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### Measure K set to win 2/3s majority

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com

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).

Read the rest of Measure K

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### Supes approve draft budget

Mike A'Dair mike@willitsweekly.com

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 general fund,

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### Arrest made in Covelo murder

Zack Cinek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

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 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

Eric Alvarez, Training Chief Chris Wilkes, Deputy Chief John Thomen, firefighter Michael Wilder, firefighter Tylor Yadon, firefighter Mike

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



Neely, and firefighter engineer and new association president Kevin Reedy.







Photos by Maureen Moore

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



### November runoff

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

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## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

#### A note on passing

To the Editor:

A light went out in my neighborhood last week [on May 24]. It was a genteel light full of warmth. It was a kind light filled with wisdom. It was a clear light that I would ask first to shine on each new poem, story, or outraged letter arising from shower thoughts. And always it would show the slight flaw in poem'd cadence, the sentence change to enhance the story line, or the thought expression to hammer home the angered need. But mostly it was the photo light on a quiet voice in the raucous community meeting room.

We need more such lights in our community. They are few, and even one dimmed is too much a loss.

Thank you, Roger. Good night, Mr. Adamson. Rest well. I will miss you.

Dean Wolbach, Willits

#### Seat campaign success

The Willits Community Theatre is pleased to report that our recent fundraising campaign to refurbish all of the theater's Safety alert! seats was a rousing success! Thanks to the generosity of our loyal theater patrons, and some out-of-county wellwishers who support community theater in general, we were able to meet our fundraising goal and more.

summer, so be sure to visit the theater and see the results of your contributions. We are certain that your seats will LOVE our new seats!

Thank you so much for your support.

#### Community Rights and Wrongs

To the Editor:

In last week's paper, Peter Norris wrote about the Community Rights Network of Mendocino County (CRNMC) and its signature gathering campaign. CRNMC has proposed a local ordinance to ban fracking and create a "Community Bill of Rights," bestowing legal rights on "[a]II residents, natural communities and ecosystems in Mendocino County ... to water, air and soil that is untainted by toxins, carcinogens, particulates, nucleotides, and hydrocarbons introduced into the environment through unconventional extraction of hydrocarbons."

I think we can agree that it is good to have clean water. soil and air. I am a lifelong moderate environmentalist, and I support reasonable environmental regulations. But almost all human activity has some effect on the natural environment. I believe environmental concerns must be balanced against other human needs - for homes, heat, fuel, roads, jobs, computers and food, for instance. I am wary of environmental campaigns that seek to elevate the "rights" of trees, plants and wildlife over the rights of humans. We humans are part of nature, and we have a right to live, too.

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I am very wary of the proposed Community Rights Ordinance for Mendocino County because it would allow any resident of the county to sue any government or private entity for perceived environmental impacts on any "natural community" - which includes any "wildlife, flora, fauna, soil and air-dwelling and aquatic organisms...." The proposed ordinance would also provide for recovery of expert and attorneys fees and litigation costs by any resident who sues on behalf of a tree or a frog harmed by someone.

I am afraid of fracking. I have read enough about it to know it seems horribly dangerous to the environment, to wildlife new spring flower, the dancing love of a dog under foot, the and to humans. I would sign a petition to enact an antifracking ordinance in Mendocino County. But I am also afraid of overzealous environmental activists who might use the proposed ordinance to disrupt local life and cost us all a whole lot of money.

> Before signing CRNMC's petition, I urge everyone to read the proposed ordinance on their website (www.crnmc.org) and try to imagine the worst possible effects if even one unreasonable resident of Mendocino County wishes to sue the county or private parties for some small perceived

> > Randi Covin, Brooktrails

On Sunday, June 8, from 3 to 6 pm, a Ceremony to Protect the Wetlands will be held on the wetland just north of We plan to begin this important project beginning this Willits. Caltrans has graciously agreed for the ceremonial dance, prayers and public attendance to occur in a safe and meaningful space on the Caltrans' bypass construction

After a program of speakers and music, the Round Valley Feather Dancers will lead the procession onto the Donna Vaiano, WCT seat campaign manager wetlands. The CHP will control traffic as we cross from the stage location on the west side to the wetlands on the east side of highway 101, and back.

> Posters and announcements for the event ask the public to park near the Willits Library to shuttle, bike or walk to the gathering place north of the high school. However, we are changing these directions due to safety considerations: We now strongly encourage taking the shuttles that will be provided and strongly discourage biking or walking. This segment of 101 is just too dangerous and there is no crosswalk after the Sherwood light.

> There will be parking and shuttle monitors at the library and the high school to assist you. Please do not park at the gathering site. Please join in this important ceremony. It's not too late to save these precious kidneys of the earth with a smaller roundabout design. Let's come together to protect the wetlands ... and be safe getting there and back. Our thanks in advance to Caltrans and the CHP for their help and cooperation.

> > Naomi Wagner, Willits

Have something to say? Send us a Letter to the Editor!

#### Urgent request

Open letter to elected officials, agencies and decisionmakers: There is still an opportunity for common sense: to redefine phase 1 of the northern interchange of the Willits bypass by using only the roundabout portion of the current design. We request a high-level meeting of citizens' representatives, Caltrans, and agency officials with the authority to evaluate the feasibility and direct this design

This simple design modification can be done by a change order to the existing contract without any delay or disruption of work. In fact, it would expedite the project by as much as six months (the estimated time to truck 900,000 cubic yards of fill to bury the northern area wetlands). This

- Save money (an estimated \$15 million) that could go toward mitigation and other as-yet unfunded aspects of the
- Reduce destruction of wetlands from the project by a full half. Some of the savings could be used to restore the estimated 25 acres somewhat impacted by minor filling in
- Meet the requirements of the water board to compensate for temporal losses of delayed mitigation.
- Potentially reduce the need for mitigation that currently takes farmland out of production.
- Reduce water use for dust control, compaction and
- Avoid traffic disruption from unnecessary trucking of fill.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions of the construction

• Handle all traffic movements while creating a more efficient and welcoming interface for people coming to and from the City of Willits.

Documentation can be provided on these points.

Further, this change does not preclude the possibility of a future Phase 2, which would expand the bypass to four lanes. However, Phase 2 is not needed to handle realistic projections of traffic volumes, nor is it likely to be funded within a decade, if ever. As reported by the Mendocino County of Governments in late 2006: "staff believes that a second phase would likely never occur, because of the backlog of transportation needs elsewhere in California."

Finally, this modification would be a tangible, meaningful response to some of the concerns raised in the recent State Smart Transportation Initiative report [STTI, the independent report released in January and highly critical

I believe Caltrans ran roughshod over both facts and local community input in its unwillingness to consider other options for the Willits bypass. Unfortunately, much of the damage from this over-built bypass has already been done. This small concession – with very substantial benefits – is the least they could still do to correct course.

This request is urgent. Please convene a meeting as soon

Madge Strong, Willits

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# Grateful Gleaners

donate \$500 to Brookside School Farm

The Willits Grateful Gleaners are excited to donate a cash award to young farmers Amanda Senseman and Lucas Howerter of the Brookside School Farm. The award is in the amount of \$500, and was raised through the Gleaner plant sale held in 2013. It comes at a timely moment this spring for Luke and Amanda as they prepare to install a drip system at the farm that will enable them to irrigate in the most water- and labor-efficient manner.

The Grateful Gleaners emerges out of hibernation every spring to reorganize for the coming harvest season. As a group, they are definitely attuned to the seasons. Although the actual volunteer Gleaners ebb and flow over time, there are some diehard team leaders who can't bear to see good fruits and vegetables go to waste. They work hard to get this produce into the hands of those who both need and appreciate it.

In past years at this time, the group has held a fundraising plant sale with the goal of using this money to improve local food security in some way. This year, however, the group realized they already had enough money in their account to donate to a group that is working towards local food production. They chose Luke and Amanda as recipients: two young farmers who are working long hours to establish an ongoing farm at Brookside School. The

school farm represents an innovative collaboration between the Willits Unified School District and North Coast Opportunities. These two organizations have created a lease agreement with Luke and Amanda that provides them an opportunity to gain the experience of managing a farm independently in exchange for a percentage of the crops (15 percent) grown specifically for the school cafeterias.

"Luke and Amanda have accomplished a great deal since they signed the contract with the Brookside School in October 2013," says long-term Gleaner Karen Gridley. "While waiting through the drought, Luke and Amanda built a 20 foot by 65 foot hoop house/ greenhouse, cultivated the fields, and made structural additions which enable them to sell at the Farmers Market, but they still have a lot to accomplish to reach harvesting goals. The Gleaners group feels that we have forgotten what it means to be a farmer and how important it is to have local people who know how to grow food to sustain us."

"Right now, our goal is to make the farm financially sustainable," says Luke. "This spring and summer we are focused on producing crops for direct market at the local Farmers Market in order to build a support network. Our long-term goal is to focus more on the school itself. While hopefully increasing production for the cafeteria, we want to try to find new creative ways to get fresh food to kids.

