

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Garden Party Invitation

To the Editor:

The annual Willits Educational Foundation Garden Party is coming up on Saturday, August 16! This event is hosted by the Willits Rotary and the Willits Educational Foundation, and in the past three years we have given over \$46,000 to art, music and library programs in the Willits Unified School District.

We are very excited about this, our fourth year! The event will be held in the beautiful garden of Kathy and Phil Shuster, 1660 Center Valley Road in Willits, from 4 to 8 pm.

There will be music by the Bassics and a wonderful array of hearty appetizers, along with BBQ oysters and tri tip. The Master of Ceremonies will be our charismatic sheriff, Tom Allman, who will give away raffle items galore. There will also be a silent auction of enticing items from area businesses and individuals.

We will feature the return of Tia Ford Lawrence and her soon-to-be-famous chocolate martinis! Miss Mendocino County, Willits' own Kassy Aldaco, will be there to lend a hand, along with students from our schools.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. What a bargain!

Can you come? We would love it! Can you donate something – an auction or raffle item, perhaps? We accept any and all donations and can assure you that every cent of the profit will go into our schools for art, music and libraries.

Email me at warkath@mac.com, write me at P.O. Box 2206 in Willits, or call me at 707-459-4429 – I look forward to hearing from you!

**Kathleen Elms Lewis, secretary,
Willits Educational Foundation**

Our Main Street

To the Editor:

It is an exciting time to live in Willits. Over the next few years a section of Highway 101, north of Highway 20, will be relinquished to the City of Willits. Now is the time to plan for what we want the downtown to look like. The Chamber of Commerce has been actively working with residents of Cloverdale to learn what worked and what didn't when they reclaimed their main corridor. Those of you who have visited know that Cloverdale narrowed their street, to slow traffic. They widened the sidewalks to accommodate benches and landscaping. They planted lots of trees to shade the street and make it inviting for people to stop, shop and stroll. They also commissioned artists to create sculptures that decorate the public areas.

Now we have an opportunity to develop our vision of Willits not only to entice travelers to exit off the freeway, but also to improve our experience of shopping and dining here at home.

A local group of "Main Street Merchants" is doing just that: gathering pictures, ideas and designs for ways to enhance our Main Street. (Check out the "Main Street Merchants" page on Facebook.) They welcome input from the community.

If you think that we need to keep the center lane clear, but like the idea of sidewalk cafes, speak up! If you have a hard time riding your bike near the Masonic Temple because it is too narrow, say something! Talk to someone on the City Council or come to one of the upcoming community forums and add your two cents.

The City of Willits does not have unlimited funds to redesign the whole street, but there is a desire to work with the entire community to move toward a shared vision. And that is what it is going to take: people coming together to develop the type of downtown that we want.

Willits has so much to offer. Our local business people are creative, and they work their tails off to keep the doors open for us. We can make our Main Street safe, beautiful and thriving. This is our town and I, for one, am willing to work to make it better. Join me in sharing our vision and community pride.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

'Modern Art History'

To the Editor:

Hi, there! Starting on Wednesday, August 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, I'll be teaching "Modern Art History" for Mendocino College in the Visual Arts Studio at Willits High School.

Wahoo! and, wahoo, again!

The 3 unit class can be taken as pass/no pass or letter grade. It transfers to the University of California or California State University in General Education Area C: Arts, Literature, Philosophy and Foreign Languages. The pass/no pass option is an excellent one for those of us with our degrees already in hand.

I will tell you the fascinating story of how Modern Art came to be. I will show you all of the interesting twists of fate, history, culture, politics and personalities that led us irrevocably, step-by-step, to where we are today in the world of visual arts. It is an amazing tale. Art history is in an unbroken embrace with who we are and what has happened to us over time. Our arts are linked to every kind of human experience.

We'll hear the voices of our heroes in quotes and in video interviews. We'll look at techniques, tools and terms to show us the way. We'll have guest artists from the present and the past as well as a peek at the often remarkable current events in the world of visual arts.

