



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## JV Soccer to be cut?

To the Editor:

I write this letter with a heavy heart. I'm not one to speak out publicly, but I am passionately disappointed by the recent decision of the school superintendent to cut sports programs at Willits High School. JV boys and girls soccer are among the programs to be cut for the fall.

I've coached soccer at WHS for the past eight years: two years with the boys program and six years with the girls program. I've coached Willits Youth Soccer for the past 22 years. In 2012, my wife and I decided to retire from coaching varsity soccer at WHS and concentrate on the needs of our expanded adopted family. However, the following season the girls soccer program was in need of a JV coach and my daughter decided to try the sport of soccer for the first time. Therefore, I returned to coach the JVs. It was a good season, with 16 girls on the squad. I made my intentions known to apply as the varsity coach for the 2014 season.

The stipend the district offers is very minimal. I, like many coaches, work year round with players. I take time off work, donate my resources, and fund raise for team expenses. We coaches end up putting our own money in the gas tank to offset the cost of athletic travel.

In June, I finally received a call stating I had an interview. I took time off work to attend. I felt I interviewed well, although I disagreed with one question in the interview asking for my views about dissolving the JV program. The AD explained the new program would be a blended program. This blended program was explained to me as the idea that all 33 girls would play varsity and the coach would rotate players in.

Anyone who knows the sport has to be thinking, "This is ridiculous." What benefits could come from dissolving the JV program and carrying an excessive number of girls on one squad?

On June 17, I was informed I was *not* the most qualified candidate for the job. I went to the district office to find out how that was possible. The only other candidate had only coached soccer for one other season. I was the only candidate with coaching credentials and a long history of coaching experience.

The superintendent stated she agreed with me over the athletic director's recommendations. She shook my hand and told me "Congratulations, you're the new varsity coach. You and the other candidate can work together to better the program."

I agreed to work together in the spirit of cooperation.

The day after a school board meeting the following week, the superintendent called me in for a meeting to collaborate with the other candidate. Instead, I met with her and the athletic director. At the end of the meeting I was told I was no longer the coach because the superintendent agreed with the decision of the athletic director. The AD stated he had hired the other candidate in November 2013, prior to posting the job. He then interviewed out of obligation and rehired the same candidate. He further

stated neither my wife nor I would be allowed to coach at Willits High School in any volunteer capacity, and the community of Willits would be better served if we didn't coach soccer at the high school.

Shame on the athletic director and shame on the superintendent for allowing this behavior. I'm deeply disappointed in the hiring practices of the superintendent. The interviews that took place were nothing more than "mock" interviews. I appealed the decision again, and was told by the principal the reason I was not hired was bad timing. What does that mean?

Please join me on Wednesday, August 6 for the school board meeting at the WHS Media Center, starting at 4:30 pm. Let's send a message to the superintendent that our children deserve athletic opportunities. This district has cut programs and services as a result of budget cuts. Don't cut any more programs, especially those essential to our youth.

Martin Rodriguez, Willits

## Willits: a 'Country Town'

To the Editor:

Willits is, and must remain, a rural "escape to the country" community offering peaceful communication with nature and comfort. I would like to see our town offer visitors the opportunity to experience a variety of activities, as follows:

See a "real cowboy" ranch, milk a cow, visit horse stables and take a ride, have a redwood experience, play golf, be in our beautiful fresh air, and also visit the workshop of a weaver, a potter, a beekeeper, chime maker, etc., right in their "home workshop" and buy from them there. (This is done in Maine.)

Willits has a country smell, architecture, grass expanses, beauty; we can expand on that and then take two winter months off. Willits could become the "Country Town of Northern California." (Cooperstown in New York State has an official "Farmers' Museum," visited by school children.) Willits has a wonderful County Museum.... Could we develop a Farmers' Museum?

We could add other newer activities – a Paintball course, a Zip Line down a hill, classy gourmet restaurants, and updated motels. Definitely Willits will need a couple of Visitor Centers north and south of town, to distribute visitor information and updates – maybe offer a free bottle of water.

Change can occur without losing our charm, not too much makeup, just refining the product we're offering. It's a wonderful opportunity to preserve our national and California heritage.

Betty Spence, Willits

## Ride-sharing to the airport?

To the Editor:

During the summer, the Willits Airport gets at least one call a week from pilots flying in who need transportation to town for the Skunk Train, Rodeo, Roots of Motive Power, other local events, business trips, or

vacation. Unfortunately, there are no taxis or a bus for the five-mile drive to town. If available, the airport staff will transport visitors. It would be great if someone local would offer a ride-sharing service like Uber, ZipCar, RelayRides, Getaround, or SideCar. If one starts, it could be listed on the airport's website, [www.WillitsAirport.com](http://www.WillitsAirport.com). I'll bet other local destinations and businesses would benefit from ride-sharing services.

Dan Ramsey  
Willits Airport Manager

## Thank you to unsung heroes

To the Editor:

This is a heartfelt thank you to some of the heroes of Willits, who have made selfless commitments and contributions to the health and well-being for many in our community, and who may go unnoticed....

To Sylvia Welykholowa, who for years has continued to volunteer for no recognition or compensation, as she gives her own time, 3 times a week, at the Willits City Pool, leading Water Aerobics for the largest bandwidth of people I have ever been involved with in Willits: old, young, male, female, healthy, those in need of pain management, and every political persuasion; 25 to 30 people a day.

Not only does Sylvia bring joy and physical relief for many, she supplies and brings each day all of her own equipment, sound system, and an incredible knowledge of anatomy and the concept of aerobics.

Sylvia, along with the group called Willits for a Year Round Pool, also donated to the city last year a defibrillator for the pool.

She is humble, and I feel like I am outing her, but she deserves recognition for her selfless generosity.

To Adrienne Moore, Willits city manager, a creative thinker and non-linear problem solver, with a can-do attitude. She has displayed her commitment to the value of a healthy community, and the needs of many. She is a breath of fresh air.

To the Willits City Pool Crew, who have reinforced my hopefulness for the next generation. Jake, Jeb and Hayden, you have skills that are not learned. We are fortunate to have your smiles, and your incredible social skills in interacting with a diverse population with kindness, and respect. I have watched you all interact with small scared children in their first swim class and helping someone to enter and exit the pool with the handicap chair lift, and the grace and social skills you are all gifted with will take you far.

I needed to acknowledge these wonderful people who truly make a difference, and to let them know.

