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Willits hit by Verizon, AT&T outages

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An AT&T outage caused by "a wet cable," according to AT&T, caused scattered but significant outages to phone and internet service in Willits starting early Monday morning. An AT&T representative said late Wednesday that "technicians worked to resolve the issue and service is currently running normally" but some residential customers were still being told that their service wouldn't be restored until Thursday night at 9 pm.

Some Verizon cell phone customers in the Willits area also had trouble with their cell phones over the

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Council extends current budget as city seeks to balance the books

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City council members gave City Hall more time to write a new budget, extending last year's budget into the new fiscal year.

The city faced a shortfall of about \$500,000 in its general fund when a draft of the new budget was released earlier this month.

"The direction from council members was to bring back a balanced budget, and that is what we are endeavoring to do," City

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Smoke drifts over valley from Lake Berryessa fire

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Smoke observed Wednesday morning drifted into Little Lake Valley from the 3,200-acre Butts Fire in Napa and Lake counties, northwest of Lake Berryessa.

"We are seeing a slight increase in particulate matter," Mendocino County Air Pollution Control Officer Bob Scaglione said. "At this point, it is nothing that is causing particular concern."

An air quality sensor at the Willits Police Department building provides continuous air quality readings 24 hours a day. If it gets worse, Scaglione will issue an advisory.

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Hometown fun from left: Wendy Wilmes was window shopping at Mazahar; Kaira, Arcelia and Ana enjoying the festivities; Christopher and Gretchen Moore order from Ann Maglente at the Delish booth. Below: Long Shot pulled 309.6 feet during the Truck Pulls.



Frontier Days Fun!

Very successful events so far, and July 3, 4 and 5 promise more good things to come!

Was this week's 8th annual Hometown Celebration the biggest ever? "I think it probably was," said Lynn Kennelly of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, confirming the impressions of many happy celebrators at Thursday's downtown party.

Kennelly reported the chamber's prize wheel – down by Scoops this year for the first time – did exceptionally well. "We did have the most prize wheel tickets ever redeemed," she said. "We almost ran out of prizes."

One business new to Hometown Celebration was It's Time on Commercial Street, who gave out samples of vegetarian sushi. "It went great," said cook Kian Page. "We had a lot of new customers. The music next door [Schindig and Funkacillin] brought us a lot of business." And people have been coming back, he said. "One group of older ladies came back the next day!"

Liam UiCearbhaill, who was working at Goods' Shoppe that evening, said a lot of people came in to the store, "including people passing through town attracted by the

big crowd, and even some people who had lived in Willits for many years but had never made it into the Shoppe."

Not only was the "really lively" crowd bigger this year, Kennelly said, she was pleased to see a lot of new faces. One big hit was the Fire Department's antique fire truck giving rides up and down Main Street. "That was a real boost to the event," she said, a wonderful way to blend in with the whole celebration.

The Hometown and Harvest celebrations are "hugely labor intensive to organize," Kennelly said, "but they're well worth it, to promote the value of shopping locally and to strengthen our local businesses."

Asked when the Local First Committee, organizers of the Hometown and Harvest celebrations, might consider asking for a permit to close off Main Street to traffic for the events, Kennelly laughed and said: "Not until the city owns it!"

– Jennifer Poole



Left: 2014 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Haley Schuck receives her belt buckle from 2013 Sweetheart Lilja Lamkin.

Below left: Musicians play in the food court parking lot at the Hometown Celebration.

Below: Sage Basler pulls the Terminator sled at the Truck Pulls.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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Willits merchants form Main Street group

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Business owners have formed a group to make Main Street Willits a better place, from city limit to city limit.

Some original members of the group announced the working group's formation during a city council meeting last week.

"We want to be a working group to help Main Street become a safer place for our community and businesses," said Tom Mann.

Sara Mann, Jeff Yokum, Pete Swanton, Kapila

Read the rest of **Merchants**
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Living with the Beast: A school bond retrospective

Part 2 of 3

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Measure B has wreaked havoc with the school board and the district itself. Three school board members have resigned since passage of the measure: Annette Pinon (March 2011), Robert Kirkpatrick (September 2012) and Barbara Starr (December 2012). The district has had four superintendents since June 2011 (Debra Kubin, Raymond Chadwick (interim), Debra Pearson

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City water supplies improve; water emergency extended

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The Willits City Council unanimously approved extending the city's water emergency, although the city's reservoirs look a lot better now than they did last year.

Public Works Director Rod Wilburn reported there are 55 more acre feet of water in Centennial Lake than last year. Morris Lake is up 74 acre feet.

Water feeding into the city's supply is greater than last year, and is up by nearly 1 acre foot per day.

In May, city water usage was down 26 percent from

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Truck Pull Results

As posted by MLM Motorsports

Friday night crowds gathered to watch locals and big boys try their hand at the sled and track, hoping their engines would be able to pull across the 300-foot finish line and earn them bragging rights and a coveted "full-pull."