Luke and Amanda can always use help with the multitude of tasks at hand. Volunteers are welcome to come on Tuesdays. Call 912-398-8688 for more info, or check out the "Brookside School Farm" Facebook page.

The Willits Grateful Gleaners are always interested in adding new gleaners and growers to their lists. Anyone physically able to pick fruit and willing to commit to show up once or twice a season to help out is always welcome. The Gleaners revise their list of volunteer gleaners every year. If you would like to have the fun experience of harvesting food collectively, contact Karen Gridley at 459-2101. Also, if it looks like you will have fruit to share from your own orchard or garden, contact the Gleaners voice mail about a week before it is ripe. The voice mail number (513-9484) will be activated as of July 1.

- submitted by the Grateful Gleaners



Senseman Lucas Ar right:

lettuce that was sold that day at the Willits Farmers Market.

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### What is the definition of a trained

dog?

Sallie Palmer

There are several debates as to what constitutes a trained dog. This question is on par with what qualifies a person to be considered well-educated Is a person considered welleducated if they have a college degree? Or does the person need an advanced degree such as a masters or PhD?

Is a dog considered welltrained because he wins obedience trials, or is he well-trained because he listens and obevs I believe the answer lies with what each individual doc owner finds acceptable for their particular dog.

However, some new dog owners do not know what to accept as a standard. For me I want off-leash reliability. I want a dog that listens to me in public around distractions and follows through with what I have taught him to do. Some of my clients simply want a dog with good manners at home and on leash.

In the world of dog professionals, we wanted to come up with a standard to measure the dog and handler's obedience and abilities. What the professionals came up with is the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test. This 10-point test is equivalent to a high school diploma for your dog. The subject matter covers socialization. friendliness soundness and obedience.

As you read this list, ask yourself: "Can my dog do this?"

1. Allowing a stranger (the evaluator) to approach the owner while the dog sits politely at the owner's side without

2. The dog sitting calmly while a stranger pets him.

3. Allowing a stranger to lightly examine the dog's ears and feet. This one was thrown in for the veterinarians and

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Joshua Betts, Emily Bishop, Bryon Bolton, Sierra Bostick, Hunter Brackett, Lance Burgess, Alexandro Calderon, Steven Calleja, Conan Campbell, Danielle Campbell Leslie Campuzano, Yuseli Campuzano, Nakai Chilson, Shayna Crandall, Cheyanne Decker, Zachariah Dellett, Christopher Doak, Steven Duran, Cassie Eiler, Daniel Espinoza, Brandon Fanshier, Amanda Figg Hoblyn, Haley Frahm, Cameron Fuller Swenson, Angelica Gandarilla Torres, Fernando Garcia, Sabrina Garcia, Jailine Gonzalez, Bianca Guevara, Ryan Gutierrez, Amaia Hammack, Adrian Haro Sierra, Ricardo Haschak, Randolph Hayes III, Nicholas Hebel, Devin Heiken, Mitchell Hollingsworth, Grace Horger, Charles Jenkins, Cameron Johnson, Nicole Karkar, Ryan LaCount, Eduardo Leon, lan Maddox Nunez, Angel Malagon Ramos, Rodrigo Mandujano, Triston Martin, Lacey Maxwell, Judah Mayhugh, Rachael McBride Kaitlyn McDonald, Matthew McGee, Matthew Medeiros. Gisele Nieto, Kaylee Novo, Brendan Pappadakis, Yotzil Patino, Nicholas Patterson, Cody Pedersen, Emeergene Phillips, Taylor Polen, Jeremiah Potter, Cesar Ramirez, Damion Ramirez, Alejandra Ramos Munoz, Sae Wi Wup Redhawk, Alexis Reyes, Morgan Riley, Javier Sanchez, Miguel Sanchez, Bailey Schmid, Latreasa Sheridan, Colter Slover, Bunlong Tiv, Leticia Tomas Mendoza, Jesus Torres Magana, Cheyanne Turner, Justin Verdot, Alexander Warrick, Bailey Watts, Stephanie Webb, Alisabeth Wilcox, Austin Willcutt and Michael

## Willits Charter School 2014 Senior Class

Graduation: Friday, June 13



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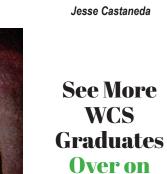


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### Thursday, June 5

What's Happening Around Town Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits Shanachie Pub: Max's Midnight Kitchen, Portland folkgrass. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

### Friday, June 6

Community Rights Ordinance Tour: the Community Rights Network of Mendocino County kicks off its signature gathering effort for a Community Rights ordinance with a countywide educational and empowerment speaking tour, starting tonight at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, at 7 pm. Featured speakers are fracking expert David Braun and Community Rights advocate Shannon Biggs of Global Exchange. Part of the three-day Green Power Weekend. More info about the Community Rights ordinance, check www.crnmc.org or call Peter or Patricia Norris at 456-



riday Night Dance Party: om at John's Place, 255 with DJ Mikey T. No cover, drink specials, pool tables, darts, new dance floor. \_ight show! 21 years or

Shanachie Pub: DJ PT. electronic DJ from

Southern Cal. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, Info: 459-9194.

### Saturday, June 7

Brooktrails Flea Market: the Brooktrails Property Owners Association's annual Flea Market, from 8 am to 3 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, indoors and outdoors. "Your

leftovers are someone else's treasures.' Spaces still available: call Irene at 459-1974. \$20 for a table. Crafters, vendors, flea market tables. Firefighters will be cooking hotdogs, and there will be extra handicapped spaces designated in the parking lot.

**Little Lake Fire Department Firefighters** Association Open House: Annual fundraiser is set for 10 am to 2 pm at 74 East Commercial Street. Raffle tickets, \$10 each, for "all sorts of great prizes," can be

bought from any member of the fire department or at the Manager Mike A'Dair at 459-1576. firehouse on East Commercial Street. In addition to tours of the firehouse, firefighters will be giving rides on

their antique muster fire engine. The colorful new fire department T-Shirts, designed by Eric Alvarez, will be available: kids sizes

40th Annual Laytonville June Rodeo: Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8. Today's events include Quad Barrels (Cloverleaf

Style), Quad Poles (California Style) and Quad Hide Racing. 3 Divisions: 13-17 year old (boys & girls - unlimited); 18 & Over (open

- unlimited); Rancher Division (open - unlimited). Gates open at 10 am, with "Grand Entry" at 1 pm. Deadline to enter is June 7 at 11 am. To register, call Regina at 984-0067 or check www.laytonvillerodeo.com. Spectator admission: \$8 adults; \$5 youth; 10 & under free.

Auditions at Willits Community Theatre: Back-to-back auditions for two plays today: 11 am, auditions for "The Nightmare," a drama penned by local playwright Don Samson. The play is about personal responsibility and ethics in the face of the old Shakespearean adage, "the truth will out." Major roles include those of April, a wife, mom and middle school teacher who is at the center of the story, her best friend Meg, her clueless husband, Jim, and Officer Jamison, a relentless detective. Scripts for this show are available at the front desk of the Willits Library. "The Nightmare" will rehearse in August and will play in mid- to late September. At 3 pm, auditions will be held for "Scripted," an evening of six short one-act plays by local playwrights. The plays have been selected and

> directors have been assigned for each both genders and all ages are needed. "Scripted" will run at the end of July and during the first week in August. Scripts are available at the auditions. Info: call Production

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LAYTONVILLE RODEO

June WCA Exhibit Opening: the June show at the Willits Center for the Arts features selected ceramic pieces by Sienna Reno, silkscreens by Jacob Souik, and the paintings of Robert Permenter. Artists reception

tonight from 7 to 9 pm features music and treats. Gallery hours are weekends from 12 to 3 pm, and Thursdays and Fridays 4 to 7pm. See article on page 12 for

Ed Reinhart and the Burning Rubber Band: A benefit dance for the Willits Environmental Center and Keep The Code at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from 7 to 10 pm. "Great dancing to boogie,

blues and vintage rock featuring boogie woogie king Ed Reinhart." \$15 per person or \$25 for two. "Yummy desserts and auction of some of Mendo's finest offerings adds to the fun. Bring a friend. Bring the family. The benefit dance is part of a three-day Green Power Weekend to educate, inspire and support the work of protecting the richness and the health of our natural environment.

Shanachie Pub: Chris Jamison, solo guitarist. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

### Sunday, June 8

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, and your choice of sausage, ham, or bacon. \$7 adults; \$6 center members, and \$5 for kids.

Annual Laytonville June Rodeo: Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June

Professional Rodeo Association) sanctioned rodeo Slack Team Roping event, 8 am. For entry into this event please call Mike Mora at 768-3845. Grand Entry at 2 pm, with the beginning of local events (for 707 area non-pro status participants), including Local Barrel Racing (limit 15), Local

Chute Dogging (limit 12) and Local Steer Stopping (limit 12). To register: call Regina at 984-0067 or check www. aytonvillerodeo.com. Spectator admission: \$8 adults; \$5 youth; 10 & under free.