And, we'll be making art too! This is totally unique to an art history course. We will learn many of the ins and outs of visual arts by actually practicing techniques and learning the elements and principles artists use to create.

There is no research paper. There is research each week through internet research homework and the art critic's review components of the course!

My lecture is an illustrated and animated slide show using Apple Keynote software. It is very cinematic, crystal clear, fun and mesmerizing. You will love it!

The text, "History of Modern Art," Amazon & Mansfield, 7th edition, has an online component that is wonderful, and I'll show you how to use it. You can also download the text on to whatever type of tablet you may use. I have my copy in both the paperback hard copy and on my iPad.

It is a pleasure to use the lightweight iPad, to be able to resize the images, highlight important text and make notes.

The class is filling up steadily, and I urge you to register ASAP. In Willits, call 459-6224 and ask for Kim or Peggy. See you on August 20!

Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Willits

Visual pollution

To the Editor:

By many measures, we live in a beautiful part of the world, and I've always felt that late spring/early summer is a special visual treat, when the green hills start to turn brown. It's the contrast between the brown hills and the green patches of trees that I've never seen anywhere else, that does it for me.

But there's another "crop" that comes along every two years, that isn't as appealing to me.

No, not that crop!

I'm referring to the seemingly uncontrollable weed-like growth known as signus politicus. Yes, political signs! They're not exclusive to our county, but they sure are invasive. And, in my humble opinion, something that we could easily do without.

It's common knowledge that in order to be elected, candidates need to get their name out there to generate what's known as "name recognition." If people know your name, they might vote for you, and if they don't, they won't! It's a concept that's been around for years; not just on the political scene, but in all sorts of advertising – beer, potato chips, and pickup trucks, for example.

During the recent primary campaign, we were treated to loads of signs all around town. The operating philosophy seems to be: "More and bigger is better!" The more signs, and the bigger they are, the better the likelihood of developing that prized name recognition. The problem with that theory for me is with all of the signs piled next to each other competing for attention, I end up not seeing any of them. It just becomes a big jumble.

By the way, I'm not commenting on signs from any particular candidate – these are simply my observations about all political contests, and about what the candidates must do (or have been told what they must do), in order to get elected! This is a complaint about the process, not the candidates.

Several people I spoke with told me they were going to vote for a particular candidate because he/she has the most signs. The rationale is: more signs = more supporters = the better candidate! But if a voter doesn't know the candidate, the name that appears on the sign is just a name, and it doesn't say anything about the person behind the name. Naturally, the signs are placed on someone's property, and the assumption is the property owner supports that candidate. But what about those properties that display signs for more than one candidate? Who does the property owner support? Do they actually support any of the candidates, or are they merely providing a public service?

And, do you personally know the owner of the property? If you don't, how do you know you can trust their opinion about the candidate? And if you do know the property owner, do you trust or agree with their opinion?

Ron Orenstein, Willits

These are actually serious questions! We're voting for local offices, and Willits isn't that big a place, so it's not that difficult to find out about the candidates. All you gotta do is ask! Take the time to talk to your friends – the ones whose opinions you do trust, of course. Find out what there is to learn about the candidates. Go to meetings, read whatever is published about them, and – here's a thought – talk to the candidates themselves. Pretty much everyone running for office in our zip code is easy to track down, and they are approachable. Find out who they are, what they think about the issues that are important to you, and what kind of people are they really?

If all of these things could come to pass, maybe political candidates would be able to not rely so much on yard signs. Think of the money they would save, and the time they wouldn't need to spend putting up the signs before the election, then taking them all down after the election. And of course, that doesn't begin to address how nice the local landscape will look without all of those signs intruding on the natural beauty of this region.

So here's a thought: we just finished enduring an invasion of political signs – they're all gone now, for a while – but we'll be doing it all over again soon for the November general election. How about if the candidates decided not to plaster the place with signs, but instead, do something different?