8000 lb Tractor Class

Maxx Kakk, 347.3 feet; Git R Done, 340.1 feet

OMG Class

Chris Lamprich, 241.8 feet; Jim Smith, 229.6 feet; Oscar Fuentes, 183.4 feet

6200 lb Pro Modified Truck Class

Yellow Fever, 312.5 feet; Long Shot, 309.6 feet; Time Bandit, 307.8 feet

Street Diesel 8000

Ross Mulrooney, 301.7 feet; Jim Mulrooney, 294.1 feet; Tom Wallace, 267.8 feet; Marcus Smith, 256.9 feet; Oscar Fuentes, 254.4 feet; Jimm Hill, 236.9 feet

7200 lb Tractor Class

The Whip, 355.6 feet; Semper Fi, 342.6 feet; Poly Thunder, 290.6 feet; Mustang Fever, 246.9 feet

Super Stock 6000

Sam Ramsey, 274.1 feet; Nate Hussey, 265.5 feet; Chet Hammonds, 264.2 feet; Sam Ramsey, 262.2 feet

Stock Diesel

Kevin Soiland, 247.9 feet; Adam Seminoff, 240.4 feet; Garret Peterson, 234.9 feet; Mathew Miner, 231.4; Kevin Santos, 216.5 feet; Kevin Duncan, 208.7 feet; Shane Freudenberg, 206.6 feet; Brandi Miner, 202.7 feet; Phil Saye, 193.9 feet; Jason Soiland, 81.9 feet

5800 lb Tractor Class

Wild Thing, 295.7 feet; Bail Out, 269.1 feet; White Lightning, 250.9 feet

6500 lb Class

Kevin Walker, 223.20 feet; Kaleb Kumpula, 210.3 feet; Sage Basler, 209.5 feet; Reece Christiansen, 187.4 feet; Jay McNulty, 167.1 feet

5500 lb Class

Ray Rowles, 273.27 feet; Sage Basler, 248.87 feet; Kenny Kumpula, 234.43 feet; Brandon Powers, 229.49 feet; Matt Lovell, 224.55 feet; Jeff Whitby, 220.16 feet; Eric Jacinth, 213.73 feet; Kevin Bouthillier, 178.6 feet; Bill Rutler, 139.79 feet

Blown Mini Tractor Class

Sharecropper - Jesslyn Fagundes, 282.18 feet; EZ Money - Brent Bass, 249.46 feet; Might Mouse - Jeremy Bese, 231.27 feet; Flirtin with Disaster - Katherine Correia, 217.11 feet; Bank Roller - Chase Crawford, 186.84 feet

4500lb Class

Tiffany Powers, 250.18 feet; Tony Mondo, 204.48 feet

Top row from left: Billy Rutler helps flatten down the track between pulls.

Bail Out pulled 269.1 feet against the Terminator Sled.

Willits' Fred Barry was driving the Time Bandit and made a full pull with 307.8 feet.

Left top: Nicole McLeod Basler, Connor and Hunter Basler stand with proud papa Sage Basler who holds his award.

At left: Chris Lamprich gets in line and ready to pull the Terminator sled in the OMG class.

Below: Eric Jacinth tries his turn for a full pull.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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Sweetheart Dinner 2014

Honoring Past Sweethearts, Event Sponsors and Crowning of 2014 Sweetheart

Last Saturday evening, family and friends of Willits Frontier Days gathered on the lawn at the rodeo grounds to witness the crowning of this year's Sweetheart, eat a tasty dinner, and support the many businesses and individuals who make the 4th of July events a success each year. For 2014, Haley Schuck took home the title of Sweetheart and helped contribute to the total of \$39,600 raised by all three contestants. Calayan Knight was the first runner-up, and Emily Leishman was the second runner-up.

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Clockwise from bottom left: Mike Griggs, Sr., of Sparetime Supply receives his sponsor awards from Willits Frontier Days President Marcy Barry and Willits Frontier Days Vice President Billy Rutler.

Second runner-up Emily Leishman, first runner-up Calayan Knight, 2014 Sweetheart Haley Schuck, and 2013 Sweetheart Lija Lamkin stand with Haley's new saddle.

Many of the returning past Sweethearts: from back row left: Sandi Short, Mattie Pinon, Ashton Bloomquist holding Aybrie, Tina Shull, and Olivia Grupp. Second row: Riata King, Tracy Moody, Lija Lamkin, Lane Lamkin holding Blighe, Melanie Uvila, Mary Fosen, Tammy Sharp, Kathy Graves, and Leslie Scaglione. Front row: Claire Robertson, Rachel Belvin, Courtney Figg-Hoblyn holding Champ, Georgeanne Croskey holding her daughter, and Lindsey Bowlds holding Archer.

Jack Tharp, Heritage Award winner Anita Tharp holding a little one, Candi Tharp, and Grand Marshal Carl Gallups sit at a table at the dinner last Saturday.