Stephanie Rubin, Willits

## A grand success!

To the Editor:

Willits is a wonderful community! Once again the Local First Hometown Celebration was a great success because of those that worked to make it happen: our merchants,

## Topics to Talk About!

Here are just a few brainstormed topics aimed to help inspire you to send in a letter to the editor:

**Main Street, post-bypass: what do you envision?**

**Extended pool hours: would you swim on summer evenings?**

**What would be a great new business to have in Willits?**

**How could we increase tourism in town?**

**In addition to fairs and festivals already planned, what new events would you like to attend?**

**How could merchants get more customers to shop locally?**

**What are the five things you like most about Willits, and what five need improvement?**

**What could we provide or create as a positive, motivating opportunity to the youth in the community?**

See our "The Rules: LETTERS" box below for info on how to send in your letter to the editor.



# Paws to Read

Summer fun continues at Willits Library

"Has anyone here ever seen a panda bear?" asked Kathy Silva to the room full of eager faces gathered for the Paws to Read Summer Reading Program at the Willits Library last week. The library's series of activities for kids is held on Thursdays and occasional Saturdays from now until August 14.

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Silva went on to talk about a panda bear's diet, habits, and habitat before taking out a large piece of colored paper to hold up to the room. Everyone suddenly grew quiet and focused as she began to explain how to slowly and carefully turn a sheet of paper into an intricately folded origami panda.

In Silva's class, the tables were full of parents, grandparents, and kids of all ages working together to fold, crease, and create colored paper animals in the shape of several endangered species.

Many of the attendees were first-timers at origami – the Japanese art of folding paper into figures and decorations – but they helped each other learn, and took to it quickly. Several volunteers, including Silva's husband, assisted her with instruction.

"Sometimes in kids classes, parents hang back, but with this, everyone's working together," says Silva. "It's one of the missions of Origami USA to 'bring people together,'" she explains.

For some attendees, like Verity and her "Grampa," of Redwood Valley, this meant figuring out a new kind of art they could both enjoy. For others, like Xavier, 7, who makes origami at home, Silva's class meant learning new designs and helping his siblings create their own animals.

Silva first fell in love with origami as a child, while bedridden with scarlet fever, and she's been sharing her love of the art with area children for many years.

She currently lives in Fort Bragg and has taught origami in several places in Mendocino, including Pt. Arena and Ukiah, though this was her first time in Willits. Since there are thousands of forms to make with origami, she tries to teach things appropriate to the occasion, such as lanterns and wreaths during the holidays.

For Paws to Read, she brought information about the panda, the Mexican grey wolf, the Siberian tiger, and more.

The tables soon filled up with tiny creatures, and Silva shared resources to learn more about animals and origami. Everyone could bring home to their friends their creations, as well as new enthusiasm for a skill that for some will become a lifelong passion.

The Paws to Read series, organized by Children's Librarian Jill Dorman, will continue over the next month to include music and arts classes, an author visit, and "real live animals presented by North American Wildlife." The series also includes a reading log for kids to chart their favorite books on the library's walls, to receive a special reward at the end of the season.

The next in the series in Willits is a "Rhythm Workshop and Sing-a-Long!" with Anthony Melville, and future activities will be listed in the Willits Weekly Calendar. The Willits Library is located at 290 Commercial Street; call 459-5908 for info.

Paws to Read is also being offered at the Round Valley Public Library on Fridays, from 2 to 3 pm. The next program in Covelo is "Lions, Tigers, and Bears!" featuring animal storytime as well as making puppets for animal puppet shows. The Round Valley Library is located at 23925 Howard Street in Covelo; call 983-6736 for info.

Clockwise from top: Tara, 6, has been to all the Paws to Read programs in Willits.

Instructor Kathy Silva demonstrates an origami fold. Paws to Read attendees watch Silva create an origami animal.

Jonas, 5, holds two of his origami creations. Xavier, 7, shows off his grey wolf, tiger and panda bear origami.

Verity, 5 1/2, watches her "Grampa" make a fold.

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# Puzzle Page & More

Activities & fun for kids of all ages

## In The Stars

**ARIES**  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, you have had little luck regarding relationships of late. Rather than focus on what hasn't gone your way, change your perspective and focus on the good things.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, you can be pretty stubborn when it comes to something that matters dearly to you. No matter your feelings, try to behave in a diplomatic manner.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/Jan 21  
Gemini, be a shoulder to cry on for a beloved friend or family member this week. Everything will ultimately work out for the best, but your loved one needs support this week.

**CANCER**  
Jun 22/Jul 22  
Be mindful of what you say and do this week. Cancer. Your head may be telling you to speak up, but your heart is telling you to stay quiet for a little while longer.

**LEO**  
Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, enjoy the noisiness around you this week. Sagittarius. Things may be progressing so fast you can't even finish one idea before moving on to the next one.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, address an issue with a clear head this week. Your advice has been solicited, and you know how to help, but some subtlety is a good thing in this situation.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, adopt an analytical approach to solve a puzzling situation at work this week. This way of looking at things is just what you need to find the right solution.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
Your imagination is ready to run wild this week, Scorpio. Enjoy this burst of creative energy and put it to good use. Encourage others to participate as well.

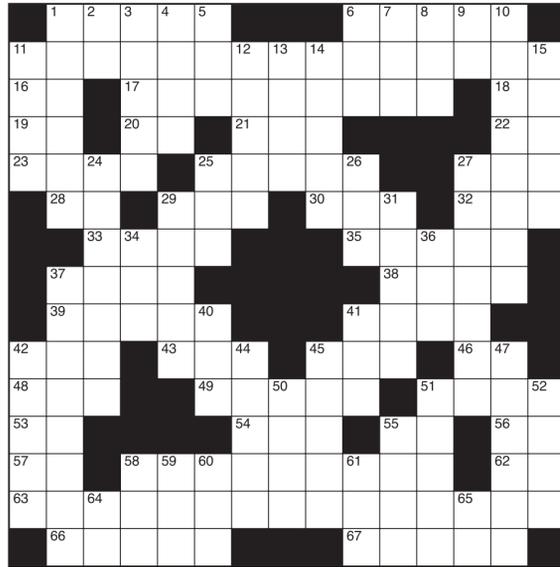
**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
Your mind is racing a mile a minute this week, Sagittarius. Things may be progressing so fast you can't even finish one idea before moving on to the next one.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, express yourself when asked for your honest opinion this week. Keeping things close to the vest is not what people want to see, so don't hesitate to offer your insight.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Trust your intuition in a sticky situation, Aquarius. Panicking will only make the situation more complicated, so allow your instincts to take over.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
The time has come for you make your move, Pisces. You're fully capable of making this transition and more than ready to do so.

## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Outmoded
- Strikes
- All the same
- Blue Hen school
- Peopled
- Initials of NBC weather host
- Atomic #28
- Doctor
- Small time unit (abbr.)
- 4th tone of scale
- Dines
- Rates of movement
- Immature newt
- Of I
- Kick out
- Pouchlike structure
- Brew
- Oh, God!
- Shells lining
- Ladies undergarments
- An open way for travel
- Passenger
- Plate
- Actor Affleck
- 1/100 of a yen
- Scientific workplace
- 60 minutes (abbr.)
- Straggle
- Plate made of silver or gold
- Mains
- Great Britain
- Hermione's boyfriend
- D'Onofrio's Law & Order
- 10th state
- Do again prefix
- Jagged cut
- Air Force
- K. Hepburn's alma mater
- "King Rat" actor George
- Academy first year
- Invests in little enterprises
- Prongs
- Shred cheese
- Gazing intently
- Paper tablet
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Otological pain
- Pedestal supports
- Islands are named for them
- Gallivant
- Romaine
- Lux Palm Beach hotel
- Dines
- CBS newsman Rather
- Book jacket review
- Braided river of Poland
- Atom smasher
- Devasiate
- Pressure unit (mm Hg)
- Move sideways
- Free from risk
- Small prison room
- Liquefied natural gas
- Form a sum
- 7th musical tone
- Harnessed horse (bit)
- Catholic sisters
64. Thou
- Stuart Little's author White

### CLUES DOWN

- Speaker's platform
- Indicates position
- Moves through water
- Historical region of Pakistan
- Country code for Addis Ababa
- Ball striker
- East northeast
- Form a sum
- 7th musical tone
- Harnessed horse (bit)
- Catholic sisters
- 60 minutes (abbr.)

## Sudoku

**PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 9**

				1				9
			3					
5		7						
7	1							
9	3	4		8				1
							6	
	9			6			2	
		3	7	4				5
			1					

Level: Intermediate

**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!



**Mady Braught reaches into the meat case at Geiger's.**  
 Photo by Maureen Moore

The rest of **Geiger's** From Page 1  
 raised meat and quality cuts, certainly due in part to growing up on her family's cattle ranch, Rocking B, in Laytonville.  
 While studying Ag Business and attending her first year at Cal Poly in 2013, Braught even took a class in meat science from 2003 Willits High School graduate turned Cal Poly professor, Andrew Hosford, further fueling her interest.  
 "I've always wanted to work in the meat department of our family's store," explained Braught. "This year I'm really excited to get to be a part of the post-fair madness and see the whole process."  
 Currently, Braught is being mentored behind the Geiger's counter by fellow meat cutter, Deborah Bauer, who is a 4-H leader in Covelo. Bower also sold Braught her first market project, a market goat, back when Braught was just 9 years old. While not yet running the saw, Braught is honing her knife skills, carving out chops and ribeyes, and of course, helping take orders, answer phones, assist customers, package and price.  
 In addition to handling the fair animals, Geiger's is able to offer custom cut and wrap for locals as well. In cooperation with other local businesses like Josh Allman and Adam Lawrence of Meat Box, ranch-killed carcasses are able to be brought into Geiger's and then processed per the customer's request. Game animals like deer, elk, bear and wild hogs are also able to come through Geiger's counter.  
 Those wishing to have their meats processed further can also request smoking through Roundman's Smoke House in Fort Bragg and packaging with the Sonoma Meat Company in Santa Rosa. These businesses are able to cure, smoke, grind and stuff cuts into jerky, sausage, salami and more.  
 "We are very excited to be able to work with the Sonoma Meat Company," said Mady's father, Geiger's owner and Mendocino County Junior Livestock Committee Chair Michael Braught. "They are one of a few federal and state approved USDA facilities who can do the additional processing. We are happy to have them included in the Redwood Empire Fair's list of partners this year."  
 Along with Sonoma Meat Company, Roundman's Smoke House and Geiger's, Tim's Custom Meat in Covelo and the Superette in Calpella will all assist with the cut and wrap efforts.  
 Geiger's Long Valley Market is located at 44951 Highway 101 in Laytonville. For pricing and more information on cut and wrap, call them at (707) 984-6911.

## Eel River Fuels

Shell Lane fuel station now open to public

Eel River Fuels is proud to announce their station located at 288 Shell Lane in Willits is now open to the public for their fuel needs. Kerosene, oil, supplies and products are available to purchase during the station's operating hours of Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.  
 Along with offering goods to the public, Eel River Fuels also supplies the Roots of Motive Power group; it's their diesel fuel that runs the trains and equipment during the popular steam-up events.  
 The group celebrated the station's opening with a grand opening party and barbecue last month. Al Banta, manager of ER Energy, was the barbecue master on site, and attendees and staff enjoyed food and chitchat during the event.  
 Owners Ken and Sharon Foster, Diane and Harley Foster, Roger and Vicky Webb, and Mike Silva all welcome the public to come down and see the new station.



## Bagels, Buns and Breads, oh my!

Roland's Scratch Bakery and Bistro open for business

After months of planning, prepping and preparing, brothers Phil and Ray Roland, along with Ray's wife, Sue, have opened their doors to the highly anticipated Roland's Scratch Bakery and Bistro in the Evergreen Shopping Center.  
 Head baker Phil makes sure the glistening cases are filled with made-fresh-daily treats, and chefs Sue and Ray take their house-made goodies and enhance them with new and exciting additions to create delicious meal choices and create fresh sides and.  
 Since July 4 when the doors officially opened, patrons have been able to enjoy light breakfast and lunch options, as well as a wide variety of breads and Danish. The goods can be enjoyed to-go or inside the newly designed by Sue herself dining area which features a steampunk feel. An outdoor pet-friendly patio offers additional seating, and the expansive parking lot has plenty of parking.  
 The menu of breakfast and lunch options changes and will grow as space becomes available in the back kitchen for additional equipment. Currently, favorite dishes include veggie and meat quiche cups with fresh fruit and salsa, pulled pork sandwiches in natural juices, pressed Cuban paninis, and cold soups including options like tomato gazpacho and a vegan melon cucumber.  
 Italian "braciolo" sandwiches (pronounced brah-jole) are something the Rolands are proud of.  
 Read the rest of **Rolands** Over on Page 9

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At top: Roland's staff: Jennifer Westmorland, Phil Roland, Ray Roland and Sue Roland. Not pictured: Dawn Rogers, John Southwick and Maxine Mount. Above, top: The inside of the re-done Roland's Bakery and Bistro. Above: Fresh breads ready for purchase. Below left: A dainty iced espresso shot swirled with cream. Below right: A veggie quiche sits on the table, ready to enjoy.