There is usually only one candidate's night scheduled in Willits during the campaign, at which the candidates answer questions from the moderator and the audience. What about having more than one? For whatever reason, many voters are not able to come to the one candidate's night, but maybe more choices of nights would get more people involved.

Many small gatherings, at which members of the public would be able to engage one-on-one with the candidates might be better than only one gathering where the questions are asked by one person, with usually not enough time for all of the questions to be asked anyway. If there isn't an organization in town that's willing to arrange and sponsor more than one evening, maybe the candidates could get together to do it.

How about if our local newspapers printed more in-depth interviews with the candidates on a variety of issues. This is done now, but again, one time only, and the questions don't cover a lot of topics, and what is covered is not covered in much detail due to space constraints. Many of the issues that we face are complex and they can't be properly explored in just a few sentences, and getting to know what the candidates really think about the issues also can't be properly addressed in short articles.

I realize that our local papers need to cover a variety of issues that are important to us, but what could be more important than electing our local officials? Unlike many of the issues that we face as a community, electing local government is really the only thing over which we have some sort of control!

I will be a candidate to be reelected to the City Council this November, and I'm seriously thinking about severely limiting the number of signs that I deploy – I really don't want to contribute to the visual pollution around town. Anyone interested in joining me in this?



Showing their Appreciation

Healing Central Chiropractic holds first annual event



Customers were streaming in and out of the doors of Healing Central Chiropractic last Friday during their first annual Customer Appreciation Day.

"It was a record day for us," explained front desk manager Erika Rowland. "We were able to see 63 patients between 9 am and 2 pm. It was a huge success."

The \$10 adjustments were a great deal for regulars and a wonderful way for new patients to come see the office and meet owners and chiropractors Shawna Handschug and Izzy Perry.

After the birth of their baby girl, River, just over three months ago, Handschug is slowly getting back on the schedule. Handschug will be available Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm, and Perry will be available during the rest of the office's hours.

"We want to give a big thank you to all the patients and to the community for supporting the event and we plan to do it again next year!" said Rowland.

Rowland's daughter, Kiera, also enjoyed the day; she sat out front hanging out with the office dog, Cricket, and selling cookies and cups of goodness from her "Kiera's Famous Lemonade Stand." With some generous donations, Kiera raised almost \$100, which she plans to use towards riding lessons and horse tack.



New director for Willits Charter School

"This is a wonderful school," new Willits Charter School director Jennifer Lockwood thought when visiting the independent grade six through 12 school earlier this year. "I want to be a part of it."

Lockwood's new job is a return to Northern California, after many years in the southern half of the state. She spent 11 years at CHIME Charter Middle School in Woodland Hills, starting out as a teacher and working as principal at the K-8 school for seven years. Before that she worked as a high school teacher in the Los Angeles school district. "I really love Northern California," she said. "I grew up in the Bay Area and attended Humboldt State University as an undergrad."

Lockwood's own experience in high school in the Bay Area, learning with a "small, unique and creative group," she said, contributed to her desire to work with teenagers, as well as younger kids. "I wanted to land in a place where kids were supported and respected to be able to be themselves. I think that's what this school represents." Lockwood also noted that the Willits school is one of the older charter schools in California: "WCS is one of the innovators of charter school," she said. "It's an honor to be here."

Staff changes are always a challenge – former WCS director John Kirchiro has moved out of state with his family after two years in the director's position – but Lockwood says she's met that challenge before: "I always say I've seen it all," she laughed.

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Ground Zero Willits

Relay for Life raises more than \$55,000 to fight cancer. Cancer survivors, friends and family, caregivers and other Willits area residents determined to fight back against cancer had another "incredible" Relay for Life event at the Rec Grove Park last weekend.

The Willits Relay raised \$55,073.96 and counting for the American Cancer Society, for research and services for those with cancer. Donations are accepted – and added to the total – until August 31. Willits could surpass the Ukiah 2014 Relay total of \$57,844.29, if donations continue to come in. Donations can be given through event participants, or online – to individuals, teams or to the overall event – at www.relayforlife.org/willitsca.