Three of the men preparing the meat for the dinner - turkey to go along with the Cowboy Winter Wonderland / Holiday Dinner theme: Fred Barry, Jeff Duncan and John Thomen.

The winning sweetheart receives many gifts, including a silver buckle, silver tiara and silver spurs.

Flowers for each of the Sweethearts were prepared by Annette Pinon of Flowers by Annette. Christmas greens and silver frosting gave the flowers and table decorations a festive feel.

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Haehl Creek Trail now open to the public

Haehl Creek Trail is now open to the public: walkers, runners, bicyclists and even equestrians are encouraged to come by and enjoy the new, shady 3,300-foot-long trail.

The best place to park, for those arriving in cars, Stropes said, is at the south end of the trail, on the Haehl Creek Court cul de sac.

From East Hill Road, "turn on to Haehl Creek Drive," he said. "You go through two stop signs; take a right onto Haehl Creek Court at the last stop sign, keep going until you see the big gateway, and park on the cul de sac. You'll be within 50 feet of the trailhead there."

The trail winds along, on the east side of Haehl Creek, up to the north end which comes out on East Hill Road, right before the turnout to the new hospital.

A stalwart group of volunteers worked last Thursday, Friday and Saturday to finish the work to get the trail open. "We scraped the trail down to the earth," said Larry Stropes, "and put the wonderful weed resistant cloth on top."

"On top of that we put aggregate from Northern Aggregates, and crushed concrete from NorCal Recycled Rock & Aggregates," Stropes said. "The rock was then watered, and rolled to compact it to a "nice hard surface without a lot of little rocks to stumble on."

Clockwise from left: A shady bend in the Haehl Creek Trail (photo by Carolyn Wyatt). A view of the new Howard Hospital under construction from the trail (photo by Bonnie Madrigal). The weed-resistant fabric laid first (photo by Bonnie Madrigal). Tory Lawrence worked this truck from Northern Aggregates which dumped gravel, then smoothed it out with the blade. (photo by Carolyn Wyatt)

Stropes thanked Willits attorney Randi Covin, who brought home-prepared lunch and beverages for the workers all three days: "Mariposa and Safeway donated about half the food," Covin said, "which was very much appreciated. Great work on the trail!"

The trail crew (those who did construction work) included Mike Aplet, Keith and Lotus Baker, Paula Day, Larry Desmond, Alan Falleri, Dave Madrigal, Val Nordeman, Linc North, and Larry Stropes.

Trail construction assistance was provided by DeSilva Gates Construction (donated aggregates, made cash donation, and paid for aggregates delivery); Keith Johnson (donated tractor and labor over many days to construct trail); Tory Lawrence (donated equipment, time and labor); MCS Construction (loaned equipment and donated trucking); Ed Mitchell (donated land, trucking and loaned equipment); Northern Aggregates (donated aggregates and trucking); Donna Stropes, Carolyn Wyatt and Bonnie Madrigal (took photos).

"We're excited, we're enthusiastic, we're pumped," Stropes said. "People who've used the trail so far are very enthusiastic about it and raving about it." The group will be putting in tables, benches and paving stones, to honor donors, and some signage before the "Thank You" party for sponsors, donors and volunteers sometime in October.

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Puzzle Page & More

Activities & fun for kids of all ages

In The Stars

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Your impulsive nature is apparent this week, Aries. While this nature has often served you well, it's still a smart move to carefully consider all angles before making any big decisions.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, share your emotions with a friend, especially if the friendship does not seem to be going in the direction you had hoped. Keep the lines of communication open at all times.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are on a quest for a deep connection. You will not be content with mere friendship, but desire something that is more intimate and meaningful.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, the goal this week is to find a happy medium where you can help others but remain true to yourself. It may take a little juggling, but you can handle it.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may think your intentions are obvious to others, but sometimes you send mixed signals. You may have to be more concise to achieve your desired results.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

You are in high demand this week, Capricorn. You have the ability to get things done when others struggle with similar tasks. Keep up the good work.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, although you are initially willing to go along with the group's plans, in the long run you want to set off in your own direction. A few stragglers may join you.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Take the high road, Libra. Leading by example has always been your forte, and taking the high road now is a great example to set for those around you.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you just may find yourself on shaky ground while juggling multiple responsibilities this week. Don't let the stress of this juggling act get the better of you.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, professional obligations may prevent you from spending time with loved ones, but only if you let them. Let higher-ups know where your priorities lie.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