Car Wash Fundraiser: Willits High School girls basketball team summer league is having a car wash fundraiser, 11 am to 2 pm, at Yokums Body Shop, 1619 South Main Street. All funds raised will go for tourney fees, transportation and lodging. "Come by and support the team!" More info: 459-9385

Ceremony to Protect the Wetlands: The Covelo Feather Dancers will lead

a "Ceremony to Protect the Wetlands," 3 to 6 pm in Little Lake Valley. Speakers include Priscilla Hunter of Coyote Valley, journalist/activist Will Parrish, and poet Mary Norbert Korte. Music by The Gypsy Thorns and Twining Time. Water offerings and musical instruments welcome. Refreshments provided. Please park at the Willits Library on East Commercial Street to shuttle to the gathering place; please do not bike or walk or drive to the ceremony. Part of the three-day Green Power Weekend. More info: wwwsavelittlelakevalley.org.

### Monday, June 9

Senior Center Ice Cream Social: from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Music this month by the lovely Nancy Smith. Pie, ice cream, games, coffee. Members \$1; non-members \$1.50.

### Tuesday, June 10

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays 8. Today's events include CCPRA (California Cowboys at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Maleficent" and "X-MEN." For showtimes:

www.novotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street.

### Thursday, June 12

ClownSnotBombs Circus: Circus skills workshop on Thursday, June 12, 11:30 am to 2 pm. Circus show on Friday, June 13, 7 pm, at the Little Lake Grange. Berkeley-based troupe on a Northern California tour. Info: www.clownsnotbombs.com or call Zeynep 707-972-

### Friday, June 13

ClownSnotBombs Circus: Circus show, 7 pm, at the Little Lake Grange. Berkeley-based troupe on a Northern California tour. Info: www.clownsnotbombs.com or call Zeynep 707-972-8558.

### Saturday, June 14

AAUW Yard Sale: The American Association of University Women is having a yard sale at the Main Street parking lot of St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, on Saturday, June 14. Funds will go towards helping AAUW provide scholarships so Baechtel Grove Middle School girls Daisy Barrett, Karen Hernandez and Karlee Wisniewski can attend the "Tech Trek" math and science program this summer at Stanford University. There will be a barbecue truck, and the Tech Trek girls will be selling baked goods and drinks. 25 spaces will be available for rent, for \$25, to private parties and organizations so they can host their own sale. For info or to RSVP: Susan Johnson at 459-9909.

### Sunday, June 15 - FATHER'S DAY

Relay for Life Fundraiser: the "City Girls" Relay for Life Team is hosting a fundraising Father's Day brunch on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, at Loose Caboose Cafe. Two settings: 10 am and noon. \$20; pre-sale only

### **Kinetic Carnivale August 8 & 10**

Volunteers needed

Kinetic Carnivale 2014 is coming up, and volunteers are needed, "We always need help with setup, construction and breakdown," said Carnivale coordinator Lara Eventide. Volunteer application forms are available at www.kineticcarnivale.com. Vendor application forms are also available, and due June 15. "Do you want to be on the Kinetic Carnivale 4th of July parade float? Dress up in summer steampunk, and boogie with electro swing beats on a 48-foot drop deck truck. We are especially looking for a steampunk 'Betsy Ross' to be 'sewing' on the truck." Check out the "Kinetic

### Carnivale Volunteers" page on Facebook for more information. Dances of Universal Peace

Monday, June 16

Sacred circle dances drawn from cross-cultural wisdom traditions, at The Muse, 30 East San Francisco, 7 to 9 pm. Live music. Simple to learn, fun, and heart-opening. 3rd Monday of every month. Donations welcome. Info: 459 9085.

### Willits Jr. Giants!

Summer is here, that means it's time to sign up for Willits Jr. Giants! You can go online and sign up at sports signups.com: It's free. Or stop by Body Works Gym in Willits from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday; ask for Keith: 459-0594. Willits Jr. Giants kick-off day will be Monday, June 16 at 6:30 pm at the Kids Club. We are also looking for assistant coaches and parent volunteers to help with kids and fun stuff!

### **Benefit auction at** Little Lake Grange

This Saturday's benefit dance for Willits Environmental Center and Keep the Code at the Little Lake Grange in Willits from 7 to 10 pm will not only feature the fabulous dancing music of Ed Reinhart, yummy desserts like Kemmy's Pies and homemade treats for every diet, but also will offer auction items that feature the best of inland Mendocino County and beyond!

You can bid on a Cowboy Poetry weekend at Emandal swimming in the Eel River, farm fresh dinner, entertainment cozy cabin for the night, and country breakfast the next morning

Or, how about a two-night stay in a fully equipped house for up to five people at Leonard Lake Reserve, a Mendocino County treasure nestled deep in Reeves Canyon? Hike, swim, relax

You can bid on an afternoon with herbalist and acorn che extraordinaire Donna d'Terra. Learn to collect, store and prepare Mendocino County's most famous permaculture product, acorns! Then feast on the results with up to six people.

Or what about a week in southern Tuscany? Stay in the rura hills above the village of Santa Fiora in an authentic Italian stone cottage, equipped for up to five people. Explore the countryside soak up the ambience; meet the local people. Learn Italian Other food, craft and practical items will also be offered.

This will be a live auction. Come join in the fun, join in the bidding, and celebrate the support and generosity and tenacity of our community that just keeps on speaking out for our precious natural environment.

For more information on the dance and/or auction, you can contact Ellen Drell of the Willits Environmental Center at 459-

(please purchase by June 9). With the volunteer waiter team (this year in tux and tie) and a special musical performance by Julia Hardy, the granddaughter of Jill and Chuck Persico.

Caminiti's
Family Dining
& Lounge at the

For tickets: 459-7910. Fire Department Blood Drive: Blood Centers of the Pacific donor coach visits the Little Lake Fire Protection District Firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street, from 11 am to 3 pm. Walk-ins are welcome, or make an appointment by visiting www.bloodheroes. click "Donate Blood," and enter sponsor "WillitsFire." Be code a hero today, and make a difference in someone's life! Participants will receive a "SF Giants T-Shirt"! Prospective donors first complete a health

history questionnaire and screening interview; the next step involves a brief physical examination of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and a test for anemia; if the prescribed medical requirements are met, a pint of blood is drawn from the donor. Afterwards, donors are served refreshments while remaining seated for 15 minutes. The entire process usually takes less than one

Cannabis Renaissance Series: Dr. Jeffrey Hergenrather, president of the Society of Cannabis Clinicians, speaks on the medical uses of cannabis at the Long Valley Garden Club, 4 to 6 pm. Free admission, bring your questions. 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville. Info: 984-6587

> Get included! Email us at willitsweekly@gmail.com

# **Ongoing Events**

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market at City Park, every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Greens, onions and other spring produce, garden starts, local meats, dinner, crafts, live music, and more.

Haehl Creek Trail Work Parties: every Friday morning work parties, to help clear the trail for construction. 9 to 11 am, meet at the Commonwealth Garden greenhouse/ parking lot across from the new hospital construction site. Please wear gloves and work shoes/boots, and bring chain saws, asphalt rakes, shovels &/or weed whackers. Info: Mike Aplet, 513-3337 or mike.aplet@gmail.com.

Willits Library Cyber Cafe: Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee in the conference room while browsing the internet. Coffee is \$1 a cup. Bring your own cup from home or buy a ceramic cup from the library for 50 cents. . The cafe is open most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to noon, or until the coffee runs dry. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. \$1. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Free. Everyone is welcome.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Beginner's classes in basic and mainstream square dance, Monday nights at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, from 6:45 to 8 pm, then dancing until 9 pm, with professional caller Lawrence Johnstone, who will teach and call. Info: 459-

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook. com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Just For Fun Choir: directed and accompanied by Nancy New. Meets Mondays at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, from 1 to 2:30 pm. Accepting new members of all ages and abilities. Info: call Nancy New at 459-1276.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in downtown Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, jewelry, aprons, children's clothing, knife sharpening and more.

## 'See How They Run'



WCT's next production opens June 20

"See How They Run," an English comedy in three acts by Philip King, will open at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, June 20. Directed by WCT veteran Joe Dowling, this fun farce is set in 1943 in the living room of lead character Penelope Toop, a former actress and

The action is fast and furious as Miss Skillon, a churchgoer of the parish and a scold, is soon to arrive and complain to Vicar Toop about the latest outrages that Penelope has caused. When an old friend of Penelope's, Lance-Corporal Clive Winton, arrives and begins impersonating the vicar, this comedy of errors takes off into a riotous romp of mistaken identities and desperate cover-ups. Add in an escaped Russian convict who takes everyone prisoner to foment a revolution, and the play roars toward a hilarious bass player Johnny Bush in a show that is sure to rock

Actress Gretchen Anderson returns to the WCT stage after a brief absence to play Penelope Toop. Other members of the cast include Steve Marston, Kevin Klay, Lee Stipe. Kevin Moore, Mary Burns, Tara Logan and Jason Edington.