Relay is a 24-hour event: It starts Saturday morning with a "Survivors Lap" – 5 laps around the park equals 1 mile – and continues through the day with more laps, fun, games, entertainment, competitions and food, then through the night with more laps all night. Relay ends Sunday morning with awards, and a "Purple Glove Dance" and a "Final Lap" to celebrate the bond that participants experience.

Relay is not just about raising funds, it's also about raising awareness, and supporting those with cancer, those in remission, and those that love and care for them.

"I do it because I have cancer," said Cathy Sanders, part of the City Girls Relay team. "I've been in remission for 9 years now. And this is how I give back." Sanders' step-father died of cancer, too. Sanders says it's an important part of the experience to stay overnight – tents dotted the Rec Grove Sunday morning. "It completes the bond," she said.

Nicky Keyes, who walked 2 miles on Saturday, said her mother and her grandfather both died of cancer. "That's why I do it," she said, "I don't want any more people to die."

Marcia Bennett had walked 9 miles by Sunday morning breakfast time, and was still walking. Bennett has attended every Relay in Willits (this year's was the third annual), and one in Ukiah. "I just can't stay away," she said. "I have friends and family who died of cancer, and I know a number of people who are survivors, who participate. And the feeling of just being here and having survived, and to honor people who have passed on..."

Jerry Guterrez, 12, had walked 10 miles by Sunday morning, walking both days: he was happy to put a second orange bead – signifying another 5 miles – on his string of beads. Relayers add a pink bead for every lap and a blue bead for every mile they walk.

Pam Wilcox from Alabama, in town visiting her sister, Vicki Titus, and walking for the independent Polar Bear Peace team, walked 25 miles. Mandy McCloud, 15, walked 15 miles as part of the Sherwood Valley Turkey Trots team. Then there were the three generations of one family who walked 37 miles all together: grandmother Virginia Jorge (a survivor), daughter Joni Gartemaker-Johnson, and granddaughter Paulette Guillery.

Mike Tobin, again the top individual fundraiser for the 2014 Willits Relay, at \$2,417.62, was also DJ, playing a broad selection of soulful and pop tunes throughout the event, including appropriate favorites like the Bee Gee's "Stayin' Alive," Kelly Clarkson's "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)," and Kool & the Gang's "Celebration."

Individual "Superstar" walker was Anita Salmeron of the Geiger's Long Valley Market team, which came in first overall, in fundraising (at least as of Sunday morning!), raising \$7,112.25. Second-place fundraising team (as of Sunday morning!) was Miracles in Motion, raising \$7,109.96. Third place went to two different Body Works Gym teams: together the teams raised a total of \$6,606.

The Willits Rotary Club raised \$4,531, as per the Relay website, and City Girls – Lisa Epstein State Farm Insurance raised \$4,481.

"Super Volunteer of the Year" Eldon Miler of Willits Fan Page got a big round of applause at the awards ceremony Sunday morning, as did event organizer Kathy Tobin, and the 28 team captains for this year's Relay.

Across top, from left: A fire breather thrills onlookers Saturday night. A contingent of Relay walkers from the Willits Rotary Club. Dancers joyfully follow along with the Purple Glove Dance Sunday morning.

At right: Riding on the "USS Battle Cancer" ship at Relay for Life.

Photos by Eldon Miler and Jennifer Poole



Above: 28 team captains hold their certificates of participation.

Below: from left, Mike Tobin, Carol Deuel, Sharon Kidd and another survivor hold the Survivors Banner as they lead the first lap of Relay 2014.

Photos by Eldon Miler



Above from left: The ceremonial final lap at Relay Sunday morning. Super Star individual walker Anita Salmeron. Mandy McCloud, 15, of the Sherwood Valley Turkey Trots team.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



Top from left: The Yellow Submarine, the second-place handcar in 2013. Greg Schindel shows off his mustache. The pedal-powered Red Sofa handcar.