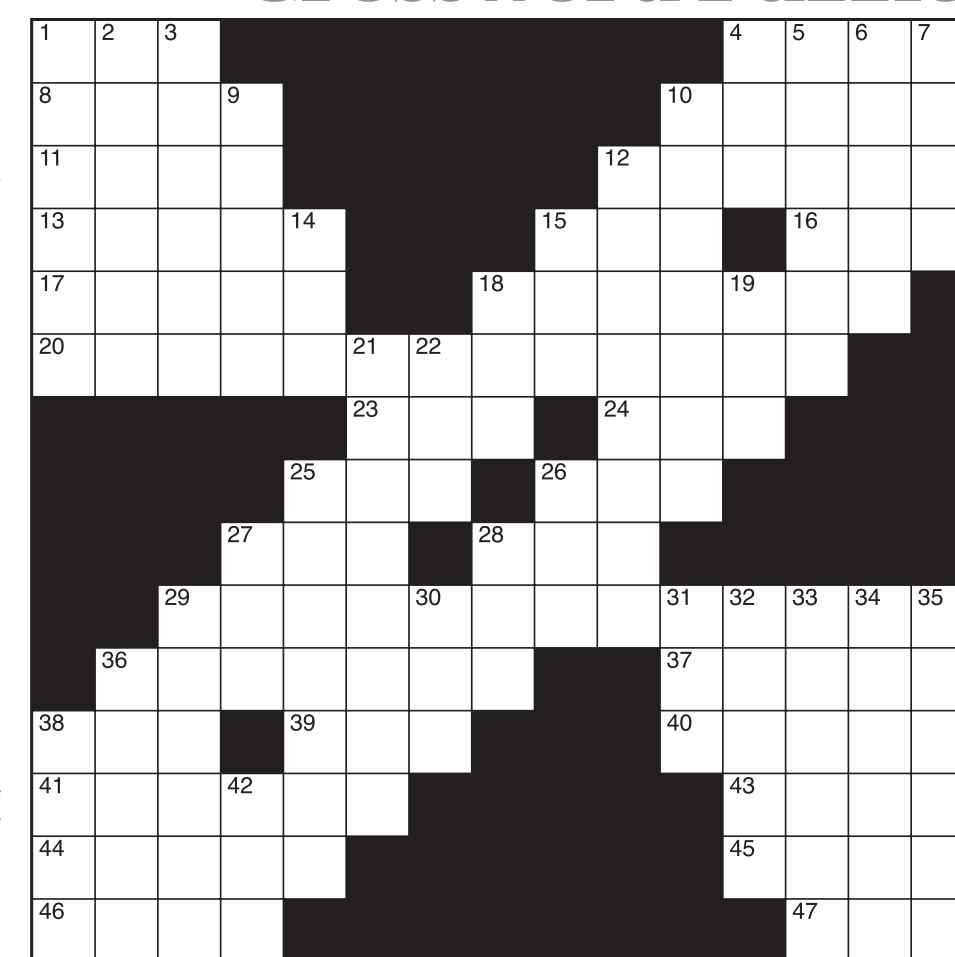
It can be quite difficult to keep your cool when you are feeling emotional, Scorpio. Channel any nervous energy you have into a productive project this week.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you find yourself face-to-face with your biggest fears this week. Draw on your inner strength and you will conquer any obstacle.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Sanford, FL school
- Indicates outer
- Container counterbalance
- Domestic cat genus
- Cools down
- Intolerant people
- Take hold of
- Corner bar
- By way of
- Microwave amplifier
- Take up again
- "Hawaii Five-O" star
- A sphere
- 007's creator
- Downton Abbey network
- Rapper ___ Lo
- Taxi
- Romaine
- Mum of China
- From Haiti
- Fatuous

CLUES DOWN

- Mark of infamy
- Of the lower back
- Crimp
- Brain wave test
- Pulled apart
- Leatherwoods
- Thessaly mountain
- R. Devereux, 1st Earl of
- Leg bones
- Most branchy
- Favorable argument
- Wooden plug
- Stroke
- Fukien dialect
- Special interest influencer
- Many not ands
- Political organizations
- Bunco game
- 22nd Greek letter
- Metal container
- Beach shelter
- Detective Spade
- Strike
- Establish by law
- Massive compact halo objects
- Unwind
- In a base manner
- ___ mass: abnormal growth
- Canadian law enforcers
- Scrap of cloth



Sudoku

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How To Sudoku:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Intermediate

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America in 1927

This is the week we gear up to celebrate the 4th of July. Since I enjoy reading even more than grilling and making potato salad, the holiday brings to mind a book I recently read, Bill Bryson's "One Summer, America 1927."

During that time, my Dad was a paper boy in San Francisco, working both a morning route and an evening one. He was delivering the newspapers whose daily headlines form Bryson's narrative, and that connection made the reading

more meaningful for me. The book focuses on the people and events that captured the attention and stimulated the imagination of the public. This was the very beginning of tabloid-style journalism, and people just couldn't get enough of it.

They were hooked on Charles Lindbergh and his solitary flight across the Atlantic, even though there were plenty of other aviators from various countries who were making historic breakthroughs.

