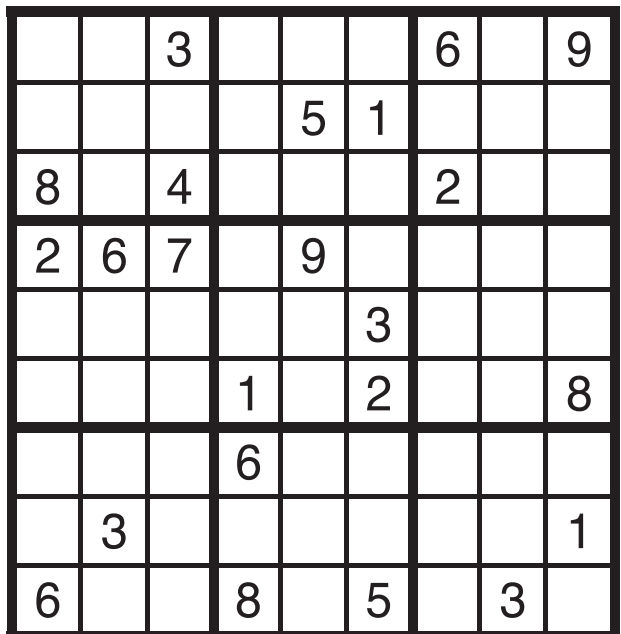
- Duck cartoon character
- Town in Guinea
- Upright posture
- Rest on your knees
- Move upward
- Disposed to take risks
- Makes a sweater
- Grooved surface of a tire
- Identical in kind
- Radiotelegraphic signal
- "Picnic" author William
- Bashkir Republic capital
- Male highlanders
- Doing several things at once
- Title of respect
- Old world, new
- "Sophie's Choice" actress
- Encloses completely
- Decaliter
- Makes angry
- Haitian monetary unit (abbr.)
- Latvian capital
- Tycho ____, Danish astronomer
- Leave slowly and hesitantly
- Harm to property

CLUES DOWN

- Proper fractions
- Ridgeline
- Marshland area of E. England
- Flood Control District
- Canadian province (abbr.)
- Project Runway designer judge's initials
- Along with
- Orderly and clean
- A short-barreled pocket pistol
- Extraterrestrial being
- Ancient capital of Ethiopia
- Goof
- Annoy constantly
- Haitian monetary unit (abbr.)
- Arrived extinct
- Belonging to a thing
- Tounge click
- Fireman's signal
- Connecticut
- 3rd tone of the scale
- Language spoken in Russia
- Spill occupancy
- Diacritics for s's
- Mobile camper
- Affirmative (slang)
- Bachelor of Laws
- ___ Angeles
- State police
- U.S. gold coin worth 10 dollars
- Bets on
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Macaws
- Julie Andrews and Judi Dench
- Capital of Morocco
- Oh, God!
- ___ Carvey, comedian
- Point midway between E and SE
- Principle of Chinese philosophy
- Trauma center
- Atomic #62



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!

Below: Several of the speakers at the ceremony, from left: USMC Col. Michael Howard (ret.), Jacqueline Cooper, Hal Wagenet, Holly Madrigal, Tracy Livingston, Dr. June Donaldson, 5th District Mendocino County Supervisor Dan Hamburg and William Nichols. Right: The crowd gathered in front of the Stud Barn during the ceremony.



From top down: Jack and Ida Lowe hold copies of their book; Roni McFadden poses with granddaughters Kara (center) and Kamryn Wilkes; supervisor candidates Holly Madrigal, at left, and Tom Woodhouse pose with Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation's Jacqueline Cooper and candidate Hal Wagenet, at right.

An Official 'Historic Place'

Seabiscuit Stud Barn officially listed on National Register of Historic Places

On January 22, word was received by the staff of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation that their months of hard work had finally paid off, and Seabiscuit's Stud Barn at Ridgewood Ranch was to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The event was celebrated Friday, May 23 with a ceremony at the ranch where a plaque in front of the barn was unveiled to excited Seabiscuit fans and honored guests. The date of the event also noted another significant moment in the famous racehorse's story - he was born 81 years before, to the day.