Performances of "See How They Run" will run from June 20 through July 6 on Thursdays at 7 pm for \$10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$15, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$10. There will be no performance on Friday, July 4. Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com/event/ profile/709960; or phone the WCT office at 707-459-0895 for credit card orders.

# Hemp Fest

### Thursday, June 19 Little Lake Grange

Now and Then Film Series presents "Hemp Festival & Double Feature Night," to celebrate Hemp History Month, Thursday, June 19 at the Little Lake Grange, 219 School Street.

"We will be tasting hemp foods, displaying hemp products and learning about our new future of growing hemp in California, as the laws are changing quickly. Hemp dealers, foods and artists are welcome to display and sell. Call 459-6362 for more info." Double feature of hemp films: documentary entertainment line-up at this year's Redwood "Hemp and the Rule of Law" ("this one-hour documentary traces hemp's legendary past hit the stage on Saturday night (June 14) at in U.S. agriculture and chronicles the heated debate to return the crop to American performance tour for 2014. But, in a stroke of farmers") at 7 pm and "Emperor of Hemp" pure genius, the Redwood Run has secured ("tells the tale of cult folk hero Jack Herer, author of the hempster Bible "The Emperor Wears No Clothes") at 8:30 pm. Suggested donation of \$5 to \$10. Organic popcorn Run 2014, visit www.kiwanisrwr.com. and chocolate, refreshments for sale by the Grange. Info: 459-6362.



### Redwood Run Update

There is a minor change to the Run. Puddle of Mudd, who was scheduled to 9 pm has unfortunately cancelled their entire a new Saturday Night headliner...wait for it...Sebastian Bach, former front man for Skid Row. For an updated entertainment schedule and all information about Redwood

- Rich Venturi

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### Willits Kids Club Summer Camp 2014

Register now for Willits Kids Club Summer Camp. June 23-August 1. Full days, half days, weekly and partial weeks available. Reasonable rates. Arts & Crafts, Sports, Games, Swimming, Cooking, Gardening. Mornings at Willits Elementary Charter School; afternoons at Willits City Pool, Field trips to Brooktrails, and local attractions. Info: call Diane: 841-8012 or Tina:

# Rotary Relay for Life Team Fundraiser

The Willits Rotary Club Relay for Life team will be holding their 2nd annual Paella Feed fundraiser on Sunday, June 22 from 3 to 5:30 pm at Adam's Restaurant, 50 South Main Street. Chef Adam will cook up his famous paella (lots of seafood and rice), and there will be a live auction: in the newly remodeled back courtyard at Adam's. Only 50 tickets, \$25 each, are available. Those interested in tickets, call: Jerry Myer at 472-2940. The 3rd annual Relay for Life Willits will be held July 26 and 27 from 10 am Saturday to 10 am Sunday in Recreation Grove Park. There's still time to form a team for this year's relay. Call 272-2718 for info.

Blues singer and guitarist Caroline Aiken brings her down-home Georgia style to the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, June 29 at 7 pm. Aiken will be joined by drummer Claudia Paige and guest and entertain. Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com/event/profile/667967; or phone the WCT office at 707-459-0895 for credit card orders.

**Music at the WCT** 

### WFD Carnival Wristbands now on sale!

Presale wristbands are now on sale for just \$20 for unlimited carnival rides for this year's Carnival. Stop in to J.D. Redhouse or ER Energy to purchase. Wristbands will also available on-site at the Carnival for \$30. Carnival - Steve Hellman opens July 1 at 4 pm.

### Redwood Empire Faire Exhibitor Guides are out

Fair season is upon us: the Redwood Empire Fair Exhibitor Guides are out. The theme this year is "Ocean Adventure." Some past exhibitors may receive the book in the mail, but for those who are new to our area or new to exhibiting at the fair, books may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce, Willits Library, Willits Senior Center, or Gateway Realty. You can also go online to www.redwoodempirefair.com and click on "Redwood Empire Fair OCEAN ADVENTURE July 31 - Aug 3" (box), and follow the instructions. Exhibitor forms are due at the Fair grounds on Thursday, July 3; exhibits are due starting Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19. Mark your calendars for an end-of-summer fun event.

### Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast

### Sunday, June 22

The monthly Pancake Breakfast at the Little Lake Grange is Sunday, June 22, from 8 am to 11 am. Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs made to order, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$7; \$6 seniors; \$4 under 10. Extra sides of organic fruit in season or Amish maple syrup, \$1. The Grange Youth will be fundraising with a table of yummy baked goods. 291 School Street (two blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of 101)

# Calling All Quilters!

The annual quilt show in Laytonville (organized by the Long Valley Quilters Girls Gone Stitchin' Quilt Guild) is fast approaching, so it is time to look through your quilted art works and decide what to enter this summer. The show is set for Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31. Applications can be picked up at The Fat Quail shop in Laytonville, and will also soon be online at www.thefatquail. com. All forms are due Friday, August 15, and quilted items must be dropped off at the shop by Friday August, 22. Please check the website or call 707-984-6966 for further details. This year we also have an exciting Community Quilt Challenge: the theme is "Nature," and the size can be no larger than 18 inches x 24 inches (or smaller if you are so inspired). Do let Nature inspire your creative side, and we look forward to hanging your art in the show this August.

- submitted by

# Jody McGeen, Laytonville Saturday, June 21

The public is invited to see aircraft from throughout Northern California and enjoy fresh local food on Saturday, June 21, when the Willits Airport hosts "When Pigs Fly-In." The event, from 11 am to 1 pm, features

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burritos, tacos, enchiladas and other authentic Mexican food catered by Taqueria Ramirez, including the "Orville Burrito." Enter your stuffed pig in the Best Pig Contest. Souvenir T-shirts will be available: "I Pigged Out ... at When Pigs Fly-In!" Info: visit WhenPigsFlyIn.com.

ENTERTAINMENT

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### La Vida Charter School 2014 Graduates

Left: 8th grade, from left: Fawn Alfkin, Martin Henebury, Megan Horrocks, Connor Cash (back), Finlay Moore and River Hickman. Not shown: Marley Wells. Right: 12th grade, from left: Alexandra Caborn, Edith Ramirez, Julia Morfin, Jessica Benites, Amy Carrillo, Ricardo Garcia, Kenneth McGinnis, Alexandria Sadlier, Lance Fernandez-Bryant, and Jordan Bartolomei. Seated are Israel Steele and Leandro Gutierrez. Not shown: Jesse Casillas, Melanie Verdot.





### The rest of WCS **Graduates Continued** from page 5

Not pictured: Cynthia Bacon, Cherokee Ramsing, Kenny Tyler

> Most headshots by Ron Greystar



Trenton Lorenz



Dylan McDonnell



**Emily Pinnell-Stewart** 



Christopher Thomas

Far left: Brownie Troop 151

and friends at the Kelseyville

to right: Sylvia Wartell, Sierra

Observatory, front row, left

Malo, Mariah Rodriguez,

Shyla Boren, Anahi Garcia,

Maci Yokum, Maritza Jacobs

and Unity Riddle. Back row,

eft to right: Angela Wartell,

Mayte Jacobs, Desiree,

Saprina Rodriguez, Lisa

Left: Kylie Yokum, left,

cleaning up around the ball

fields with her mother, Lisa

Below: Daisies and Brownies



Brownie Troop 151 of Willits attended "A night under the Stars" on May 17 at the Kelseyville Observatory. The trip was made possible by recent Girl Scout cookie sales. The girls enjoyed camping, making new friends, and a beautiful night under the stars.

The girls had the opportunity to look through the telescopes and see planets up close. They were fascinated with Mars and its many moons. They built a rocket, made many astronomy art projects, and learned about the many star formations in the sky. Thank you to all their cookie supporters!

Brownie Girl Troop 151 has also been busy this past

Coming Friday, June 13th

low to Train Your Dragon 2 in 3D

"Wonders of Water." They chose this journey because of the water crisis that became so apparent in January. The girls learned about the many ways they use water. Each girl brainstormed ways that she and her family could save

The Girl Scout Law states: "I will do my best to be responsible for what I say and do, use resources wisely, and make the world a better place.

The girls decided to set goals for themselves. They

# Learning, hav<del>in</del>g fun, and cleaning up the ball fields

Read the rest of Over on Page 10 Brownies **MALEFICENT** 

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### Puzzle Page & More Activities & fun for kids of all ages

### In The Stars

**ARIES** Mar 21/Apr 20

Jul 23/Aug 23

Aug 24/Sept 22

Expect the unexpected this

plan, but a few complications may

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

for some time now, Libra. But

now it's time to get back into your

normal routine and focus on the

**SCORPIO** 

Oct 24/Nov 22

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Groceries

**Beer & Wine** 

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Aries, your energy is contagious Leo, tread lightly this week when Practical this week, and others flock to working on an important project. you as if you have a magnetic Expect scrutiny in all you do and a bit fantastical, Sagittarius. pull. Enjoy the attention, but don't plan accordingly. Keep working But don't fret, you will have an forget to seek some solitude as hard, and your efforts will be

**VIRGO** 

arise so be prepared.