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Thursday, July 24

**"Paws To Read" Willits:** Summer Reading Program at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursdays and some Saturdays, 11 am to noon. Today's program: "Rhythm Workshop and Sing-a-Long!" with Anthony Melville. Info: 459-5908.

**"Scripted":** A showcase of original short plays by local Mendocino County playwrights opens tonight, Thursday, July 24, at Willits Community Theatre. The six plays are a mix of comedy and drama with a range of contemporary themes. In sitcom comedic style, two best friends watching Sunday football argue over the confusion one feels about his sexual identity in "The Truth About Frank Gore," written and directed by Steve Hellman. "Putting the Ass in Assassin" by Corinna Rogers, directed by Gloriann Lucero, shows a rookie assassin vying with her veteran counterpart over who has the right to kill a man. When a paranoid schizophrenic overhears a conversation between two people, he thinks a murder has been committed and wonders if he's next in "Offing the Witness," written by Natasha Yim and directed by Mitchell Robertson. A similar theme of imagined reality appears in "A Love's Betrayal" by Gloriann Lucero, directed by Jason Edington. "Sisters Are Forever," written by Andrea J. Onstad and directed by Jason Edington, reveals two sisters in a major sibling rivalry over one suitor. "This is the End," written by Frank Barry and directed by Frank Barry, shows an old married couple finally coming to terms with it all. Performances will be held on Thursday, July 24 at 7 pm, Saturday, July 26 at 8 pm, Thursday, July 31 at 7 pm, Friday, August 1 at 8 pm, Saturday, August 2 at 8 pm and Sunday, August 3 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at brownpapertickets.com, and via phone for credit card orders: call the WCT office at 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at the door at the playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

**Shanachie Pub:** Jazz Night. 8 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, July 25

**Customer Appreciation Day:** at Healing Center Chiropractic, 750 Central Avenue, 9 am to 1:45 pm. \$10 adjustments. Dr. Shawna and Dr. Izzy will both be seeing patients! 456-1030.



The Reggae caravan is to be expected traveling through Willits for the 30th annual Reggae on the River festival, scheduled for Thursday, July 31 to Sunday, August 3 at French's Camp in Pierce. Featured artists in the main show line-up include: Jimmy Cliff, Alpha Blondy & The Solar System; Gentleman & The Evolution; Iration; Israel Vibration; Gypitian; Third World; Michael Rose; Sly & Robbie and the Taxi Gang; Etana; Fishbone; Bitty McLean; SEE-I; Mutabaruka & Skool Band; Jah9; Megah Banton; Meta & The Cornerstones; Marlon Asher; Iba MaHR; John Trudell & Bad

30th Annual Reggae on the River

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Mendocino County Museum's 3rd Annual Willits Kinetic Carnivale in Willits gathers a full head of steam on August 9 and 10 with a weekend of activities combining the old and new in a way that is uniquely Mendocino.

This highly anticipated kinetic and steampunk festival returns with many favorites, including the Handcar Races at the Skunk Train Depot, where creatively designed vehicles on paired tracks compete for prizes for beauty, ingenuity, and speed; the Whimsy Circus, where children can swing on a giant bed and enjoy jugglers, games, crafts, and performances; and the evening spectacular known as the Grand Ball. New this year are a crowd-judged contest for Steampunk Guilds, with each guild presiding over a decorated booth space and interacting with the crowd according to their personas, as well as a steampunk art show.

Visitors are encouraged (but never required) to attend in vintage or steampunk costumes, and during the day will experience myriad activities and enjoy a diverse group of craft and food vendors. The Carnivale will feature daily entertainment from bands near and far, with performance artist and self-proclaimed steampunk and airship captain Poplock Holmes presiding as Master of Ceremonies. Also on offer will be rides in unique vehicles, and sundry Museum exhibits such as the Victorian Sweat Shop, featuring vintage sewing machines. Historical workshops and lectures will include a visit from Matilda Bancroft, wife of the founder and contributor to the Bancroft Library on California history.

Music will flow throughout the weekend of the Carnivale, from the daytime Fair to the Grand Ball. Saturday at the Fair includes lively local favorites Redbud Trio, the irresistibly danceable Funkacillin, inspirational spoken

word performance from Sweet Beat Petite, and more. Sunday's fair will bring the New Orleans rhythm and blues of the Wild Mendohouas, Portland punk and folk from Insomniac Folklore, belly dance from Diana Peart, and others.

The Handcar Races are scheduled for Sunday, from 11 am to 1 pm at the tracks just north of the Skunk Train Depot.

At 7 pm on Saturday, the Kinetic Carnivale Grand Ball will kick off at the Museum's Engine House, an annually sold-out event that abounds with guests in fantastical costumes. The lineup includes the Big Band style of Lee Presson and The Nails, the wildly eclectic sounds of the Church Marching Band, and electro swing DJ music from Stride Ironbender. Interspersed with the music will be magical and light-filled performance art from the Luminesque Fire Troupe, Periko Circus Express, Troupe Satya, and more. Billy Hetherington and Bryan Arnold will once again MC the Grand Ball. A demonstration of a Tesla Coil will be the pièce de résistance of a memorable evening.

Also part of the Grand Ball festivities is the exclusive Corliss Society VIP Lounge. This luxuriously furnished area will be a place for rest and rejuvenation. VIP guests will be treated to gourmet hors d'oeuvres, complimentary beer and wine, special vaudeville entertainment, mystical games and oracles, and more. Entry into the VIP Corliss Society is \$100, which includes Grand Ball admission.

The Carnivale will conclude Sunday afternoon with the handcar awards presentation and a closing musical performance by The Crux.

Mendocino County Museum's Kinetic Carnivale takes



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thin, rolled with parsley, garlic and Parmesan, seared and then slow cooked in marinara sauce. The roll is sliced and presented on a hoagie bun to hungry diners.