Dr. June Donaldson who hails from Calgary, Alberta, the home province of Seabiscuit's jockeys, Red Pollard and George Wolfe, emceed the event. She read statements from many dignitaries, including Vice President Walter Mondale, author Laura Hillenbrand, and actor, sports analyst and Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens, who all expressed their excitement for the barn's historic listing.

Proclamations in honor of the achievement were given to Tracy Livingston, board chair of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, by City of Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal.

Read the rest of **Seabiscuit** | Over on Page 15



From top down: Col. Michael Howard speaks to the crowd with Jacqueline Cooper sitting behind; the new plaque in front of the barn; author William Nichols holds a signed copy of his book.



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Tourism Economic Development & Jobs

Everybody wants their leaders to help create jobs. Promoting tourism is tricky business. When I was assigned to the Promotional Alliance seven years ago, funding was unstable, and marketing was based on opinions. The 17-member board was seriously dysfunctional. It was on the verge of failure.

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VMC has brought positive national attention to Mendocino County. We have been featured on Oprah and named the New York Times' 3rd favorite place to visit worldwide. Our CEO was at the White House for the Stornetta Historic designation two months ago.

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"It's a fun job," said Jack Bothwell, who started driving the Meals on Wheels van seven years ago, and has been doing it steadily now for 4.5 years. "You meet a lot of really nice people. People like to talk for a minute or two: a lot of homebound clients really enjoy the company."

Bothwell makes 20 to 25 stops on his route, driving from Walker Road to the north of town, in the valley, and up Pine Mountain. He drives the senior center's van, specially

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Car Show Winners

2014 Awards and Official Results

The Best of Show award, sponsored by Willits Chamber of Commerce, went to entry #12, a 1952 Kaiser Henry J owned by Mark Davis of Ukiah.

The Mayor's Pick award, sponsored by Glenmoor Ent., went to entry #39, a 1947 Dodge Pick Up Restored owned by Scott Terry of Willits.

The Willits Police Department Pick award, sponsored by Auto Mart, went to entry #54, a 1969 Pontiac Firebird owned by Erasmo Martinez of Fort Bragg.

The Willits Fire Department Pick award, sponsored by Lisa Epstein State Farm Insurance, went to entry #46, a 1964 Chevy El Camino owned by Craig & Cindy Sales of Willits.

Additional awards were also sponsored by locals and businesses. 201 School Street - Duncan Neff sponsored an award to entry #81, a 1937 Ford Coupe owned by Mitchell Hindman of Fort Bragg. Adam's Tire sponsored an award to entry #85, a 1956 Chevy Belair owned by Mark Pasetti of Fort Bragg; Affordable Plumbing sponsored an award to entry #21, a 1955 Willys Jeep Pick Up owned by Jack Hamilton of Willits; Alfred Kerr, D.D.S. sponsored an award to entry #66, a 1931 Ford Model A owned by Jim Clary of Garberville; Al's Redwood Room sponsored an award to entry #34, a 1935 Ford 5-window Coupe owned by Terry Proschold of Covelo and Auto Mart Auto Repair sponsored an award to entry #30, a 1965 Chevy Monza Corvair owned by Jack Moore of Eureka.

Barra of Mendocino sponsored an award to entry #22, a 1933 Ford 3-window Coupe owned by Paul & Vivian Johnson of Fort Bragg; Bill and Lorri Barker sponsored an award to entry #51, a 1969 Ford Mustang Fastback owned by Allyn Thompson of Ukiah; Coast Hardware sponsored an award to entry #58, a 1971 Opel G.T. owned by Art Sautler of Willits; Dick Matalamaki sponsored an award to entry #6, a 1948 Ford F-1 Pick Up owned by Mike & Janette Brown of Rohnert Park and El Mexicano Restaurant sponsored an award to entry #5, a 1966 Ford Mustang owned by George Brito of Fortuna.