There were major boxing matches that summer, the epic baseball player Babe Ruth was earning his title as the "Sultan of Swat," Al Capone was ruling his kingdom in Chicago, silent movies were giving way to the talkies, and everyone was riding around in Henry Ford's Model T. Bryson provides fascinating detail on the invention of television and the golden days of radio.

But, there was the darker side as well, epitomized by the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi connections of Charles Lindbergh and his wife, the well-known author, Anne Morrow

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OBITUARY | Willis Minton Fales

Willis Minton Fales

Willis Minton Fales was born on January 7, 1930 to Minton "Mac" and Beulah Fales in Klamath Falls, Oregon. His father was born in Redwood Valley and worked in sawmills for most of his life in Northern California and Oregon. They went where the work was and eventually "stayed put" in Willits where Willis and his three sisters, Shirley (Wagner), Carol (Crouch) and Arlene (Hamilton) grew up and attended school.

Willis attended Pine Street School and Willits High and worked at various odd jobs as a boy, eventually going into the USAF at the young age of 16, with his mother's help in changing his birthdate by one year. He was proud to have served as a Fireman (Crash-man) at Westover Field in Massachusetts and was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1949.

He met Betty Gagnon while in the service and they were married after his discharge. They had one child, Nancy (Stipe). He lost the "love of his life" in 1956, when Nancy was 6 years old. In 1959 he met and married another wonderful woman, Ann Landry, who had a young son, David. Willis and Ann married in Massachusetts and had a daughter Sally (Schnitzius) and a son, John. They headed back to California in 1960 to settle back in Willits with his family. In the '80s, his marriage to Ann ended in divorce, and he eventually married Markie Flint and helped raise her children, Don and Micheline.

Willis worked at several places during his lifetime, the longest being Seaside (Little Lake Industries). He talked of loading thousands of board feet of redwood into boxcars for 50 cents per thousand bf. He eventually became a foreman there and enjoyed the people he worked with very much. At the end of his career he was designing redwood furniture for Little Lake and Leisure Time Products in Nevada.

In 1986 Willis broke his neck in a fall at Little Lake, and that ended his career. Willis and Markie moved to Portola, California for a few years, where he enjoyed many hours in his shop creating things out of redwood. He made hundreds of redwood "fiddle clocks" to give to friends and family.

OBITUARY | Wilma Hoaglen Phillips

Wilma Hoaglen Phillips

Wilma H. Hoaglen Phillips entered into the arms of Jesus on June 24, 2014 in Lakeport, California. She was 70 years young. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Duval D. Phillips, Sr., and her parents Acie and Pearl Hoaglen. She was born June 28, 1943 in Covelo, California, where she was a long-time resident.

Wilma is survived by her eight children: Duval (Sam) Phillips of Potter Valley; Deliah (DeeDee) Phillips of Glendale, Arizona; Veronica (Roxanne) Hanover of Potter Valley; Eugenia (Tiny) Phillips of Covelo; Audrina (Aud) Phillips of Covelo; Rosalee (Sunshine) Cook of Rosebud, South Dakota; Shirley Phillips of Covelo; and Marianne Phillips of Covelo. She is also survived by three step-children: Sandy Phillips of Ukiah, Douglas Phillips of Laytonville, and Eileen Phillips of Laytonville, CA. She was blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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the day-to-day operations of the city, as well as engaging in the necessary long-range planning that is required to keep the city healthy and functioning. This is a cost that must be included in the city budget, and no matter how the cost is allocated between the various departments, the money will still be spent!

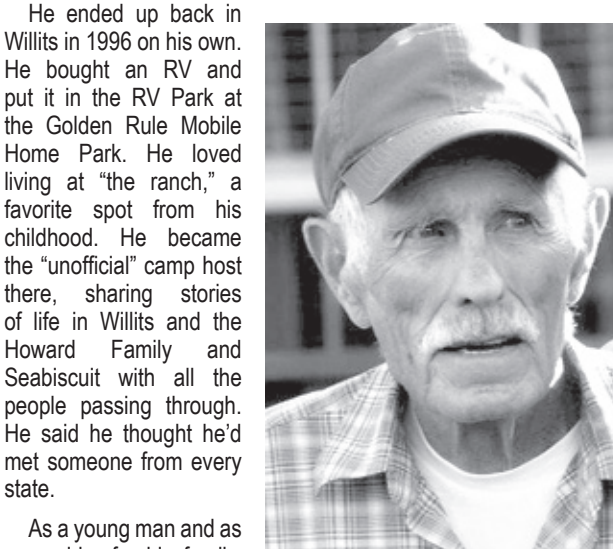
A certain percentage of the city manager's time is spent working on water and sewer issues, as well as on public works and personnel matters, and all of this activity must be correctly charged to the appropriate departments. And with the importance of knowing exactly where the money is being spent, it's necessary that the city manager's time is accurately allocated where it belongs.