Pizza will be another menu staple; some choices include Pulled Pork Pie, arugula/goat cheese/pesto, chicken/pesto/artichoke and even a vegan/tomato pizza.

If you're really just a dedicated "bread-head," the cases and baskets won't disappoint: bagels, loaves and muffins galore are all available at a per-piece price or in large lots for parties or events. Full (2 pound) and half (1 pound) loaves of Roland's sourdough, seeded, honey whole wheat, multi grain and rye breads are always available. French bread is planned for Tuesdays, and they are tossing around the idea of including a spell option on Tuesdays, too, which is good for alternative diets as spelt is low in gluten.

Roland's stocks seven types of bagels: plain, garlic, sesame, onion, everything, salt, and poppy seed. They also carry bialys (pronounced bee-all-ees) in three flavors, including onion/poppysseed/salt, jalapeno/cheese, and olive/spinach.

Their gleaming French European style of Danish could convert even the most cautious consumer; the sticky buns, bear claws and chocolate croissants could never be considered a regret.

Traditional fruit Danish include cherry, cherry cheese, blueberry, and blueberry cheese; then there's the cheese pockets and cinnamon morning buns. Available muffins include blueberry, blueberry cheesecake, carrot, bran and, hopefully soon, a lemon poppyseed, too. Finally, the croissants: plain, almond, chocolate and a combination chocolate almond are all available. Soon, the Rolands hope to offer cakes, éclairs and cream puffs, too.

While you're enjoying the food, there's always lavender lemonade, fresh iced tea and Black Oak Coffee Roasters espresso and coffee drinks to accompany.

This is not the Rolands' first experience with a bakery storefront — the brothers owned Escape from San Francisco which graced the south east corner of Main and Commercial streets some 20 years ago, and Phil and Ray encourage everyone to come in, get some goodies, and help keep their doors open for the next 20 years to come.

"We had so many requests to be open, and now that we finally are, it's a really exciting time and we hope everyone will come in, see the place, and get some great stuff," explained the Rolands.

"We need your support, and we need your 'dough,' too!" they laughed.

Roland's is located inside the Evergreen Shopping Center between Curves and Goodwill. New planters, chalkboard menus and the patio seating area mark the south-side location. They are open from 8 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

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Top: Brothers Phil and Ray Roland. Above: The menu board featured earlier this week. Below: Sue Roland takes veggie quiche out of the oven.



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 becoming one" in Hawaiian). Braught will take five other goats to show in the breeding classes, including two yearlings, two spring does and one 5-year-old. Last year, Braught won the "Outstanding Breeder of the Year" award at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show in Boonville for her breeding program.

While awaiting the haul-in date next week, Braught has spent her time working with the kids, getting them calm on the chain and halter, and bracing or "driving" well in the show pose, to accentuate the goat's musculature to the judges.

With her experience and knowledge of goats, grooming, feeding, showmanship and general husbandry, Braught has also been mentoring and giving presentations to younger 4-H members and other groups, including the Laytonville Small Ruminant Group, the Willits 4-H, the Fort Bragg 4-H and others.

Next year, Braught also plans to take a breeding heifer, or young female cow, to the fair, to gain more experience in the family tradition, as she hopes one day to also own her own cattle. Another goal for next year will be to "AI" or artificially inseminate the goats with bloodlines from high-quality bucks from around the country, allowing the breeding program to "go much further with top buck genetics."

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treated as such; that the board of supervisors has usurped the authority of the county librarian; and that the county has been systematically using dubious accounting methods that led to "the compounding of errors and understanding."

Angelo denied all of those claims.

"The county has not treated the County Free Library as a special district because it is not a special district," Angelo said in a written response. "Mendocino County's library was established as a County Free Library by the board of supervisors, pursuant to California Education Code Sections 19100 to 19180. A County Free Library is not, as a matter of law, a separate library district [a special district]."

"Under the Revenue and Taxation Code," the report states, "the Mendocino County Library may be considered a 'special district' for tax and revenue purposes only. This designation of 'special district' means the county library retains a proration of taxes in effect before 1978's Prop 13. As a point of clarification, a separate library district is a distinct 'special district' brought forward by the county's voters and approved by the board of supervisors. No such action has happened in Mendocino County."

"The county's library," the report continues, does receive a pro rata share of property tax revenue and is treated as a 'special district' for revenue and tax purposes only. This does not transform the essential nature of the Mendocino County Library from a County Free Library to a 'library district' or a 'special district.'"

Angelo said she disagreed with grand jury allegations that the county has "usurped the authority of the county librarian." She wrote: "County Free Libraries are established by, and operate under the general supervision of, the county board of supervisors, which retains the authority to make general rules and regulations regarding the policy of the library and also to establish, upon recommendations from the librarian, library branches and stations, and also to determine the number and kind of employees of the library."

She added this power is given to the board of supervisors in California's Education Code.

Angelo also denied the truthfulness and accuracy of the grand jury's most sensational accusation: that the county has "deprived the [library] of at least \$1 million [during] the period from 1998 to 2013."

Angelo referred to County Auditor Lloyd Weer's response to the grand jury report. Weer wrote: "All Mendocino County officers [department heads] are paid in the same manner and out of the fund in which they work. The general services director is paid out of the general fund, the department of transportation director is paid out of the road fund, the air pollution control officer is paid out of the air quality fund and the librarian is paid out of the library fund."

"The County Free Library law does not require the librarian's salary come out of the 'general fund' and, therefore, the county has not deprived the library of any funding," Weer wrote.

During Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting, Angelo briefly discussed her response, noting she had written it and already submitted it to the grand jury. Acting County Counsel Doug Losak told the board Angelo's response was not the full county response, and a second and possibly more detailed response would be coming from the board of supervisors in about a month.

When he heard Losak on this point, Supervisor Dan Hamburg asked why Angelo had responded. Angelo said she responded because she had been asked to by a member of the board of supervisors.

Third District Supervisor John Pinches identified himself as the board member who had requested the response, and who had placed it on Tuesday's agenda. "When I read the headline in The Willits News that the county had 'skimmed' \$1.3 million from the county library, it really infuriated me," Pinches said. "And so I requested Carmel draft a response, and that's why I brought it forward here today."

Pinches, a long-time supporter of the county library system (in 2011, he offered to work for the county for free for a year, to pay the costs of putting Measure A on the ballot if the library funding measure failed), defended the county against the grand jury claims.