Photos by Maureen Moore, Jennifer Poole and Kat Cascone

Kinetic Carnivale

The City of Willits is gearing up for the Kinetic Carnivale, coming to the Rec Grove, the Mendocino County Museum and the Skunk Train Depot on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10.

Two of the most popular events at the Kinetic Carnivale are the Kinetic Handcar Races and the Beard & Mustache Competition, both on Sunday.

The handcar races will hit the tracks on Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm at the Skunk Train Depot. The handcar designers, known as "Power Sources," will run their creatively designed vehicles on the railroad tracks, competing for prizes in beauty, ingenuity and speed.

This year, entrants include the Pineapple Express, which is actually a meteorological phenomenon inspired by the inventor's new yellow wheels and brought to us by the very people who raced the Red Couch last year. Other entries include a 120-year-old velocipede, designed by the Featherbed Railroad's Tony and Peggy Barthel, and the yellow submarine – known as the most creative and fastest septic tank in all of California (and quite possibly the world!).

Several of the founders of Wowser, a local, membership-based industrial/arts build facility, will be engineering a special handcar for the races. Shade will be provided, and food and drink will be available for purchase. Special thanks go to the Handcar Crew led by Pam Baskin, Skunk



Above: The Apple Jack Gang with their speedy handcar in 2013.

Below: 2013 Beard and Mustache Contest winners and the judges: judge Jake, mustache winner Josh, event coordinator Genevieve, her daughter Rhyann, beard contest and overall winner Todd, judge Rita, Judge Aarne and freestyle winner Jezza.

Photos by Maureen Moore and Jennifer Poole



Train conductor in another life, who are helping to organize the event and will be the starters and timers for the trials. Thanks also to the Skunk Train for hosting the races at the depot.

Also taking place on Sunday will be a raucous celebration of creative facial hair! The Kinetic Carnivale Beard & Mustache Competition will take place at 12:30 pm at the Main Stage in the Rec Grove. Prizes will be awarded for the top three best beards, the top three best mustaches, the top three most peculiar facial hair, and a grand winner for the best overall.

Contest judges include former Beard & Mustache Competition winner Jeremy Sammon, the official Kinetic Carnivale Master of Ceremonies Poplock Holmes, and Mendocino County's own Sheriff Tom Allman. Local favorites Billy Hetherington and Bryan Arnold will keep the crowd going as the competition MCs.

There is still time to take part in both of these contests. Applications for the handcar races are still being accepted, and can be found online at www.KineticCarnivale.com or by calling the Museum at 459-2736. If you have great facial hair and want to show it off, sign-ups for the Beard & Mustache Competition will be taking place all weekend. Look for Jeremy Sammons and his trusty clipboard!

This is the third year the Museum in Willits has produced this unique, family-friendly, homegrown, steampunk-flavored event. The Kinetic Carnivale is an opportunity for locals and visitors of all ages to get dressed up, stroll around, and enjoy a fanciful celebration of kinetic energy past and present, while supporting a great cause.

All proceeds fund Mendocino County Museum exhibits, like the recently opened "Woven Worlds: Native Peoples of Mendocino County," educational tours for schools and groups, and special programs for the public.

The Fair at the Rec Grove on Saturday (10 am to 7 pm) and Sunday (10 am to 4 pm) features the Whimsy Circus for children and people of all ages, as well as a diverse group of craft and food vendors, daily entertainment and music, historic and steampunk-themed workshops, a lecture by Matilda Bancroft, the wife and colleague of the founder of the Bancroft Library, and sundry Museum displays, such as the "Victorian Sweat Shop" display of vintage sewing machines.

Admission to the Fair is \$10 per day for adults; \$5 for seniors (65 & up) and students (13 to 18); kids 12 & under are free (and welcome).

See Willits Weekly's Calendar page for more info about the festival's Grand Ball on Saturday night. For tickets and more info, visit www.KineticCarnivale.com or call 459-2736.

