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Measure K set to win 2/3s majority

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Measure K, the Brooktrails Fire tax, appears likely to pass with the required 2/3s majority. With 489 votes tallied so far, Yes on Measure K is leading by 69.53 percent (340 yes votes), with 30.47 percent of Brooktrails voters voting no (149 votes).

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Supes approve draft budget

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Supervisors this week approved a preliminary budget for fiscal 2014-2015. Supervisors Gjerde, Hamburg and Brown supported the spending plan; supervisors McCowen and Pinches opposed it.

The budget includes a general fund, or

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Arrest made in Covelo murder

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Sheriff's deputies arrested two Round Valley men last week in connection with the shooting death of a 21-year-old Covelo woman.

One of the men, Jeremy Jason Freeman-Britton, 21, is being held as a suspect in the May 25 murder of Rosalena Belle Rodriguez, and on a Lake County felony warrant accusing him of making criminal threats in an unrelated incident.

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Vendor rules: Not so different than current regs

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Food truck and mobile vendor rules shaping up at City Hall still keep trucks one block off Main and Commercial streets.

The rules have been under review by a committee for about a year. Council members decided last week the city would continue to finalize

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Come on! Let's Go!

to the Little Lake Fire Department's Open House



Come by the Little Lake Fire Department Firefighters Association Open House for their annual fundraiser this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

"For the first hour of the event, we're doing some special deals on the hotdog, soda and chips lunch to encourage ticket purchases for the picnic table raffle," said association president Kevin Reedy.

Attendees will get the chance to take a tour of the firehouse, meet many of the volunteer firefighters, get a ride in the antique fire engine, and buy a fire department T-shirt featuring a design by Eric Alvarez.

"This is the community's firehouse," explained Reedy. "We want to encourage everyone to come to the open house on Saturday and see it!"



Top: Firefighter and EMT Eric Alvarez extends a hand to the community to come and join the association for the annual open house. **Above left:** LLFD's Training Chief Chris Wilkes smiles while operating the controls for the truck to bring the ladder back down from the training tower. **Below left:** Firefighter Michael Wilder holds an axe and ascends up the ladder. **Above right:** Mike Neely poses at the top of the ladder. **Below right:** members of the Little Lake Fire District pose for a photo at the substation: from left: firefighter and EMT Eric Alvarez, Training Chief Chris Wilkes, Deputy Chief John Thomen, firefighter Michael Wilder, firefighter Tylor Yadon, firefighter Mike Neely, and firefighter engineer and new association president Kevin Reedy. **Photos by Maureen Moore**



Out to Vote

Far left: Dona holds one of the "I Voted" stickers. At left: John Arkelian signs in.

Below: Poll workers pose for a group photo during Tuesday's shift at the Willits Community Center. Standing from left: Charlotte, Doreen, Nancy, Dona, Dorothy, Grace, Roseanne, Barbara, Tania, Alex, Helen, Rosie and Cathy. Sitting: Ida, Sue, Gracie and Pam.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Woodhouse, Madrigal in likely November runoff

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The 3rd District supervisor's race is likely to go on to a November runoff, with none of the four candidates close to winning a 50 percent plus 1 vote majority. About 43 percent of the votes cast in Tuesday's supervisor's election remain to be counted.

The "Final Election Night" report posted online just before 1 am Wednesday morning shows a total of 2,043 votes tallied. According to a press release issued today, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Sue Ranochak says there are 1,536 ballots

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Caltrans rapped for dirty Willits streets

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Caltrans officials took some heat for Willits' dirty streets from council members and the city.

Project Manager Mauricio Serrano and Resident Engineer Geoffrey Wright were at City Hall to update the council on Willits bypass construction.

"I am getting some complaints from people on 101 about dirt blowing off trucks at night," Councilman Larry Stranske complained.

Dump trucks hauling dirt through town from the

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More water project funding expected

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More funding for the city's emergency water project is expected any day, according to City Manager Adrienne Moore.

City engineers say they have been working to whittle down some of the project's expenses. Council members approved up to \$2.1 million for the emergency system.

The council voted to renew the city's standing status of a water emergency, too. Reservoir

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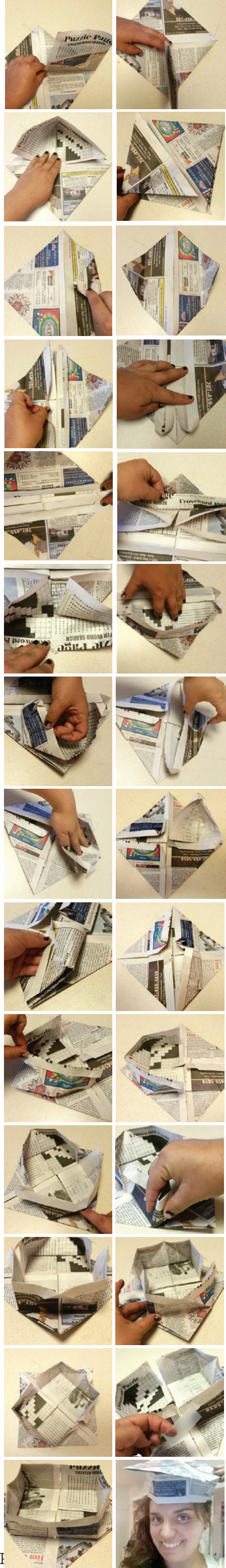
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8th Grade Graduates