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Willis Minton Fales

As a young man and as a provider for his family, he was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent many hours driving up and down our coastline looking for surf fish and rock picking for abalone, but in his later years he became a true lover of nature. He was known on the ranch as "Will, the man who had feeds the deer." The deer would press their noses to his screen door looking for him. Will was able to remain in his beloved home on the ranch until two days before he passed peacefully at his daughter's home on June 20, 2014.

Willis was preceded in death by his wives, Betty and Ann, his parents, his three sisters, two half-brothers, Earl and Ray, and his grandson Christopher Schnitzius. He is survived by his children Nancy (Roger Stipe) and John (Lynn) of Willits, Sally (Raul Madrid) of Maryland and David (Leslie) of Washington, Don (Kim) Flint of Marysville and Micheline Flint of Lincoln, and brother-in-law, Bud Crouch of Bodega Bay. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, and his two good friends at Golden Rule, Rick and Mark.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Stipe home at a later date. Donations may be made in Will's name to Ridgewood TRAIL Riders, 16200 North Highway 101, Willits CA 95490.

Kitten Extravaganza

To help the many kittens at the Ukiah Animal Shelter find a home, adoption fees have been lowered to \$50 for one kitten and \$75 for two adopted at the same time!

Kittens of all colors are waiting at the Ukiah Shelter for their new families to come and take them home. They are playful and full of joy! All kittens have been spayed or neutered, and have received age-appropriate vaccinations. The kittens have been tested for feline leukemia virus (FELV/FIV), and are microchipped.

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 pm. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. For more information about adoptions please call 463-4654.

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bonds associated with Measure B, district taxpayers will pay back \$21.9 million on the capital appreciation bond, a debt-to-bond ratio of about 6 to 1. However, on the entire \$18.8 million package, thanks to the interest-free QSCBs, property owners will pay \$38.6 million over 30 years. That's a payback ratio of just over 2 to 1.

Vicki Todd, director of financial services for the Mendocino County Office of Education, was careful with her words. "Because the federal government paid \$8 million in interest, the debt ratio was really reasonable," Todd said. "It wasn't anything like circumstances that we've seen in other parts of the state."

So what did we get for Measure B? The district sold \$18.8 million worth of bonds and added to that another \$811,000 in developer fees. Altogether it had \$19.2 million to spend and spent \$14 million on district projects.

At Willits High School, the district spent a total of \$5.11 million. Of that, \$928,000 was spent on two solar installations. In addition, the district upgraded the vocational training area of the campus. It converted the old auto shop into a welding and small engine repair shop, and added a new wood shop. For the wood shop it got new table saws and new sanders. For both shops new "guts" were put in, including new lighting, new electrical, new heating and gas and particle evacuation hoods.

A new media center was built, which serves as the school's library, computer center and meeting room. Some 60 new computers were purchased and installed, and a modern, efficient heating and cooling system was installed. Bookcases were purchased and installed around the perimeter of the room and at a few islands situated in the center of the room. However, the feeling this reporter



Left top: Katherine Houghtby poses in Kinetic Carnivale attire to promote the upcoming August 9 and 10 event.

Above top from left: Sushi samples at It's Time were a big hit; Patricia Baumann holds up one of her giveaways for her home design business, Design Cafe.

Above, bottom from left: Hot dogs and Asian salad were a popular purchase from Delish; Wine from Barra Vineyards.

Left: Teresa Robertson poses with Roxanne, one of her beloved Bull Terriers.

Below: Julia and Johnnieann Johnson pose with Claveiru (branch manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car) and Dorothy Roediger of Yukum's Body Shop.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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Having Fun at Hometown



Above left: Alice, Mike A'Dair and Jace smile for the camera; right: Gigi makes her way skillfully across the Boy Scouts' Monkey Bridge. Below right: Jennisons Dane, Todd, Xander, Matt and Gracie enjoyed face painting and fun at the Hometown Celebration. Below left: Healing Central Chiropractic's Izzy Parry and Shawna Handschug smile with a not-so-sure-about-this-picture-thing-yet 3-month-old River.



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Agape Bible Church Youth Group feeding the hungry

Agape Bible Church has a group of teenagers from middle and high schools on fire to help their community! They had a vision to help feed those in need and are making this dream come true. They helped build a large food pantry at the church and filled it with canned and packaged food donated by friends of ABC, by offering a free pancake breakfast to any donor.

But they are not stopping there. Next stop is Reno, Nevada, to hit the streets with food for those in need and to share their personal testimony of how Jesus Christ has changed their lives. They will be attending Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, which is an outreach to the homeless and needy serving hot meals, distributing clothing and reaching out to those with addictions.

If you are interested in donating supplies to the pantry, non-perishable goods, coats, blankets, toiletries and diapers are accepted at the church, 290 South Lenore Avenue, during normal work week hours. The Agape Youth Group meets at the church every Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 pm. Sixth- to twelfth-graders are welcome. Info: 459-1905.