Huddle Construction sponsored an award to entry #25, a 1966 Chevy Chevelle SS, owned by Charles & Lynn Mattos of Fort Bragg; Kemmy's Pies sponsored an award to entry #1, a 1947 Mercury Roadster Convertible owned by Tom Bacome of Eureka; Ken's Auto Repair sponsored an award to entry #14, a 1965 Cobra 427 Roadster owned by Michael Eubank of Laytonville; Kustoms by Spence sponsored an award to entry #55, a 1949 Mercury owned by Joe Vargas of Ukiah and Loose Caboose Café sponsored an award to entry #31, a 1964 Chevy Impala SS owned by Valentin Nieto of Willits.

Main Street Music & Video sponsored an award to entry #63, a 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible, owned by Charles and Mary Ellen Martin of Clearlake Oaks; Rio's Fish and Chips sponsored an award to entry #70, a 1957 Chevy Belair owned by Ismael Aviles of Sonoma and Round Tree Glass sponsored an award to entry #9, a 1934 Ford 4-door owned by Craig Cherry of San Ramon.

T and T Towing sponsored an award to entry #45, a '67 Chevy Chevelle owned by Tim and Larcye Wright of Redwood Valley; The Pub Sports Bar sponsored an award to entry #84, a 1966 Chevy Nova SS owned by Gary Huddle of Willits; Ukiah Auto Dismantlers sponsored an award to entry #47, a 1933 Plymouth Sedan owned by Dustine McKemy of Willits and Willits Rental Center sponsored an award to entry #82, a 1966 Corvette Stingray owned by Marvin and Marsha Orsi of Fort Bragg.



Left: Cindy and Craig Sales of Willits, at left, hold their "Willits Fire Department Pick" trophy, just presented by Ron Moorhead, at right.

Below left: Scott Terry, center, with wife, Kacy Knudsen, holds his "Mayor's Pick" trophy, with Chuck Persico at left, and Ron Moorhead, at right.

Below right: Mark Davis, center, holding his "Best of Show" trophy, with wife, Donna Davis, at left, and Ron Moorhead and Chuck Persico at right.

Photos courtesy Willits Chamber of Commerce



33rd Annual Willits Car Show

Big turnout for annual event at Rec Grove Park

There was a car for everyone to come and enjoy at the 33rd Annual Willits Car Show held last weekend at the Rec Grove Park, and gearheads young and old came to scope out the shiny, antique and unique autos on display.

Willits Chamber of Commerce's Lynn Kennelly noted that only about half the total of 90 cars on display had pre-registered. The other half just showed up on the day of the event and really made for a full show on the lawn. Cars were in various stages of restoration throughout the show. "You can have an in-process car next to a \$100,000 car," Kennelly said. "We've always been known for that."

People enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere; there were a lot of door prizes for car show entrants; and the support by the plaque sponsors - local businesses and residents - yielded a total of 27 trophies total.

"We had new folks that sponsored the plaques, too," noted Kennelly.

Attendees could also enjoy a bite to eat at the snack shack and could shop at the many vendor booths on display at the show's entrance.

Kassy Aldaco, Miss Mendocino 2014, sang for the crowd and encouraged a rousing round of "Happy Birthday" for a celebrator in the audience.

- Maureen Moore

See many more photos online at <http://photographpress.zenfolio.com/memorialday2014>



Above: Classic cars lined the walkways in the park. Below: Noel Herve and Christopher Moore pose by Moore's vintage Volkswagens. Bottom: Miss Mendocino Kassy Aldaco sang for the crowd during the Car Show.

Photos by Maureen Moore



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From left, Karen Hernandez, Karlee Wisniewski and Daisy Barrett hold their award certificates for Tech Trek.



Local girls to attend Tech Trek

Three Baechtel Grove Middle School students will attend "Tech Trek" at Stanford University this July, thanks to the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Tech Trek is a week-long state science and math camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields, and is sponsored by AAUW California.

Daisy Barrett, Karen Hernandez and Karlee Wisniewski were selected to attend camp this year, out of 18 girls nominated by Baechtel Grove teachers.

"The girls also gain the valuable experience of living on a college campus," said Susan Johnson, Tech Trek coordinator. "Professional women in the

science and math fields come in for discussions, and there are talks on college preparation and finding scholarship money."