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Graduates
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by Ron Greystar

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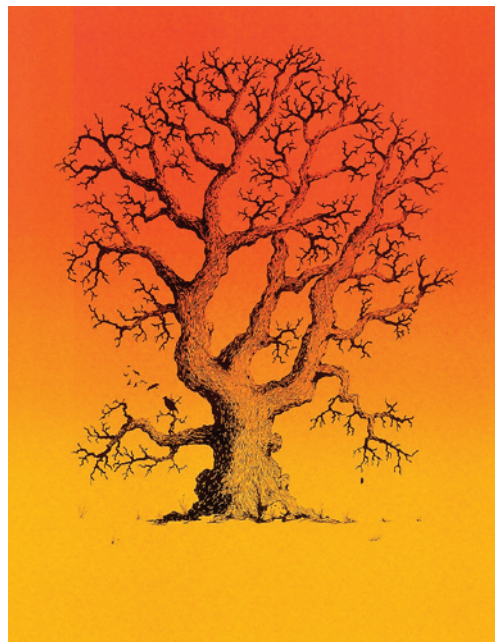
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Above, left: Sienna Reno at the front door of the Center for the Arts. Center: "Nature": hand-drawn silkscreen by Jacob Souik, inspired by the black oaks of California. Right: Robert Permenter in front of the Center for the Arts.

June show opens at WCA

Willits artists bring passion to process

Artists' portrait photos by Kate Maxwell

Three of the diverse artists who call our city home are featured in the June show at the Willits Center for the Arts, with an opening reception from 7 to 9 pm this Saturday. From June 7 until the end of the month, the WCA will display selected ceramic pieces by Sienna Reno, silkscreens by Jacob Souik, and the paintings of Robert Permenter. All three are a part of Willits' supportive art community, creating work that is inspired by the act of making itself. For the gallery show, each artist will be contributing a variety of their own works and their own particular passion for both the process and the finished work of art.

Sienna Reno creates functional ceramic

pieces that she thoughtfully designs with the goal of "bringing beauty to a process that truly nourishes people." Inspired by Eastern philosophies of craftsmanship and beauty, Reno works using carefully selected materials to create hand-thrown pieces meant to be used daily and to invoke "an awareness and intention in the people using them." Reno was raised in Willits, began taking ceramics classes at Mendocino College five years ago, and is now working towards a Ceramic Master Technician certification.

She has made her own glazes from home-sourced materials, and hopes to expand to her own wood-fired kiln and use of local clays. "To me, nature is beauty,"

Reno says. For the WCA show she has selected work from a project inspired by the etchings of Ernst Haekle's masterpiece "Art Forms in Nature" and will show some of 100 platters she created to pay homage to Haekle's scientific illustrations.

Jacob Souik is a Willits-based screen printer and painter, who is as inspired by artistic process as he is by the final object. An artist his whole life, Souik initially discovered silkscreening last spring while taking a class at Mendocino College, seeking ways to reproduce his other art works. He was so taken by the design process, and of creating work specifically for that medium, that he says: "I set my brush down, and haven't stopped printing since!"

Souik and Reno share a home silkscreen studio and can also be found selling affordable pieces at local farmers markets and at "Thumb Print Press & Design" on Facebook.

Painter Robert Permenter is a veteran who wound up in Mendocino after the army almost 20 years ago. Although he "drew frantically" as a kid, he had stopped making art while in the army until meeting his wife, Gabby, in Willits. Inspired by her work as an artists' model, Permenter began drawing again and says his paintings are "the best therapy I've every attempted.... I can make something beautiful when I'm feeling terrible."

Permenter is excited by many kinds of artists from Cubists to Dali to friends in his local portrait group, and he's still not ready to pick a single style. "My wife says all my paintings start differently, but my friends say there's always a particular Robertism about them."

He also works as a commercial portraitist (available at 456-9491). Permenter will show off his range as well as some of his commercial portraiture in the WCA show.

This Saturday's opening, 7 to 9 pm, will feature music and treats alongside the art works. Gallery hours are weekends from 12 to 3 pm, and Thursdays and Fridays 4 to 7pm.

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Souik uses silkscreens to create everything from concert posters and T-shirts to fine art prints. He uses sustainable and recycled materials when possible. For the WCA show, he will primarily show a series of posters and paintings to give a fuller sense of his work.

At left: Platters by Sienna Reno.

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