"I state unequivocally there has been no attempt by the board to take money from the county library system," he said. "It hasn't happened, and it ain't gonna happen."

Supervisors did make one concession to the grand jury report. In Finding No. 8, the grand jury report claimed: "Contrary to the intent and utility of having an advisory board, the board of supervisors and the CEO neither sought nor took the advice of the Library Advisory Board."

While maintaining it is the responsibility of the county librarian to act as a liaison between the Library Advisory Board and supervisors, Angelo said she has scheduled two workshops between supervisors and the advisory board during the coming year.

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\$547,550 for the same month last year.

So far this year, the city has collected \$51,962 on 168 permits. This year's revenue tops last year's revenue by about \$4,247. The city issued 120 permits in 2013.

Permits were issued for a number of projects, more than have been seen in recent months, including an American Disabilities Act-compliant bathroom at 101 North Main. Three roofing projects were permitted in June.

Construction of a new single-family home was permitted at 89 East San Francisco Avenue. Another new home was permitted in the Haehl Creek subdivision. A commercial shop building was permitted for 1030 Locust Street.

Altogether in June, 14 businesses took out business licenses at City Hall.

Catering: Alkemi Gastronomi, Skyekoyeh Thunder-Cloud. Cosmetologist: Heather Hatton.

Cosmetologist: Erik Williams. Airbrush Tanning: Oohhala Airbrush Tanning, Angie Pinches

Music Retail/Consignment/Recording: Umbrella Music House, LLC Robert DeMay, Laundromat: Monica's Co-Op Laundromat, Monica Zurich.

Salon & In-Home Massage: Completely You, Bethany Ferretta.

Wholesale & Retail Soil: Emerald River Nursery, Aubrey Karcey. Smoke Shop: Buzz 101 Hwy Smoke Shop, Montaser Zaida.

Dog Walker: Paw Pals, Sara Hill. Four out-of-town businesses stopped by to get licensed:

Genesis Surface Cleaning from Elk Grove, Groundwater Pump & Well from Healdsburg, Wicomom Construction from Rocklin, and Phalanx Plumbing Inc. from San Jose.

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a controlled substance and being under the influence of a controlled substance, the report stated.

The Sheriff's Office confirmed that Munson was also arrested last year on April 16. A Sheriff's Office press release dated April 17, 2013 reports the arrest of a Steven Munson for being under the influence of methamphetamine.

This report is based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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using less water in homes and gardens.

On the North Coast, the average water use per day per person is 115 gallons. "When it is not easy to get, you can become the best water-conserving in the world," Edelman noted.

Low-flow water fixtures, like shower heads, for example, or a dual-flow toilet can help cut down on water use in a household.

"Once you do it, it's done.... You do not have to think about it – you are saving water every time you turn it on," Edelman said.

In Willits and other cities, billed water use is measured by units, while in Windsor, in Sonoma County, ratepayers can see the water use on their bills measured in gallons.

If you suspect a pipe or appliance in your home may be going 'drip, drip, drip,' a way to start sniffing out a leak is to check your water meter.

"Read it before you go to bed at night," Edelman said, "and check it in the morning. If it has moved, you have a leak."

Hardware and habits, Edelman said, are the ways to approach saving water. Hand washing dishes may not be the

best way to save unless the dish washer is more miserly with water than most.

"Generally speaking a full load in a dish washer is more efficient than washing by hand," Scriven said.

Scriven and Edelman advised residents to drink from the same glass all day, use a compost bin and worm bin for kitchen scraps, and to be sure you're only washing clothes that really need washing.

Scriven said it is better to water at sunrise than at sunset: it helps to minimize pests in the garden. "Survival is the goal for the garden this year," Scriven said. "You have got to have some sort of triage approach."

Scriven advised assessing the value of a plant to a landscape and the amount of water it will need to survive.

"The oak trees in our climate, they do not need water," Scriven said. "Watering them can be damaging to their systems."

Catching rainwater in the winter can be a hedge against the drought, for those able to harvest it in barrels and water tanks.

In other parts of the county, rainwater has long been collected and stored beneath homes. "It is what my



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Next Saturday, crowds will gather at the Redwood Empire Fair's Junior Livestock Auction to bid on 4-H and FFA animals. While many businesses usually make the purchases, the entire public is welcome to come and attend the auction.

There is no cost to sign up to be a bidder. A complete bidder's packet – given to all who get paddles – thoroughly explains all the costs associated with purchasing animals. The large animals (beef, hogs, goats and lambs) are sold by the pound (\$5 per pound for a 130-pound lamb = \$650), and smaller animals (chickens and rabbits) are

sold for a single dollar amount and are grouped in pens of three (pen of three chickens = \$400 flat fee). The price per pound and flat fee cost all depend on how wild the bidding is.

Groups of friends, neighbors or co-workers can also band together to split the purchase, divvying up the cost, and the freezer space, too!

The auction starts at 12:30 pm on Saturday, August 2 at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds.

For more information, call 462-FAIR or go online to www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com.

Above: Willits 4-Hers Lillah and Emma Garman, pictured here at Les Schwab of Willits, one of many businesses they presented buyers letters to.

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some of the fill. Mendocino County issued a grading permit for the site contingent on all the required permits being filed with the county before grading could start.

Friskie did not have an estimate for when a THP might be approved. "Caltrans is not directly involved in that," he said, but added that he expected a THP for such a small logging project would be likely to be approved quickly.

Caltrans is anxious for its contractors to start moving fill, because as Friskie has said a number of times, if the fill project is not completed this year, construction is not likely to begin on the northern interchange next season, as the soil won't be compacted enough. This could delay completion of the bypass project for a year. "We need to be moving fill in the next couple of weeks," Friskie said, adding that depending on when the rains start this fall, the crews might be able to work longer than expected, as they did last year.

Two representatives of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Priscilla Hunter and Polly Girvin, did a site inspection of Willits bypass mitigation parcels Monday with

Caltrans archeologist Tim Keefe. "What he told us," Girvin told Willits Weekly, "was there would be no more further activity on the northern interchange until the directive on downsizing that was part of the Army Corps conditional letter to Caltrans is addressed."

That July 10 letter required that Caltrans "complete a current evaluation of the project design to determine if permanent fill on the bypass project can be reduced." Caltrans must complete that evaluation by October 1.

"We have until October," Girvin said, "but it will probably be determined before that."

Friskie said he couldn't officially comment on that issue, due to confidentiality requirements for archeological sites.