Daisy, Karen and Karlee are all planning for careers that will involve science and math. Karlee wants to become a marine biologist: "That requires both math and science," she said. Daisy is interested in a scientific career because, she says: "You get to test out theories just to see does this work. Math helps with science, too. [Math teacher] Ms. Hendrix says math is the queen of science." Karen says she's not sure which career she's heading for but definitely one that involves math. "I do like science, too," she said. All three girls have

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I am so blessed to have a partner that helps me paint signs, makes sure I eat dinner, and encourages me to act on my dreams. Most importantly you keep me focused on what is really important, family, community and love.
Happy secret anniversary! (can it really be 18 years!?) Election Day is June 3rd, and I promise after that we can finally get away for a Giants game!

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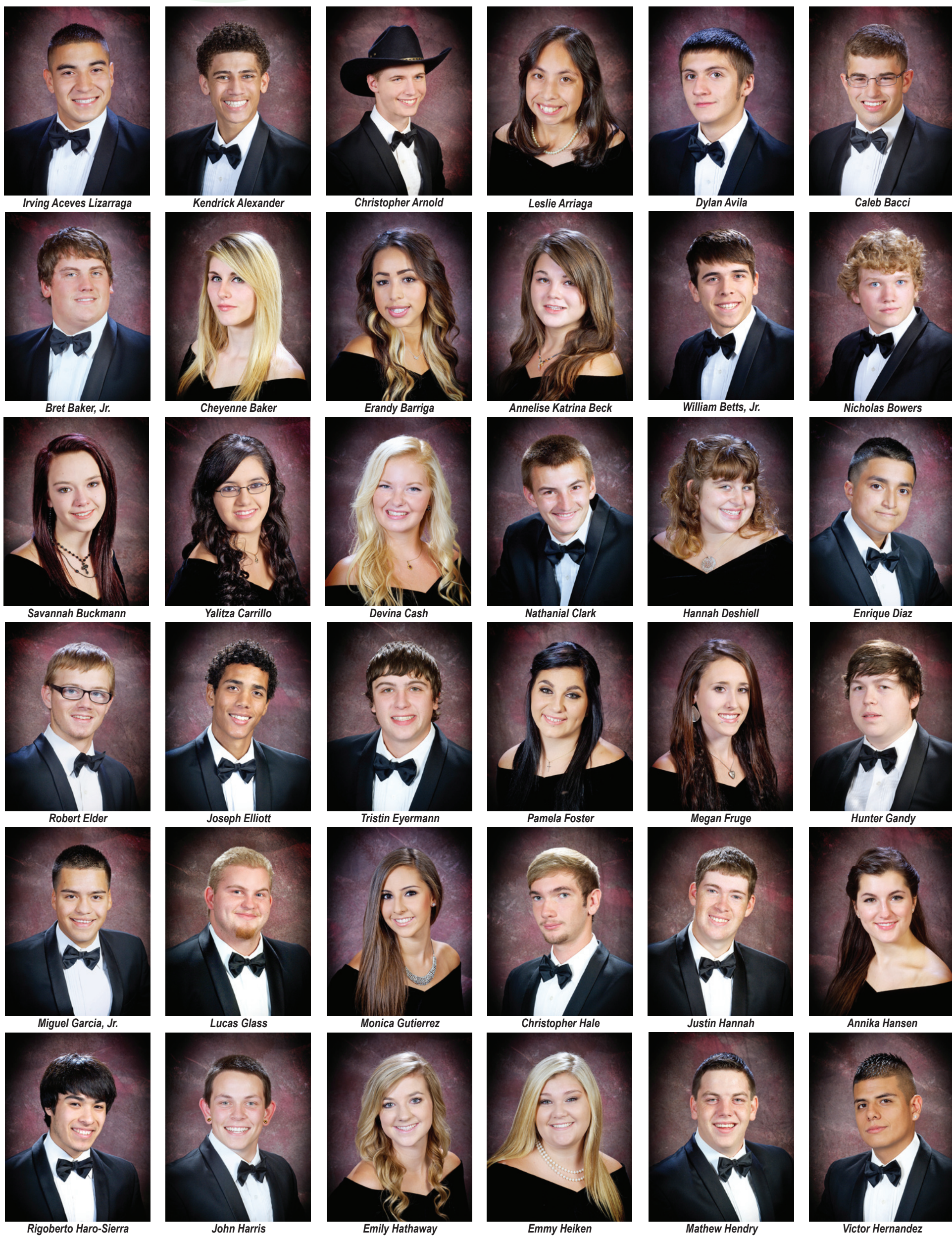
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Willits High School