Take precautions as you prepare for an important project, Taurus. If you rush through things, you are bound to make mistakes that could negatively impact your

**TAURUS** 

Apr 21/May 21

**GEMINI** May 22/Jun 21

Everything you touch turns to gold this week, Gemini. You could set many things into motion with your clever ideas and infectious charisma. Stay grounded.

> CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

An unexpected encounter stirs up Scorpio, embrace unique ideas Pisces, you may want to be some old feelings, Cancer. Enjoy your trip down Memory Lane and take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with an old friend.

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!

concerning your future this week. they may seem.

**PISCES** Feb 19/Mar 20

**SAGITTARIUS** 

Nov 23/Dec 21

temporarily stall plans that are

opportunity to put some plans in

CAPRICORN

You may experience a conflict

punches instead of causing a stir.

**AQUARIUS** 

work have proven distracting. It

might seem overwhelming right

now, but things will settle down in

a matter of days.

Allow the situation to unfold.

motion soon enough.

week, Virgo. Things might seem with others at work this week,

as if they are going according to Capricorn. It is best to roll with the

A great idea has sidetracked you Aquarius, a hectic few weeks at

concerns could

invisible in the crowd this week, Consider all possibilities no but that scenario simply isn't matter how out of the ordinary in the cards. Grin and bear the

4. Spigot

17. Evade

21. March holiday

26. Come about

29. Tayra genus

31. Vestment

41. Ingest

43. The woman

27. Capital of Yemen

30. Mandela's party

32. Eye exam instrument

42. Coneless volcanic craters

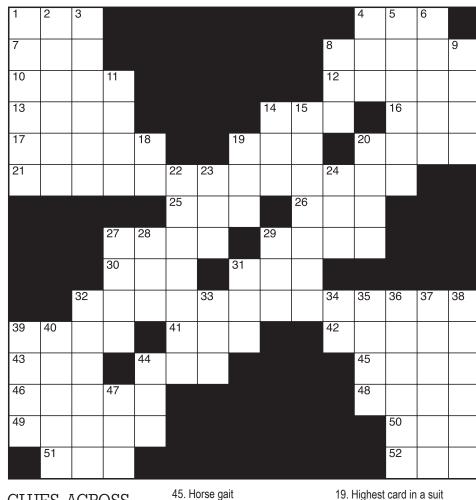
39. Plural of 47 down

25. Fruit drink

20. Danson, Turner & Kennedy

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## **Crossword Puzzle**



45. Horse gait CLUES ACROSS 46. Father of Lot 48. The destroyer (Hindu) 1. Thyroid-stimulating hormone 49. Remove 50. Remains after deductions 7. Military mailbox 51. Clairvoyance 8. Electric auto company 52. Gourde (abbr.) 10. Fastest man alive 12. Expressed pleasure CLUES DOWN 13. Venice beach 14. Teletypewriter (abbr.) 16. A young man 1. Contents lists 19. Volcanic Japanese mountair

2. Condition of inedible food 3. Armed robbery 4. Traditional Asian beverage 5. Scarlett's first love 6. Beg 8. Scotland's longest river 9. Sums up 11. People of southern India 14. Expression of disappointment 15. Japanese electronics firm

27. Plant fluids 28. Small social insect 29. Shade tree 31. Model Carol 32. Classical singing dramas 33. Swiss river 34. Atomic #62 35. Felines 36. Paddling

20. Paper Mulberry bark

24. Constitution Hall org.

22. Cattle farmer

23. Actress Lupino

37. Established beyond doubt 38. Personal property 39. Tennis great Arthur 40. Stock certificate 44. Point midway between NE and E 18. And, Latin 47. Egyptian cobra

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Interpersonal Communication TTh

OBITUARY | James Harold Wyatt

### **James Harold Wyatt** James Harold Wyatt of Willits passed away June 1, 2014 at the age of 81. He was born May 16, 1933

in Hayesville, North Carolina. Moving from Oregon to Willits, he spent 35 years in our community. Harold was an entrepreneur with businesses in the logging industry, an auto parts store, and a construction business.

He really enjoyed being "The Boss." But his most favorite times were those spent enjoying his family, golfing with friends, fishing, and traveling in the motor home. He was active in both golf and men's clubs.

Harold is survived by his loving wife, Fran; his first wife, Millie, the mother of their four children: Carolyn, Jim, Larry and Valerie; and step-sons Craig and Doug Rosenquist, and all of their families. He was loving grandpa to 17 grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Eula, and his brothers Ken, Gene and Dewey, and their

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 am, Saturday, June 7, at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Officiating the service will be Roland Hulstein (interment will be private).

For those who wish to, memorial contributions may be made in Harold's name to Phoenix Hospice 100 San Hedrin Circle, Willits, CA 95490.



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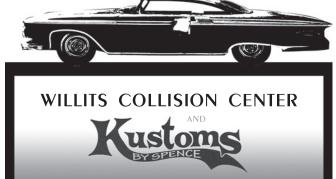
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Yard Sale

Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8 from 9 am to 4 pm. Lots of great stuff, including plates and wine & champagne glasses from my daughter's wedding. 332 Redwood Avenue, Willits.

Young Goats for Sale Green Uprising Farm's goat herd: Nubians, Nubian-La Mancha crosses Nubian Oberhasli crosses. Male and female. old. Price variable: \$50 to \$150 or barter. Fed no GMO alfalfa or imported feed: these goats and their parents browse and forage on Little Lake Valley farmland and eat leftovers from local gardens and orchards. 707-216-5549

homesteadingsara@ gmail.com.

Brownies |

Father's Day is June 15!

It's time again for

Willits Weekly's

Father's Day Collage

and we encourage everyone to send in photos with

their dads, grandpas or other father figures to be

featured in our June 12 edition!

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began educating their friends and classmates at school about water wasting. The fact that it takes three gallons 
The rest of of water to make one 8 ounce plastic bottle was of deep concern to the girls. They decided to avoid using disposable bottles whenever possible. Each girl made a promise to use a reusable drinking container. Girls took responsibility for ensuring that they had recyclable grocery bags when visiting the supermarket.

And for their final take action project, they collectively decided to clean the streams near the city ball fields. On Thursday, May 23, Daisy and Brownie Troop 151 cleaned the soccer and baseball fields of any trash, as well as the streams that surround the fields. These girls have been inspired by the knowledge they've gained on this water

> - Submitted by Saprina Rodriguez, for Brownie Troop 151

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Scotland!

Fran Resendez

Day

Fun

Not enough money or time off to travel this summer? Feeling envious of those who can? Ease some of that frustration via the pages of a book.

I've always wanted to go to Edinburgh, the hippest city in the UK. That's not going to happen anytime soon, but I've had great fun getting to know the city and its inhabitants through the humorous narration of resident author Alexander McCall Smith. McCall Smith is best known for his contemporary mystery series set in Zimbabwe, The No. 1 Ladies Detective

What you might not know is that he revived the serial novel in the tradition of Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City by publishing daily chapters of "44 Scotland Street" in The Scotsman newspaper starting in 2004.

"44 Scotland Street" (2005) features a wide array of fictional characters, not the least of which is the neighborhood of Edinburgh that they occupy. ogether they reflect the artsy, the upscale, the working class and the family life of the city. The style is quick-moving and the stories fluid because McCall Smith was writing each chapter just a few days ahead of his

It's the next best thing to ving on Scotland Street and nearing the latest news of new elationships, break ups, los items, and lost children, all while music prodigy Bertie Pollock practices his saxophone in the

After "44 Scotland Street," read "Espresso Tales," "Love Over Scotland," "The World According to Bertie," "The Unbearable Lightness of Scones," "The Importance of Being Seven" and "Bertie Plays

I recommend reading them order instead of skipping around. The eighth entry in the series. "Sunshine on Scotland Street," won't be released in this country until August.

From Page 3

Trained

4. Walking on a loose leash and demonstrating that the dog

5. Walking through a crowd of people without interacting with

6. Sit, down and stay in place on command. The owner will

8. Behave politely when walking up to another well-mannered

9. Confidently accepting common distractions such as an

object being dropped, making a noise, or a person running by. 10. The dog accepts being separated from his owner but

remains in the company of a stranger for three minutes without

If your dog can pass these 10 tasks, congratulations, you have met the standard of a Canine Good Citizen. If your dog

needs work or improvement in any of these areas, it gives you

something to strive for. However, if the dog meets your personal

expectations as to what you want, perhaps you have a well

to www.akc.org and search for "CGC test." You can also get

information about where the tests are given and evaluators

n your area. For an advance degree for your dog, review the

Sallie Palmer is the owner of Well Mannered Mutts dog training. She is a certified dog

trainer with the International Association of Canine Professionals. She has been an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen evaluator since 1996. For more information,

For more information on the Canine Good Citizen test, go

will follow the owner's lead when they turn, left, right and about.

The dog is also required to stop when the owner stops.

7. Coming when called from a distance of 10 feet.

showing signs of separation anxiety.