Friskie also wanted to let Willits Weekly readers know that a tentative date has been set, Thursday, August 1, for East Hill Road to be closed for several hours so that contractors can place metal beams above the road for the overpass. The road will be closed at 6 am. "It will be open again no later than noon," Friskie said, "but probably much earlier than that."

grandparents did in South Dakota 90 years ago," Scriven said.

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President Jerry Nunn encourages anyone who would like to donate by advertising to contact him directly to get involved. Advertisements will be placed on the prominently displayed board at the Redwood Empire Fair. Ads range from \$25 to \$200 and are showcased in color. The board is also displayed at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show in Boonville in September.

Nunn can be reached at 707-621-1391.

Above: Recipients of Born and Raised checks, who showed and sold local lambs at the 2013 fair.

Left: Dee Dee and Jerry Nunn proudly display the buyers placards of the four Born-and-Raised lambs purchased by the group at the 2013 fair.

Photos by Maureen Moore



OBITUARY | Nancy Connelly Winters

## Nancy Connelly Winters

Nancy Connelly Winters, surrounded by love, passed away peacefully at her home in Willits, on July 17, 2014.

Nancy was born in Dayton, Ohio on May 3, 1952. She came to California in 1974, where she managed the Sunshine Juice bar for Peter Markey, whom she later married. In 1982 she and Peter moved to Petaluma. While there, she completed her BA in Art at Sonoma State University, earned her Montessori teaching credential, and taught at the Marin Montessori School. During this time she and Peter had two

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place Saturday, August 9, 10 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, August 10, 10 am to 4 pm, at Recreation Grove Park across from the Museum at 400 East Commercial Street.

Admission is \$10 per day for adults, \$5 for youth (13-18 years) and seniors (65+ years), and free for kids 12 and under. This includes entry to the Museum, as well as the Carnivale and handcar races.

Advance tickets to the Grand Ball are \$35 per ticket and \$60 for a pair of tickets, and \$40 per ticket purchased on Saturday, the day of the show. Youth tickets for the Grand Ball (ages 13-18) are \$20 in advance and \$25 on Saturday. All event proceeds help fund Mendocino County Museum exhibits, as well as artifact conservation and educational programs.

For more information, please visit [www.KineticCarnivale.com](http://www.KineticCarnivale.com), find Kinetic Carnivale on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KineticCarnivale](http://www.facebook.com/KineticCarnivale), or email [Info@KineticCarnivale.com](mailto:Info@KineticCarnivale.com).

Volunteers are needed, and volunteers can earn free tickets to Kinetic Carnivale events. Sign up for volunteer assignments during the event at the Museum (open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm) or online: [www.kineticcarnivale.com/volunteer-opportunities.html](http://www.kineticcarnivale.com/volunteer-opportunities.html).

There are ongoing volunteer work parties for decoration and construction, held at the west side of the Museum in the workshop: Thursdays from 5 to 8 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. Please wear your work clothes! The Museum can be reached at 459-2736 or online at [www.MendocinoMuseum.org](http://www.MendocinoMuseum.org).

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sons, Robert Joseph Markey and William Clay Markey.

In 1999, she moved to Willits, where she worked as a librarian at Baechtel Grove Middle School, and later as an Office Technician for CAL FIRE in the Resource Management Program where she met her partner, Brian Talbert, and completed her career with CAL FIRE at Parlin Fork and Chamberlain Creek Camps.

Nancy was a respected member of the Willits community, serving as the Commissioner of the Willits Center for the Arts for many years, volunteering with the Howard Hospital Garden Project, Willits Rotary Club and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Nancy was a deeply spiritual person, and was known for her tireless work ethic, her positive attitude, her generous spirit and her caring friendships. She was also a serious athlete, competing in marathons, triathlons, "Dipsea" runs on Mt. Tamalpais, and racquetball tournaments. Nancy enjoyed playing tennis, kayaking and hiking in her later years.

Nancy is survived by her sons Robert and William Markey; her father, Peter Markey; her brother Robert Connelly and wife Jayne; her brother David Connelly; her sister Susan Reeder and husband Steve Proulx; her beloved nieces and nephew; and her partner Brian Talbert.

Donations in memory of Nancy can be made to the Willits Center for the Arts or the Relay for Life.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 2 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, in Willits. A potluck reception will follow.



Above and below: Emma Braught poses with the Foundation goat. Photos by Maureen Moore

## For the Foundation

### Goat to be auctioned for REF Foundation Fund

Though most animals that go through the Junior Livestock Auction at the Redwood Empire Fair go to benefit the 4-H and FFA members who raised them, there is an additional animal auctioned off at the end of the event whose proceeds go to benefit the Redwood Empire Fair Foundation.

The Redwood Empire Fair Foundation was started in 2011 to help raise money to, as per the mission statement, "preserve and ensure the growth & viability of the heritage of the Redwood Empire Fair."

Last year, a steer was raised and donated by the Hildebrand Ranch and, this year, Emma Braught of Rocking B Ranch in Laytonville has donated a market goat for the cause.

Redwood Empire Fair's CEO Jennifer Seward hopped into the show ring last year to assist Potter Valley's Julie Brown auction off the animal, which was purchased by J.A. Sutherland of Taco Bell Ukiah. Sutherland ended up purchasing the steer for \$12.50 per pound, after an exciting back-and-forth bidding war with Geiger's Long Valley Market. The 1,350-pound steer earned the Foundation \$16,875, which was then boosted another \$2,000 by additional donations given in \$200 increments after the conclusion of the auction.

Anyone interested in bidding on the Foundation's animal, or any of the members' animals is welcome to attend the auction on August 2 at 12:30 pm.

More information: 462-FAIR.



DEATH NOTICE | May Ellen Samples

May Ellen Samples of Willits passed away on July 14, 2014 at the age of 96. Graveside services will be held at the Willits Cemetery on Friday, July 25 at 2 pm. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

OBITUARY | Ray Glenwood Wagner

## Ray Glenwood Wagner

Ray Glenwood Wagner of Willits died after a long illness July 20, 2014 in Sacramento amidst his family. He was seventy-nine, born on March 21, 1935.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Covelo, stepsons Tim and Rod and families; his daughter Vanessa Wagner Lindley of Phoenix, Arizona, her daughter Kim Wagner Krum, and son Kevin, and their families; his elder son Ray of Olivehurst; his younger son Jeff and wife Theresa and family of Mather, his elder brother Marvin of Willits, son Robert and his family of Kelseyville; his sister Mae Wagner Sundstrom, son John and daughter Beth, and their families, all of Willits; his fraternal twin brother Elwood of Simi Valley and daughter Wendy and family; brother and sister-in-law Fred and Shirley Kroh of Willits and family; nephew Donald Kroh and family, and nieces Sharon Kroh Nunemaker, Kathy Kroh Evans, Pamela Kroh Roberts, Alice Kroh Ford, and their families; of Willits; neighbors Judith and William Ray; and numerous extended family members of the third and fourth generations.