2014 Graduates

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Looking south across the northern interchange area. Highway 101 runs alongside on the right side of the image. Photo taken May 11, 2014. Photo by Maureen Moore

Vote Yes on Measure K!!

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Measure K, to help fund the Brooktrails Fire Department. On Friday May 9 my husband suffered a massive stroke, leaving him paralyzed on his right side. One minute he was fine, we were talking about our day, and the next minute he was down.

Luckily I was home and called 911. Within seven to 10 minutes a fireman, "John," was at our home; a few minutes later an ambulance and another fire vehicle were here. Perhaps five emergency medical professionals were assessing and providing care for my husband. They were kind, considerate and very efficient.

Because my husband was in the hospital within an hour of having the stroke, he could receive a clot-busting drug, and the paralysis disappeared. For this drug to be effective, it can only be administered within a very short time of the stroke happening.

He was in ICU for four days, and the hospital for one more day. My husband is home now; he is weak and tired and has some residual difficulties, but he can walk and talk, and he is very much the man I fell in love with. We are optimistic that he will make a full recovery or close to it, and go on to lead a normal life.

If it hadn't been for the quick response from the Brooktrails Fire Department, my husband would be in a nursing home, and who knows what his recovery might have been.

If you believe that this emergency couldn't happen to you, let me tell you, my husband has never been in an ambulance or been a patient in a hospital in his whole life.

If you think \$34 a year is a lot of money, think of what it would cost to have a family member in a nursing home, or need constant care. There are two issues here: the issue of quality of life for someone you love, and all the caregivers, and the financial cost of caring for a seriously ill family member, perhaps for years. The sooner someone receives medical care in an emergency, the better the outcome. Every minute counts. I, we, were the great winners in this situation. We don't live in Brooktrails, but nearby, and we are eligible for this regional help as you would be if you are in this area.

You don't need this help, until the moment you do, and then it's about the health and well-being of a beloved family member, or protecting your home and belongings from fire, and you need this help immediately.

What happened to us could happen to anyone! Ours was a stroke; yours could be a car accident or a fall, or a house fire, but every minute will count, and you, too, will be so grateful to have these local services.

On May 9, my life changed forever, but thanks to the Brooktrails Fire Department, we will have the best possible outcome and hope for the future.

I am so grateful to Brooktrails for saving my husband's life, and mine. Please join me in supporting this most necessary, local service.

Vote Yes for Measure M! Thank you,

Jackie Pelner-Frankle, Willits

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Last week's court hearing on the restitution issue has been delayed until July.

This season, CHP patrol cars with lights rolling have parked on the shoulder of the highway near where dump trucks enter and exit the construction site.

Frisbie said Caltrans started off with a minimal CHP presence this season, but will work with CHP to adjust it as needed.

Dump trucks are working overnight to move about 100,000 cubic yards of dirt from the south end of the bypass to the railroad crossing near the northern interchange.

"We have got at least a couple more weeks," before that moving job is completed, Frisbie said this week.

The next earthmoving work - which has to wait until Caltrans reaches agreement with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board over issues with Caltrans' Mitigation and Monitoring Proposal for the bypass project - is importing about 900,000 more cubic yards of dirt for fill at the northern interchange.

That fill, Caltrans says, is set to come from either Oil Well Hill or an old sawmill property north of town, Apache Mill, now owned by Mendocino Forest Products.

"If there are issues with the Mendocino Forest Products site that are going to cause a long delay, then our contractors have to go to Oil Well Hill and cut trees and start hauling soil from there," said Frisbie.