– submitted by Kinetic Carnivale

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In The Stars

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Now is a great time to research a potential career change, Aries. You're feeling motivated and ready to try something new, so now might be the time to take that leap.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Technology plays a big role in your life this week, Taurus. Your office may be upgrading new equipment, or you have decided to rewire your home.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
Gemini, take a deep breath and go with the flow when you find yourself unusually busy this week. A change of plans may find you spending more time at the office.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
You're in for a nice financial surprise this week, Cancer. Whether it's a raise at work or some other financial windfall, money is coming your way shortly.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Leo, expect some unexpected visitors this week. Straighten up around the house and make the most of this unplanned time with a few old friends.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Friends or colleagues at work may introduce you to something that captures your interest, Virgo. You are ready for something new in your life, and this will tickle your fancy.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Travel is in your immediate future, Libra. Enjoy this escape from the daily grind and invite a few friends or family members along to make the trip that much more memorable.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Good news is on the horizon, Scorpio. It may be a pending promotion at the office or a chance to go out with friends, but either way it will put a smile on your face.

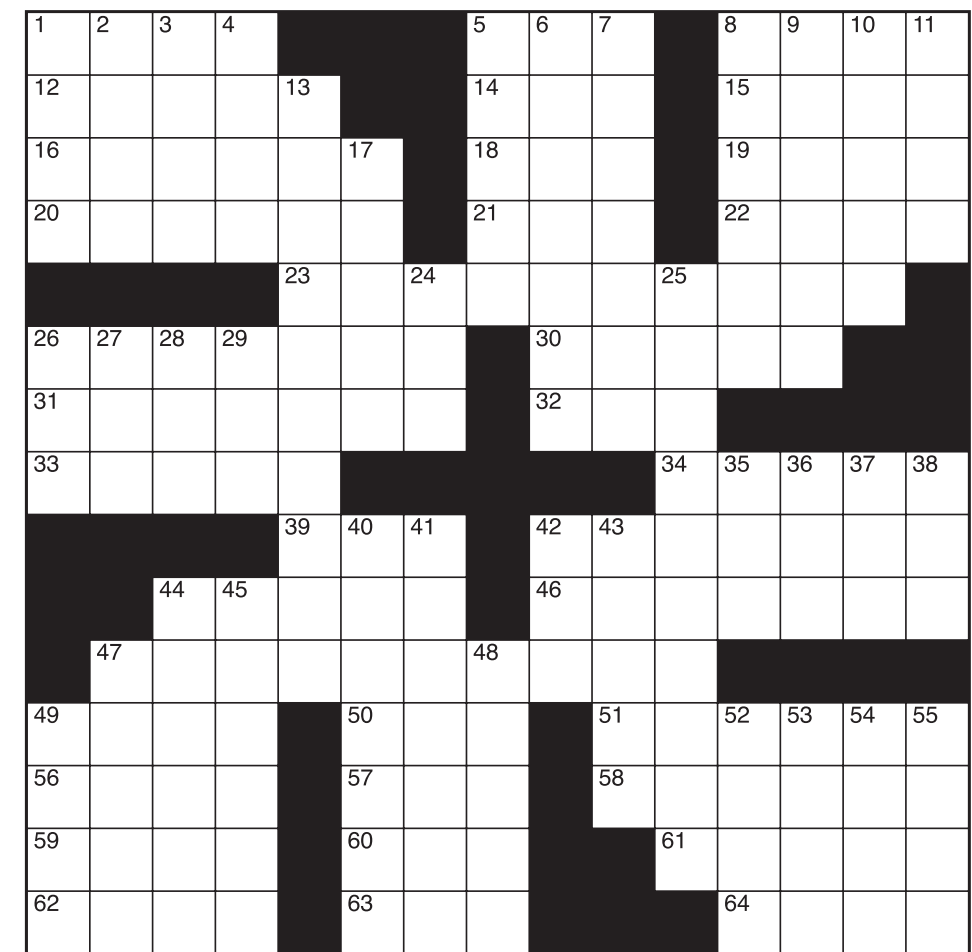
SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Expect your life to change dramatically this week, Sagittarius. An intriguing bit of news could have you imagining all sorts of interesting things for the months to come.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, if you're itching for change, look no further than your own family members for inspiration. Good advice is always available if you care to ask.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a busy week ahead will also be a happy week. That's because you will be busy doing something that you enjoy and the time will fly by. Enjoy the ride.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, jump at the chance to get away and enjoy an unplanned adventure. The next few days may provide the experience of a lifetime.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Paper mulberry
 - Fringe-toed lizard genus
 - Peel a corn cob
 - A love affair
 - Tandoor bread
 - Elliptical shape
 - A small village
 - Refers to a person
 - Hybrid equine
 - Scholar
 - Consume
 - Away from wind
 - Br. tube phrase
 - With three uneven sides
 - First king of Egypt
 - Award recipient
 - Coach Parsegian
 - Uncle Sam artist James
 - Flathead mullet genus
 - Wedding declaration
 - Complete musical pause
 - More of sound mind
 - Relieved
 - Am. poet Henry W.
- CLUES DOWN**
- Himalayan goat
 - Far East housemaid
 - Indigenous of California
 - ___ lang syne, good old days
 - Unmarried
 - Gandhi epithet
 - Not the same as him
 - Show of respect
 - Soft palate flaps
 - Dried orchid tubers
 - "Fish Magic" painter Paul
 - Coming out of again
 - Banteng
 - Born of
 - Cloisnone
 - 3 to 30 gigahertz (abbr.)
 - Gap in a ridge
 - Tennis player Ivanovic
 - Felled tree trunk
 - Suits & Psych network
 - Steadying rope
 - Anger
 - A male child
 - Marred the surface of
 - Marjoram
 - UC Berkeley
 - Hawaiian greeting
 - Saturated
 - Historic Anjou capital
 - ___ Apsos: tibetan dog
 - Attach a brand tag
 - Run before a gale
 - Nemesis
 - Wild goat
 - A clock tells it
 - States