Canine Good Citizen- Advanced criteria.

enough mannered mutt.

As ever, whether you read to the crowds. electronically, on the paper Junior members were out in droves selling raffle tickets page or by listening to audio books, please utilize our library for a wooden playhouse and barbcue over the past few system and take advantage weeks. Katelyn Germann won the award for most tickets of our county's delightful local sold, \$1,561 and Kiera Dragness won the second-place bookstores, both new and used selling award with a total of \$1,277. The winning ticket was Local poet, Fran Resendez, is retired drawn for the playhouse during the Sunday events, and from 20 years of bookselling at the former Leaves of Grass Books in Willits. Getting her first library card was one of the happiest days in her reading life.

prizes in the rodeo events, including the littles who "We wanted to get the line out to the road again like it participated in the Mystery Scramble and the Boot Scootin' used to be," reminisced Annette Pinon who was womaning the ticket table at the front entrance to the barbecue. This year, the line snaked thought the tables instead of forming The Mystery Scramble offers kids the chance to chase a straight line out across the parking lot. "This year if the

until the rest of the event concluded

on foot and, hopefully, catch free-roaming fowl around the arena, with the "catchers-keepers" official rule policy. The bulk of the fowl roster were roosters. When the lucky few catchers returned to their parents, panting, with bird clutched in hand, they received looks of reserved happiness and concern, not just about their new life of a rooster owner, but what to do with the bird for the few hours

There were some other winners who enjoyed special

Above, left: Kids scramble for the chickens in the arena. Right: The dessert table was loaded with goodies for sale. Below, left: Jackpot roping winners, Jim Bean, Brianna Jennings and Kelly Fonsen.

Center: Playhouse winner (kneeling) Eric Gibson poses with (from left) Katelyn Germann, Kiera Dragness and Jesse Arms. Right: All-Around winners Shana Gayski and Kelly Fonsen pose with Willits

The Boot Scootin' Boogie winner Emma Garman was lucky with her footwear selection that day: a sockless flipflop choice made her the quickest to race barefoot through cookies and lemon bars. The junior members were in the arena sand, to a pile of all the contestants' shoes. Many charge of selling drinks out on the clubhouse deck, and chose to go at the first lap of the task in socks, running as some hardy tomato starts made their way to a table to sell fast as they could to the pile of shoes, to return with boots half-crammed on and shoelaces flying for the run back across the finish line. Garman received a gift certificate from Ed and Erlyne Schmidbauer for a new pair of boots. More traditional rodeo events filled in the rest of the day's schedule. Results follow below:

Barrel Racing: first place went to Shana Gayski with

Horsemen's annual rodeo weekend event a success the lucky winner was Eric Goss-Gibson. Lilah Garman sold a time of 17.51 seconds; second place went to Brandi the most barbecue tickets, totalling \$1,013 in sales and Gamble with a time of 18.41 seconds; third place went to Samantha Arms was the second-place seller with \$907 in Raylene Beeson with a time of 18.59 seconds; and fourth

> Goat Tying: first place went to Hailey Finnegan with a time of 12.26 seconds; second place went to Gracie Bauer with a time of 16.54 seconds; and third place went to Brandi Gamble with a time of 21.86 seconds.

place went to Brittany Lucas with a time of 18.62 seconds

Team Roping: first place went to the team of Mark Luccetti and Joe Dennis with a time of 7.15 seconds; second place went to the team of Kelly Fonsen and Joe Dennis with a time of 7.18 seconds; third place went to the team of Gary Watkins and Dave Mahoney with a time of 8.24 seconds; and fourth place went to the team of Walt Niesen and Ron Hogenstad with a time of 9.20 seconds.

Steer Stopping: first place went to Preston Vandenburgh with a time of 4.23 seconds; second place went to Kelly Fonsen with a time of 4.49 seconds; third place went to Joe Dennis with a time of 6.44 seconds; and fourth place went to Gary Watkins with a time of 6.83 seconds.

Steer Daubing: first place went to Jim Bean with a time of 3.13 seconds; second place went to Hailey Finnegan with a time of 4.44 seconds; third place went to Shana Gavski with a time of 4.46 seconds; and fourth place went to Emily Leishman with a time of 5.31 seconds.

Breakaway Roping: in the boy's division, first place

Read the rest of Horsemen

Over on Page 13





Above, from left: Cowboys work their best to catch the head and heels of a steer; Dan Pinon serves up beans at the barbecue; Brandi (Bean) Gamble tries her hand at steer wrestling with encouragement from father Jim Bean (left) and brother Aaron Bean (right). Photos by Maureen Moore

## m-pho-tog-ra-phress

*noun:* Maureen Moore: a person who creates fabulous photo moments

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It was a great turnout for this past weekend's Willits

The barbecue was the blowout success, with estimates

line would have been stretched out straight like it was in

Some folks even popped by the event on their way

elsewhere – the weekend festival at Benbow Lake for one,

just to fill up on the beans, bread, salad and beef that was

skillfully prepared for the crowds by the Willits Horsemen

A dessert table inside was also set up with many tasty

post-lunch choices, including coconut cupcakes, brownies,

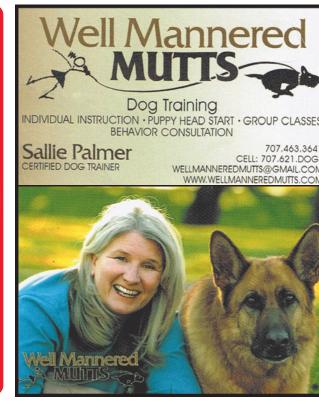
Horsemen events, including a gymkhana on Saturday and

team roping, barbecue and rodeo on Sunday

years past, I bet we would have made it!"

at the ticket table of several hundred being served.





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### Sherwood kids enjoy "Get Arts in the Schools Program"

The Art Council of Mendocino County granted Sherwood School 20 hours of class-time art sessions with local professional artist, Laura Wiecek, through the Get Arts in the Schools Program (GASP). Every Wednesday for two months, students in grades K-5 were introduced to a variety of art lessons.

The first few lessons focused on the formal aspects of art: line, shape, form, texture, and color. Students were taught academic vocabulary for each art lesson. Artist Wiecek taught the history and techniques of each. Students then completed drawings, collages, and mobiles based on what they learned and their own creativity.

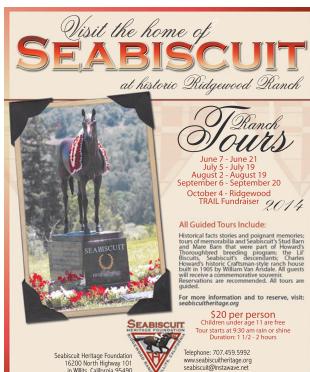
Laura taught the students how to make kites and racing turtles. This included using math and science principles such as aerodynamics, measurement, and pulley systems.

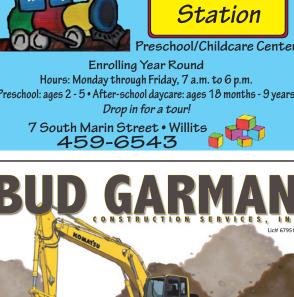
Other projects included pop-up cards, origami jumping frogs, and butterfly shape books. We also learned about the principles of perspective and basic knot making.

The students at Sherwood School concluded their art instruction with discussion about related careers in the field of art. This program has been very influential for our students. One fifth-grade student announced: "I no longer want to spend my allowance on computer games, instead it is going for art supplies!"

- submitted by Shauna Martin, for Sherwood School

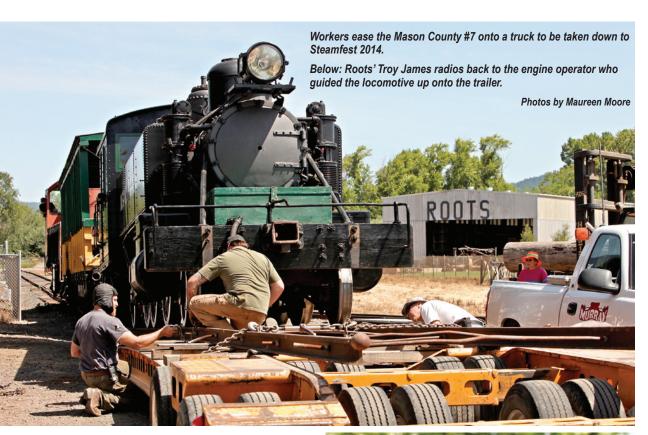








**Imagination** 



### Locomotive Loadup

Roots sends engine to Bay Area Railroad Festival

Last Tuesday, Roots of Motive Power volunteers loaded up the Mason County #7 locomotive to send down to the Niles Canvon Railway's Steamfest in Fremont and Sunol for some upcoming festivities.

Harley Murray, the heavy equipment trucking company that brought the locomotive 165 miles down to Steamfest, is "a real pro at handling the heavy equipment," said Roots' Chris Baldo. So there was no room for worry about putting the antique

The locomotive arrived safely Wednesday

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The event is set for Saturday, June 7 through Sunday, June 15, and features five operating steam locomotives, including the Quincy Railroad #2, Robert Dollar #3, Clover Valley #4, Santa Cruz Portland Cement #2 ("The Chiggen") and, of course, Roots' Mason County #7.