— submitted by Agape Bible Church



Agape Youth Group members, clockwise from lower left: Keola Wilson, Bailey Ferguson, Isabella Fuentes, Faith VanPelt, Wade Faherty, Troy Cole, Caelan Creekmur, Cera Bacci, Tristian Adams, Sharlene Caldwell, Merwin Nikad, Aisha Shoemaker and Alana Smith.

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Round Valley Sweetheart Contestant Claire Moyle



Willits' Claire Moyle, 10, is running for Round Valley Community Sweetheart. She is going to be a sixth-grader next year and plans to try out for basketball and volleyball. She can be seen riding her horse Jazz at many local rodeo and gymkhana events.

Claire will be selling tickets to many upcoming events, including raffle and rodeo tickets to the Covelo Rodeo held on Labor Day weekend - August 29 through August 31 - as well as tickets for the Blackberry Festival on August 16.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each, and prizes include hay, wood, knickknacks, riding lessons, quilts and much more. Blackberry Festival and bull riding tickets are \$5 each, and rodeo tickets are \$8 each.

The rodeo's schedule includes bull riding on Friday, August 29 at 7 pm, the CCPRA rodeo on Saturday, August 30 at 6 pm, and the Junior Rodeo on Sunday, August 31, at 1 pm.

Claire can be reached at 707-513-3843 for tickets, and also plans to be out and about during the Willits Frontier Days festivities selling tickets as well.



American Indian Spirit Run in Willits



"We are following the medicine that is already here," American Indian Movement spiritual leader Fred Short said to the marathon runners and supporters who met at Evergreen Shopping Center before beginning their run on Highway 101/Main Street through downtown Willits.

The marathon runners - in blue T-shirts - arrived last Thursday for the culmination of the 36th annual 500-mile run through California, beginning five days prior in Pit River near Mt. Shasta. The running team of about 30 members chose Willits as the final destination in their journey in order to show their support for local tribes that have been organizing against current plans for the Willits bypass construction in the Little Lake Valley.

The marathon runners, who traced a route around sacred mountains and rivers under the banner "All Life Is Sacred," were joined by more than 40 additional walkers as the team crossed town to reach Willits City Park for a ceremony with local tribal elders, activists, and community members. "To all the runners, the people that believe in struggle and resistance - keep on," AIM activist and Round Valley resident Ron Lincoln told the crowd.

Young runner Miguel Vivaldo was also one of the speakers at City Park. Vivaldo, who at 14 is the team's youngest member to run 100 miles without stopping, dedicated his run to his deceased brother.

The California 500 Mile Spiritual Marathon was begun by AIM members as an activity for Native American youth. It consists of teams from different parts of the state who "are dedicated to preserving the tradition of spiritual running" and who "pray for the preservation of sacred Native American sites and Mother Earth."

— Kate Maxwell

*Above: American Indian Movement Spirit Run runners and local supporters during a ceremony at City Park Thursday.
At left: The AIM runners head south through Willits on their way to the park.*

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Carl Gallups moved to Willits when he was just 8 or 9 years old and, now at age 74, Carl fondly calls Willits his hometown. "It's such a great place, everyone knows you and you know everyone!" laughed Carl.

He first became "hooked up" with Willits Frontier Days when his brother-in-law, Jack Tharp, was named Heritage Award winner. Now also honored with that award, Carl is happy to carry on the family tradition.

"I was surprised to hear I had gotten the nomination," said Carl. "I am honored to carry the title this year, and am proud to have been nominated!"

Another family tradition is also underway: Carl's grandson Thomas is now working at Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop, a shop Carl first opened more than 50 years ago.

Carl also noted he spent some 50 years volunteering with the Willits Kiwanis Club, including serving as the club's president three times and even being a past lieutenant governor.

One of the things Carl loves about the Willits Frontier Days festivities is how it brings together old friends.

"You get to see all the people you went to grammar school and high school with, and everyone gets to come together and celebrate," he said.

Carl attended grammar school at the Little Lake Grange building and attended Willits High School back when there were only a few buildings on campus.

Willits Frontier Days 2014 Heritage Award Winner is Anita Tharp. See both honorees at the Fourth of July Parade.

Barber Thomas Gallups:

following in his
grandfather's footsteps

Thomas Gallups is continuing in the family tradition: working as a barber at his grandfather Carl Gallups' barber shop. Now known as Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop, with barber Kenny Keith, it's located at 1569 South Main Street.

"I wanted to be a barber since high school," Thomas said; he graduated from Willits High School in 2007. "But it took me a little while. I had a daughter and got another job, so I couldn't go to barber school. But when they opened up the barber college in Ukiah, I started school down there." Thomas graduated from the Ukiah Beauty College on February 20, 2014 and got his state certificate as a barber the day after Easter.

Carl's Barber Shop was located in the old Country Mall (now J.D. Redhouse) for many years; Carl says his shop was the last store in the mall before it closed.