A lawsuit has been filed against Mendocino County's approval of a permit to take the fill from Apache Mill. The permit for Apache Mill also includes "vegetation removal" of 7.4 acres of forest in one area.

Willits environmental leaders would like to "downsize" the bypass project's northern end, eliminating the larger northern interchange, designed to accommodate a future four-lane freeway.

Travelers would enter and exit the north end of the two-lane bypass currently being built via a redesign of the roundabout already in bypass plans.

This would, proponents say, lessen

impacts on wetlands, save time on the already-behind construction schedule, and free up construction funds to be used for as-yet unfunded bypass mitigation work.

In an April 23 response to a March letter from the water board suggesting Caltrans consider redesigning the northern interchange as a means to reduce wetlands impacts, Caltrans' District Director Charles Fielder wrote: "Caltrans has resolved the planned interchange and roundabout will not be relocated or revised."

Congressman Jared Huffman's office said he does not have a policy on this issue, but confirmed Huffman has written a letter of inquiry to Caltrans, asking director Fielder to explain the legal and policy reasons why Caltrans says changing the northern interchange is not possible.

A report from Mendocino County on moving the 900,000 cubic yards of fill for the northern interchange estimated some 20 dump trucks per shift will be used to haul 13 cubic yards of dirt each trip, for about 600 total trips per day.

The Willits Environmental Center estimated in a letter to its members that, at 600 trips a day, the job could take six months to complete, with trucks working 12-hour shifts, six days a week.

"The number of truck loads varies depending on the number of trucks and how they are loaded," Frisbie said.

Caltrans is planning to use traffic control to help trucks enter and exit Highway 101 at Oil Well Hill, Frisbie said, if that option is used. It's unclear if traffic control will be required if the fill comes from Apache Mill.

Willits traffic south of the Highway 20 intersection has seen a change from the old "lane ends, merge left" signage after northbound traffic was realigned into one lane for Highway 20 traffic and another for traffic continuing north through town.

Frisbie expects some additional paint markings will be added to the lanes this week. The finishing touches should be highway route shields to help identify the new lanes for drivers approaching the intersection.

Additional reporting on this story was done by Zack Cinek.

Law enforcement conducts sex offender sweep in inland Mendocino County

Law enforcement officers and deputies verified addresses for 47 registered sex offender addresses in inland Mendocino County last week. Police arrested eight men for violation of probation or parole, and one for cultivation of marijuana.

Not everyone arrested during the two-day sweep was a registered sex offender, according to a press release from the Sheriff's Office.

Of the 47 registrants that were checked on during the sweep, two were transients and one was a "Sexual Violent Predator," according to the Sheriff's Office press release.

Sheriff's Sgt. Derek Scott led law enforcement officers and deputies from the Mendocino County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (S.A.F.E.) Task Force, Mendocino County Probation Department, and California State Parole in the two-day operation.

The group conducted sex registrant compliance checks throughout Ukiah, Willits and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Mendocino County.

Those arrested in Willits during the operation included Kyle Hunter, 26, of Willits, who was arrested on suspicion of violation of parole and violation of probation. Joel Willis, 50, of Willits, Manuel Silva, 54, of Willits, Travis Bonson, 34, of Willits, James Barry, 45, of Willits, and Jem Bailey 42, of Willits were all arrested on suspicion of parole violations.

If you have information regarding out-of-compliance sex registrants, contact the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in that area.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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In April, council members also approved \$23,721 for the county animal shelter.

Councilman Larry Stranske opposed renewing the contract, saying he was not happy with the provided services because he had seen dogs loose in his neighborhood during his morning walk.

Since then Stranske and Councilman Bruce Burton said they have seen an animal control officer out and about town during early morning hours.

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at \$63,490, with expected revenues of only \$28,582. Golf course expenditures are budgeted at \$7,500.

Brooktrails administration expenditures are expected to reach \$473,754, while revenues will be slightly less: \$472,594.

Expenditures total \$3,108,509, with overall revenues expected to bring in \$3,139,864. According to a report prepared by Rose, \$142,760 will be transferred from the water fund, \$154,681 from the sewer fund. Some \$51,030 will be transferred to the fire fund. Total transfers are an estimated \$348,471.