Roots is sending several crew members down to the festivities in a rotation, so that many of the local guys can spend a few

days watching the large-scale operation.

"The operators down at Steamfest have been trained more extensively, on steeper hills and on longer tracks," Baldo explained, "and our guys will get to learn a lot on how the larger-scale railroads operate,'

Tickets, schedules and more information about Steamfest 2014 is available online at:





Mary Huffman

Grad Spring/

Mother's Day

with the

- submitted by Joyce Waters for the Sober Grad Committee

### Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

### **Cute Wally**

Editor's Note: the Shelter tells us our last two pets of the week. Stubbins and Connie, have both been adopted!

Meet the affectionate and cute little Wally! He is a 2-year old Chihuahua mix, a very well-mannered boy, and we believe he'll make a great family pet or companion. He came to us as a stray, found in a local parking lot, and nobody came looking for him. Wally walks well on the leash, and has a sweet and gentle nature about him. He is already neutered, so he is ready to go home the same day you meet and adopt him. We hope you will come meet this handsome little guy!

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets or visit our shelter during shelter hours. Info: Adoption Coordinator, Katherine Houghtby at 707-467-6453 or houghtbyk@co.mendocino.ca.us.



#### The rest of Measure K

From Page 1

Assistant Executive Officer Kyle Knopp, is only \$280,000 more than last In a press release issued Wednesday, Assessoryear's general fund. County Clerk-Recorder Sue In spite of flat revenue, county staff has attempted to continue the process Ranochak announced that of restoration of county infrastructure at the expense of county employees, there were 379 ballots left who for the sixth consecutive year will not be given a salary increase. The

The rest of

Supes

Arrest

From Page 1

The second suspect,

23-year-old Sidney Lewis

Freeman, was arrested

on suspicion of violating

probation. After assessing

evidence gathered by

sheriff's detectives, the

Mendocino County District

Attornev's Office declined

to file murder charges

against Freeman at the

scheduled to enter a plea

today in Mendocino County

Freeman-Britton faces

hearing later this month,

according to court calendar.

continuing its investigation

into Rodriguez's death. Her

body was found lying in the

roadway in the 78000 block

of Hopper Lane in Covelo

about 7:14 am on May 25

Anyone with information

that could assist sheriff's

investigation is urged to

leave a message on the

Mendocino County Sheriff's

Office Tip-Line at 707-234-

by a passing motorist.

detectives with

The Sheriff's Office is

Superior Court in Ukiah.

present time.

Freeman-Britton

to count in the Brooktrails Community Services Reserve Fund, which as a result now stands at \$9 million. District precincts. Six departments gained from where they were last year. Spending in the Sheriff's Office was increased by 8.89 percent, and the probation department Those ballots still saw its budget increase by 12.4 percent. Animal Care and Control will get 19 count include ballots dropped off at the percent more money, while Emergency Services' budget was increased by Brooktrails Community 21 percent, General Services was increased by 29 percent, and the county museum's budget was increased by 60 percent over last year. polling

on Tuesday as well as provisional ballots. Measure K, if the current 2/3s-plus majority count holds in the final tally, will add \$34 a year to Brooktrails property owners' annual tax bills to

#### The rest of Water

help support the Brooktrails

Fire Department.

From Page 1

levels are down a little bit. but that's normal for this time of year, Moore said.

The city is also working through obstacles related to a \$1.5 million grant application submitted to the California Department a violation of probation of Housing and Community Development.

"We need to start thinking in terms of 'what if' - what if we do not get the money, Orenstein said. "If we do not get this grant funding, we need to think about how we pay for this thing and that means the ratepayers."

California of Public Department Health contributed \$250,000 towards project in February.

Since the lakes filled, there has been time to scrutinize the further project, in order to cut expenses, Public Works Director Rod Wilburn said.

whole situation seems to have taken a left turn or something.... The intensity does not seem to be there," Orenstein said.

The city's emergency water supply project aims to link two city wells to a new water treatment plant built near the sewer plant.

"This project is our highest priority project, City Engineer Tom Mannatt declared.

#### The rest of Horsemen

went to Trent Walkins with a time of 16.37 seconds; and in the girl's division, first place went to Shana Gayski with a time of 14.99

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The cowboy and cowgirl with the most number of points based on placings received the "All-Around" titles. For the 2014 rodeo, the All Around Cowboy was Kelly Fonsen and the All Around Cowgirl was Shana Gayski. The two received engraved belt buckles to celebrate their achievements.

Kelly Fonsen also was a part of the winner's circle from the Jackpot Roping event held at the beginning of the day's events. Fonsen won for the heeler, and Jim Bean and Briana Jennings tied for the header award. Since the awards for the Jackpot Roping were a set of engraved spurs, it will remain to be seen at next year's event if Bean and Jennings will each be wearing only one spur each, or if one of the winners will be wearing both, and the other will be just as happy "wearing" the bragging rights.

#### The rest of Caltrans From Page 1

south end of the bypass project to the north end have been running between 7 pm

"I am getting complaints daily on this, and I have spoken with the contractor,' City Manager Adrienne Moore added.

City Attorney Jim Lance used his laptop computer to find a portion of the California Vehicle Code that says loads must be covered.

From the sidewalks of downtown Willits, the streets have not been a pretty sight of late, the pavement streaked with dirt and store fronts smeared with swirling accumulations of dust.

Serrano and Wright said they would have a word with the truckers. "We will definitely pass on concerns to contractors and make sure they redouble their efforts,"

received complaints about speed. During a moment for the public to speak, resident Karen Sue said she was upset about the trucks' speed. "We are a town: Caltrans

Moore said she has also

just does not come in and run amuck," Sue said. Police Chief Gonzalez said Sgt. Anderson

has been out with radar to monitor traffic. Last year one truck driver was drunk, Gonzalez noted: he was Councilman Ron Orenstein

wanted to know if Serrano and Wright knew if a date had been set to repave Main Street, as approved in the relinquishment agreement between the City of Willits

project in the queue to repave

discretionary From Page 1 component. \$59,476,699 according to

of a curator, a position that has not been

The budget unit that saw the largest

decrease was spending on the Capital

Improvements Five-Year Plan, which

will receive \$1.36 million next year, a 56

That doesn't mean the plan is being

abandoned; last year the county spent \$3.3

million on its Capital Improvement Plan, the

first time significant dollars had been spent

In addition to the \$1.36 million, \$500,000

will be spent on acquiring a new computer

system to keep track of the assessed

valuation of the 55,000 to 60,000 parcels

in Mendocino County. The system, called

"The Mendocino County Property System,"

is routinely used by the Assessor's Office.

the Auditor's Office and the Treasurer-

Tax Collector's Office. The current system

has been called "obsolete" by the county

"It features a system code base/language

that dates back to the 1970s and represents

a significant risk of catastrophic failure,"

according to the summary in the draft

"The county has no available staffing

resources to utilize it, no dedicated

vendor maintaining the system, no user

documentation, and we have extremely

limited developer documentation. Recent

county staffing retirements and relocations

have left the property system without

support resources," according to the draft

The \$500,000 will be added to \$1 million

which was reserved for the system last year.

According to the staff report, the system will

Road system gets a shovel full of chaff

Supervisor Dan Gierde repeatedly

referred to a report presented last year by

the Mendocino Council of Governments

that pointed out the rapidly deteriorating

condition of the paved roads in Mendocino

be purchased and installed this year

on the program in seven years.

Executive Office.

filled for five years.

usually spent \$9 million a year on road repair and pavement maintenance. Based on that number, the report concluded the condition of county roads is County deteriorating steadily. However, the new report discovered the county only spends about \$1

million a year on road repair and maintenance. The \$9 million figure was based on short-term funding available for a couple of years, including federal stimulus money and short-term state monies. preliminary budget also adds \$280,000 of one-time money into the General

Given that fact, the new report concluded the situation is much worse than previously thought.

"We have among the worst roads in the state," Gjerde said. "And if we continue to do as we have done, and spend about \$1 million a year on payement repair, very soon we will have the worst roads in the state.

County. Gjerde said MCOG has just come out with a revised report, which

makes a stunning conclusion. The old report had said Mendocino County

According to Gierde, the new report found that unless pavement repair is adequately funded, Mendocino County roads will, on average, descend to a level of 24, out of 100. Currently the payement index stands at 42. Part of the increase in the museum's budget will be used to pay the salary

Gjerde said the county needs to fund road repair and pavement maintenance at \$9 million a year just to stay even.

The problem is the general fund portion of the county budget is very tight; there isn't a sustainable \$9 million annual source available.

Supervisor John Pinches offered a solution to the problem, recommending the board use a practice he used when he ran a Laytonville grocery store. Pinches said it was a common practice of his - and one widely used in business - to use available money to pay current bills, even when that money was already committed to other purposes.