Known by his middle name to friends and acquaintances in the course of nearly 80 years in Willits, and by Ginny or Uncle Ray among the Wagner and Kroh clan, Glenwood Wagner grew up in the heyday of Willits as a smoky milltown with 17 bars, railroad trains night and day, and the surrounding lands and mountains still a paradise of game, fish, fowl, and agricultural abundance.

Glenwood, his brother Marvin, and brothers-in-law Casper (Cap) and Fred Kroh were known as the best hunters and fishermen in Willits in their time, the mid-1940s into the 1990s. The most familiar hunting and fishing areas extended from the Pine Mountain ridges and swales to steelhead fishing holes in the Eel River and the Castle Peak deer and bear territory above Covelo.

They were respected for uncanny skill with the rifle and their yearly bounty of catches and trophies. The hunting lodge on Pine Mountain had well over 50 antler racks on the A-frame walls and more stored because of limited space.

The Wagners had hunted for sustenance as a family tradition reaching across three centuries in Kentucky. There was a timeless quality about the clan expeditions. Like tribal bands since the beginning of the race, they needed a tracker, driver, marksmen, packers, and someone gifted to keep the group intact.

This was Glenwood Wagner's natural role as a positive personality and intuitive leader. He organized and often provided materials for camping trips - depending on the era - by horse, car, pick-up or motorcycle. He also arranged repeated reunions in the 1980s and '90s at his

lodge on Pine Mountain.

His comprehension of the mystic bond between hunter and hunted is suggested by the fact that for many years he used only a compound bow, requiring approaches to within 40 yards, eye to eye distance, of the quarry.

He left school after the sixth grade due to plentiful milkwork, eventually becoming a skilled cabinet-maker and house-builder, and later one of the first employees at Home Builders Supply, now Mendo Mill. He continued construction as a favor and service to relatives and friends.

An ardent Democrat, Glenwood struck for higher wages in the mid-1970s, when it was becoming plain that the mass of workers would be barred from even a cost-of-living share of ever-compounding corporate profits.

Glenwood later worked as an award-winning forklift driver at the Harwood plant in Branscomb and the Windsor Mill in Willits before retiring in his late 60s. By that time he had stopped hunting, saying, "I'm not going to kill again." At his home in the foothills east of Willits, deer and feral cats fed from his hand.

But even the retired hunter cannot tolerate being under a roof. He continued to travel yearly to Keller Lake in the Mendocino National Forest. There in July 2010, two men showed up from Glenn County and said they heard that years before somebody had caught over 80 rainbow trout at Keller in an afternoon. Glenwood didn't say anything. They were talking about a party he had led in the early 1960s. It had become legend.

In addition to friends and family, building, his trees and gardens, and wildlife interests, he kept informed about national and international affairs, studied geology and World War II, and developed a theory describing predictable equatorial shifts that optimized mammalian evolution in the relatively short geological time-span of the last 30 million years.

But to those who knew him, his greatest joy was conversation: Glenwood was one of the rare individuals

## A Duran Family Dinner

### Quinoa & Salmon

Arcelia's Fresh Quinoa Salad

- Quinoa
- Jicama
- Avocado
- Tomato
- Yellow bell pepper
- Orange bell pepper
- Salt & pepper

Boil 2 cups of water, add 1 cup of quinoa, and lower the heat until water is absorbed, about 20 minutes. Peel and dice about 1-1/2 cups jicama and mix with chopped avocado, chopped peppers and chopped tomato. Toss with cooled quinoa, and add salt and pepper to taste.

Goes great as a side to:

Martin's Baked Salmon

- Salmon filet
- Yellow and green zucchini squash
- Red, green and yellow bell peppers
- Mushrooms
- Celery
- Mayonnaise
- Mozzarella cheese
- Bacon slices
- Butter
- Black pepper

Cut salmon filet into 2-inch by 3-inch pieces and remove skin. Cut 10-inch square sheets of tin foil, and rub butter in the center of the foil. Place individual pieces of salmon on separate sheets of foil. Set aside. Chop squash, bell peppers, mushrooms and celery, and combine with 2 cups of mayonnaise. Place a spoonful of mayonnaise/veggie mixture on top of each piece of salmon. Sprinkle with grated mozzarella, and top with one slice of uncooked bacon. Tightly wrap foil around contents, sealing well. Allow packets to marinate in the refrigerator overnight. Preheat oven to 375 degrees, and take packets right from the fridge to put into hot oven. Bake for 45 minutes.

Enjoy!

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Glenwood Wagner, right, with Marvin Wagner, left, and Cap Kroh, in 1993.

who could and did find common ground with anyone he encountered.

It was a life paradoxically shadowed by death and woe. As a 6-year-old traveling cross-country with his family in April 1941, he was thrown with the others out of their large touring car after a tire exploded in the Mojave Desert. His skull fractured, and surgeons at Patton State Hospital saved him by an operation in which a steel plate replaced the destroyed bone. His mother and aunt died from the crash. His father, uncle, and sister survived with broken arms, legs, and hips.

At another point, in his teenage years, Glenwood, who could not swim, left a lake sandbar, sank suddenly and, beginning to drown, yelled, "You better come and get me," to another youth, L.C. Strickland, who half-swam and half-pushed him to shore. He collected about the incident, "You don't care about living or dying then, you're so tired."

Toward the end of his 10-year struggle with lymphoma, Glenwood asked to be taken to the UC Davis Medical Center, located close to his sons who had aided previously and now kept watch over him for two weeks. His daughter Vanessa and family and elder brother Marvin visited during that time. He had said goodbye to his remaining sister Mae before leaving Willits. On July 19, he decided that going on independently was hopeless and asked to have the medical equipment removed. He died 24 hours later.

Services will be at Anker Lucier Mortuary on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 10 am. Burial follows at the Little Lake Cemetery on East Hill Road.