Sudoku

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

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Companion Planting and Bees

No one knows for sure the reasons why companion planting produces healthier plants. Some plants thrive when planted close to others, and some do poorly when some plants are near, so it helps to plan carefully. Insect pests prefer the less healthy plants that have higher starch content. We can control insect pests by having healthy plants and by planting flowers and herbs that attract insects that prey on pests. If we were to eliminate all the pests, then the predatory helpers would have no food and would move away or die, and our garden could suffer a serious infestation of new pests. Think control, not eliminate.

Insects were here before people and will no doubt be here after we eliminate ourselves trying to eliminate them. Since the use of insecticides creates a "survival of the fittest situation," the pests become more resistant to toxins used. Thus ever stronger chemicals are created, and the large-scale use of pesticides is killing many insects, including the pollinators like bees and many kinds of helper insects.

A squash blossom must be visited by bees five times during the one day it's open in order to produce one squash. Please know that every third bite of food you eat is in your mouth because of bees. In 2013 more than 30 percent of honeybee hives collapsed. Oregon lost more than 50,000 bees in one incident last year, that authorities said was caused by pesticides: the largest bee die-off in recorded history. Scientists have discovered that a group of pesticides called "neonics" are linked to bee death. These pesticides are used on the majority of U.S. food crops, including corn, soy, fruits, vegetables and wine grapes.

We would hope to convince the U.S. government's Environmental Protection Agency to suspend the use of "neonic" pesticide on crops that are pollinated by bees. This is a real and very serious situation because, without bees, we would lose more than a third of the world's food crops and many other crops would become less productive. When bees visit a plant that has been sprayed or the seed treated with these chemicals, they become so disoriented that they cannot find their way home and they die. Please do not use "treated" seed, or GMO seed, or use commercial pesticide or "Round Up" for weeds.

Companion planting and natural pest control can be both effective and beautiful.

Here is a list of flowers and herbs to plant in your Companion Garden that will feed bees.