Pinches called this available money "the float." And he urged Department of Transportation Director Howard Dashiell to use his department's "float" to spend an additional \$1 million on road paving during the next fiscal year.

"It's because of the county's better financial position that we have an opportunity to take some of that fund balance and put it to work," Pinches

Supervisor Dan Hamburg called the tactic "budgetary sleight of hand." Dashiell argued it would be illegal, and told supervisors were he to follow Pinches' suggestion, the county administration would likely throw him in jail. He added, in one of the lighter moments of the meeting, that since the inside of the jail was due to be painted next year, "that might not be so bad."

After the debate had continued for some time, County CEO Carmel Angelo told the board Pinches' plan wouldn't fly.

'According to state guidelines, we can't 'float' a county budget," she said. "If there's going to be money for paving, we have to allocate it."

Gjerde moved the county direct that \$2 million of the county's \$3.3 million contribution to the Department of Transportation budget be earmarked for paving existing roads. The motion was approved 3-2, with Brown and Hamburg voting no.

Pinches also urged the board to abandon its strategy of paying down the Teeter Fund debt to the tune of \$769,000 a year and use the money to pay down the retirement system's Unfunded Actuarially Accrued Liability. He argued the Teeter Fund was actually paying itself down, as long-delayed payments on late taxes were finally coming in.

His argument did not fly, and the board agreed to continue to pay down the Teeter Fund debt according to plan.

Supervisor John McCowen said he didn't support the budget because it assumed future profits from an anticipated timber sale at Little River Airport (approximately \$150,000) and the sale of the Willits Justice Center (approximately \$750,000) would be realized this year. McCowen said doing so was, in effect, using one-time money to fund ongoing operations, something the board had said previously the county wouldn't do.

McCowen argued the county should be putting that money into its General Reserve Account, and use that reserve to give county employees a wage increase. He added that counting possible money as real money showed the board was relaxing standards that had guided the budget-making process over the past four or five years. He added he didn't approve of that

#### From Page 1 Vendor

ordinance language

A setback of 100 feet from

Main and Commercial was

also considered. "I came up

with that because I thought

it would be easy for staff to

enforce," City Planner Alan

if they were remodeling.

long time," he said.

music from mobile vendors.

Councilwoman Madge Strong

mentioned the prospect of a

thing, as long as that is not

impacting someone nearby,"

Strong said. "I do not want

not causing neighbors a

against sound. "It is annoying

to people. I can sit at my

store and I can hear people's

to the city limits, and no

stereos inside.

Stranske, however, was

guitar player, for example.

still to count in 3rd District precincts

Leading the returns is real estate broker Tom Woodhouse with 857 votes (41.95 percent of the vote), and in second place is Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal, with 791 votes (38.72 percent of the vote). Former supervisor Hal Wagenet received 238 votes (11.65 percent), coming in third, and machine shop owner Clay Romero came in fourth, with 152 votes (7.44 percent).

Runoff | From Page 1

The county voter office will not announce a final tally until the election is certified. The office has 28 days to certify the election. In the November 5, 2013 election, however, Ranochak announced final results on November 14. With the low turnout in this most recent election, it's likely results will be announced before the full 28 days as well.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people working on our campaign," Woodhouse said Wednesday. "It has been a privilege for my wife and I to be involved in this, and feel the enthusiasm. We're excited by all the constituents we've met, all the people scattered around the district, and re-inspired and very hopeful for our future as a county, because there are so many wonderful people out there

"We're looking forward to the rest of the campaign, Woodhouse continued, "and definitely want to keep it on the positive note, as we're all going to be working together after "I'm really excited about the runoff in November," Madrigal

said. "I'm going to be demonstrating why experience matters. I will say I was a little discouraged with the voter turnout, so I'm going to be focused on getting out the vote: registering people and getting people to the polls." The total of 3,579 ballots cast in Tuesday's 3rd District

supervisor election is considerably fewer than the 4,832 votes cast in the June 2010 3rd District race. Turnout countywide and statewide was down, too. Without a contested governor's race or a controversial ballot measure on the statewide ballot, voters stayed home in what analysts say might be record numbers. The county superintendent of schools race also looks to be

heading for a runoff, with initial results showing Warren Galletti leading with 42.19 percent of the vote and Paul Joens-Poulton coming in second with 32.93 percent. Candidate Kathy Wylie pulled in 24.52 percent. The only other contested countywide election was for

assessor-county clerk-recorder, and incumbent Ranochak received 74.64 percent of the vote in initial returns, with challenger Robin Sunbeam at 25.22 percent. Other elections for countywide office were uncontested:

incumbents Sheriff Tom Allman, District Attorney David Eyster and Treasurer Shari Schapmire, and appointed incumbent Auditor-Controller Lloyd Weer, were all reelected with margins ranging from 96.56 to 98.93 percent of the vote.

Burton's motion passed 3-2, with Stranske and Strong votina "no." Throughout committee talks last year, Councilman

Orenstein stated mobile vendors possess an Falleri's proposed rules advantage by being mobile. "That is something brickand-mortar vendors cannot

included allowing businesses to sell their goods from a truck do - drive around town, Councilman Larry Stranske Orenstein said

Stranske said he can allowance. "There needs remember past mobile food to be a time limit on that vendors trying to make a because you can drag a go of it in town. "We have building permit out a really had those in the community before," he said. "One used to Proposed rules also put a come to the high school when damper on amplified or loud we did not have a cafeteria."

Chamber of Commerce President Ron Moorhead asked council members to send the subject back to "I think that is a nice committee. Moorhead said he measured off 100 feet around town, and in one spot it put him in the alley by the Noyo to regulate if someone is

> Tony Madrigal from El Mexicano restaurant noted he has had an unwanted bus selling T-shirts park in front of his business.

Madrigal said he sees a lot of the same people around Stranske runs Kimberly's town eating at different downtown with his wife,

"It is getting harder to do Strong also questioned a business in town," Madrigal proposal for a limit on signage said, adding he supports a to 6 foot by 6 foot square. setback of one block from Councilman Bruce Burton

Main and Commercial. suggested moving ahead with "There is not a lot of support the rules if they included one for mobile vendors of any kind block, 90 days for remodels, a Commercial Street boundary

in this town," Orenstein said. City Hall will work to re-write the rules, before

submitting them again to the "I just want to move off; I am done with this thing,"

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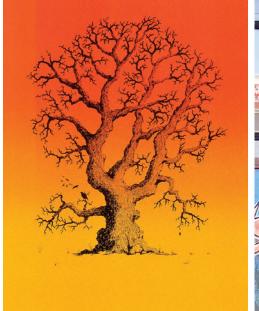
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Above, left: Sienna Reno at the front door of the Center for the Arts. Center: "Nature": handdrawn silkscreen by Jacob Souik, inspired by the black oaks of California. Right: Robert Permenter in front of the Center for the Arts.

#### Artists' portrait photos by Kate Maxwell

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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

Sienna Reno creates functional ceramic

### June show opens at WCA Willits artists bring passion to process

pieces that she thoughtfully designs with the goal of "bringing beauty to a process nourishes people." Inspired that truly by Eastern philosophies of Kate Maxwell

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 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 mandala work inspired by "art nouveau to geometric design." He will also include some posters and paintings to give a fuller sense of his work.

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."

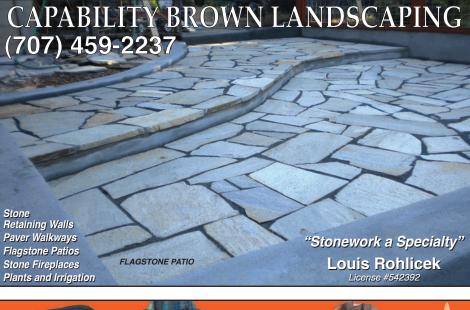
He also works as a commercial portraitist (available at 456-9491). Permenter will show off his range as well as some of his commercial portraiture in the WCA show.

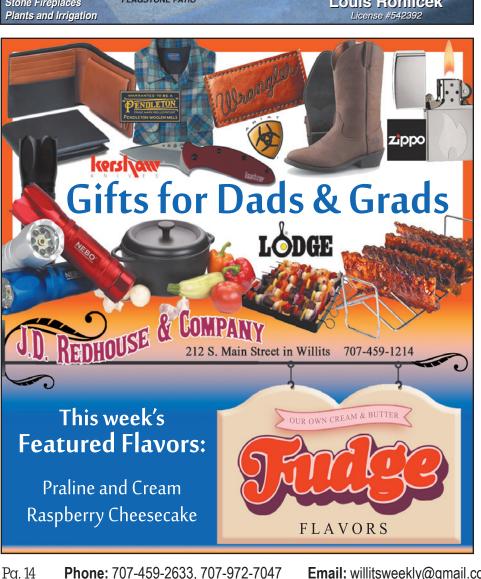
This Saturday's opening, 7 to 9 pm, will feature music and treats alongside the art works. Gallery hours are weekends from 12 to 3 pm, and Thursdays and Fridays 4 to 7pm.













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