In addition to approving the budget, Brooktrails directors unanimously approved a sewer standby fee of \$50 a year and a water availability fee of \$30 a year for undeveloped parcels, and \$5 a year for developed properties.

Rose recommended rates and charges for water and sewer connections remain the same for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. She asked the board to set public hearings on rates and charges for June 10 and June 24. The board unanimously approved her recommendations.

Don't Forget to Vote!

Election Day: Tuesday, June 3



The American Legion Post #174 held two cemetery ceremonies to honor fallen soldiers for Memorial Day. The ceremonies were held at the Willits Cemetery on Highway 20 at 10:30 am and at the Little Lake Cemetery on East Hill Road at 11:30 am.

Chaplain Gene Shannon and Vice Commander Roger Ham spoke to the gathered crowd; traditional songs were performed on the bugle and bagpipes; and moments of silence were taken to remember those who passed.

A Day to Remember

Above, left: Rifle Squad members John Frankum, Thomas Moore and Curtis DeShiell stand at present arms.

Above right: Joe Yu holds the American flag, and Chaplain Gene Shannon salutes during the ceremony. Far right: Legion member Matt Dearing, playing the bugle.

Below from left: Jeff Whitby plays "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes; flags were placed at graves of fallen soldiers; and shots by Rifle Squad member Curtis DeShiell rang out across the Willits valley.



Photos by Maureen Moore



VOTE "YES" ON MEASURE K AND KEEP BROOKTRAILS SAFE

WHY DO WE NEED MEASURE K?

- To purchase a Water Tender and other equipment, that is beyond repair or is unsafe.
- To fund hazard abatement programs, including maintenance of the greenbelt near your home.
- To maintain the Department's ability to respond to medical emergencies.
- To keep our First Responders supplied with necessary equipment for their 200 plus calls per year.
- To eliminate the Department need to "borrow" approximately \$100,000 annually from the District.
- To restore the Department's reserves for emergency equipment replacement.
- Life saving equipment cannot be repaired and some of the personal safety gear is outdated and unsafe.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS MEASURE?

- The Brooktrails Property Owners Association
- The Brooktrails Property Owners Association Women's Club
- The Brooktrails Community Alliance
- The Brooktrails Volunteer Firefighters Association
- The Revenue Enhancement Committee
- Many concerned residents

PLEASE JOIN US AND VOTE YES ON MEASURE K

to make our homes and Township safer during these challenging times

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- A safer home for you, your family and pets.
- A more fire-safe Township with adequate equipment for medical emergencies, rescues and fires.
- Keeping your costs of home insurance down.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MEASURE K DOESN'T PASS?

- The Brooktrails Fire Department may have to reduce its services.
- Firefighter personal protective equipment and breathing apparatus will fail.
- Without proper equipment the number of volunteer firefighters will be reduced.
- Fire abatement programs may be reduced and efforts may no longer be sufficient to prevent wildfires.
- Home insurance, if available at all, could rise significantly on your home.

THE FACTS: HOME FIRE INSURANCE RATES AND THE DROUGHT

California is now officially in a long-term drought. Currently Brooktrails has a rating of 5 out of 10 from the ISO (Insurance Service Office). 1 is the best and highest rating. We are now due to be reappraised. If Brooktrails' ISO rating goes higher than 5, then home insurers will view our Township unfavorably and your home insurance could rise significantly.

How did the Revenue Enhancement Committee decide on a \$34 annual increase?

In 2013, a Revenue Enhancement Committee of residents including those who opposed the last request for an increase in the fire tax conducted a review of the Fire Department's current and future needs, including all of its financial information and the federal and state regulations that effect its operation.

The Revenue Enhancement Committee's recommendations

The committee unanimously agreed that the least expensive, least disruptive and most beneficial option for the community, and each resident, was to maintain the Department and raise revenue by \$34 per year. This will establish a fund to replace equipment, such as a Water Tender and EMT supplies, maintain the hazard abatement program and ensure that the department is able to work with residents to keep the community fire safe.

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