Thomas is working Wednesdays and Thursdays at Carl & Kenny's, and will take over the shop when barber Keith retires - after a big retirement party.

"I wanted to carry on the business," Thomas said. "I didn't want to let it die out."

Carl Gallups always cut his grandson's hair when Thomas was growing up, and now Thomas returns the favor. He also offers what he calls "Carl's Classics" haircuts to his clientele today. Thomas has been entrusted with a lot of Carl's barbering equipment, gathered from 51 years in the business.

"He's a well-respected guy, my grandfather," Thomas said. "He's done a lot for the community. I'd like to see the rest of my family do things to try to equal up to what the



Thomas and Carl Gallups at Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop. Photo by Jennifer Pool

people before us did. It makes me proud."

When Carl started out as a barber - he got his barber's license from the Modern Barber College in San Francisco in 1959 - haircuts were \$2. Current prices at Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop are \$15 for haircuts, and \$10 for a beard trim. Call 456-1174 for more information.

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Creating 'Woven Worlds':

Weaving the Past into the Future

In 2009, the United States Senate passed legislation, signed by President Obama, formally apologizing for offenses committed against Native Americans. This historic moment serves as the conclusion of the timeline displayed at the Mendocino County Museum in honor of its new exhibit of Native American history. The exhibit, titled "Woven Worlds," is the first permanent addition to the museum in many years and opened with a well-attended traditional ceremony and feast on June 21.

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"I wanted to show that Native Americans are not just victims, but active participants in changing their circumstances," explained curator Dr. Victoria Patterson, of her choice to conclude the timeline display with the Senate apology. The timeline includes seven panels covering Native history from 8000 BCE, entitled "Woven Worlds: First Communities," to 1960-2009, under the heading "Self-Determination." Patterson describes it as a "testimony to incredible survival in the face of terrible odds."

The display includes information covering local events and tribes in Mendocino County, alongside developments on a national scale. Each panel includes archival photographs and video, oral histories and letters, ethnographic accounts, excerpts of legislation and more, allowing primary source materials to reveal the story of historical change.

"So many exhibits put [Native Americans] in the past, just baskets in glass cases," says Patterson, who has worked as a research linguist and ethnohistorian with several local tribes in the county for the past 40 years. Patterson first joined with Museum Director Alison Glassey three years ago: Glassey had been looking for ways to expand and improve the museum's Native American exhibit since she took the position in 2009.

Glassey undertook efforts to fundraise and find adequate physical space in the museum, while Patterson held meetings reaching out to local tribes to focus the exhibit on what the communities felt was important. "They wanted people to know that 'we have a long history, but we're still here,'" Patterson explained. "All these things, these dances

and culture, are still done today."

The exhibit reflects this intent via dynamic and interactive exhibits combining many types of artifacts and multi-media displays into interpretive kiosks developed by Patterson and a team of designers including Kiersten Hannah Frey, Addison Moore, and Janet Rayner. Displays are geared towards a range of ages, including several educational activities designed just for kids.

Visitors can explore the kiosks to learn to use a pole drill, to practice basket weaving, archaeological techniques and mathematics using Native counting systems, to play traditional games and learn about different dances, and to see a facsimile of a native dwelling. Other displays reveal the many tribal homelands and villages within the county, demonstrate native uses of natural resources, and allow visitors to learn different tribal languages.

For Patterson, the exhibit is "a labor of love" and the "culmination of a lifetime of work." Both she and Glassey emphasize the important contributions from native advisors, community members, other museums, and the creative team. "The result is more than any one person could create," says Glassey of the extensive collaboration efforts in the exhibit. "It is on a level we just haven't done before."

The attention to graphics and visual detail is evident throughout the exhibit, creating a lively and colorful atmosphere. A large spinning wooden wheel details seasonal activities by five different tribes, researched by Patterson and fabricated by longtime volunteer Steve Prochter, who also assisted in digitizing the museum's inventory, enabling the selection of exhibit objects.

A composite landscape photograph of different ecological habitats found within the county emphasizes the important relationship between the tribes and the local environment. There is also a display of contemporary art, currently featuring Snow Dove of Laytonville, which will



At top, left: Dolls loaned from a private collection are displayed in a glass case in front of the timeline wall. At top, right: A kiosk exploring Native games like the Grass Game and the Game of Staves.

Above: Some of the Pomo baskets on display.

Below: The "Clamshell Money" kiosk.

Photos by Maureen Moore



rotate regularly to show work by a range of local native artists.

The museum plans to keep expanding the exhibit in other ways, creating additional historical resources and glossaries to supplement the information already included. One such project is the continuation of the Native American History project, "to make sure people had a chance to participate," in which portraits of local Native Americans by Frey are displayed at the exhibit's entrance. Other resources include an app to learn Native languages (available soon), as well as the development of a curriculum guide for local schools and field trips for 2015.

The Mendocino County Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30pm and is free the first Wednesday of every month.

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