Perennials: Hollyhocks, Asters, Monarda, Crocus, Buttercup, Anemone, Geranium, and Snowdrops. Annuals: Cleome, Sunflowers, Zinnia, Calendula, Sweet Alyssum, Poppy, and Heliotrope. Herbs: Borage, Lavender, Catmint, Sage, Cilantro, and Fennel.

To entice predators to protect your garden for you, plant some of the following herbs and flowers: Asters, Purple comflower, Daisy-like Wildflowers, Dill, Italian flat-leaved Parsley, Goldenrods, Coreopsis, Feverfew, Borage, Sunflowers, Buckwheat, Milkweed, Coriander (plant everywhere), Chervil, Lovage, Marigold, and Yarrow.

These beneficial flowers and herbs can be found at Sparetime Supply and Sanhedim Nursery. We also buy some of our seeds from Bountiful Gardens.

Your insect helpers are: Green lacewing, Spined soldier bug, Ladybug beetles and their larvae, Mini wasps, Tachinid flies, Daddy longlegs spiders, Yellow jackets (eats cabbage worms), Bees, and Praying Mantis.

You can purchase live ladybugs and Mantis egg cases. You can also purchase "Sluggo" or "Escar-Gol" to control slugs and snails. Iron phosphate with taste tempting mixes that, when ingested, kills slugs and snails. These products are safe around pets and birds.

Natural Insect Control

Spray for Cucumber Beetle: This beetle looks like a green lady-bug, and it munches on just about everything. Mix 1 handful wood ashes and an equal amount of hydrated lime, and mix in 2 gallons of water. Spray both sides of leaves

Aphid Control: Yarrow Tea Spray. Soak 1 cup yarrow plant pieces in 16 oz. of water for 24 hours or more. Brew it in the sun like sun tea. Strain and mix with 1 gallon of water. Mix in some strongly brewed coffee and 1/4 teaspoon Castile soap. Spray on aphids and other soft-bodied pests every one or two weeks, or use as a preventative. Spray in early morning or evening to avoid sun burning plants.

Leaf Miner Control: Keep plants covered with "Reemay" cloth. Check for tiny white eggs on back leaves and remove by rubbing. Remove all damaged leaves to garbage. Do not compost them or drop them on the ground. The very thin insect is inside the leaf and will pupate in the soil.

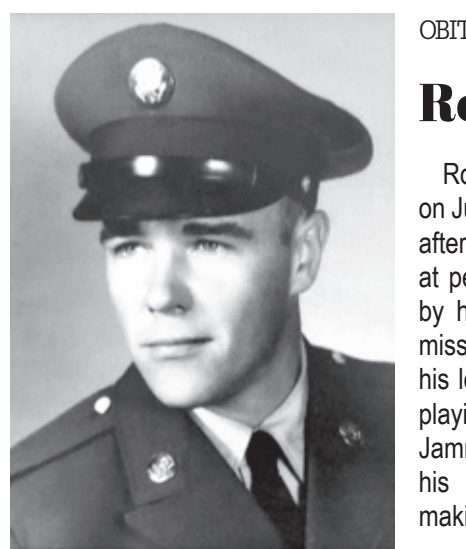
Devi Doree Chase has been gardening since 1941.

Doris Sisco

Doris Sisco passed away on July 24, 2014. She was born in Carnegie, Oklahoma on September 8, 1933. Doris lived most of her life in Willits and Kerman, California. She was a pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy in Ukiah and Hoopa, California and in Waurika and Guthrie, Oklahoma.

She leaves behind two children: Jake Sisco of Willits and Debra & Ruben Reyes, Sr. of Willits; six grandchildren: Josie & Roy Bauer, Marshan Correia, Ruben Reyes, Jr., Gilbert Rodriguez, and Toni; 12 great-grandchildren: Jeff Branson, Tiara Rodriguez, Courtney Rodriguez, Eugene Rodriguez and sister, Brandon Correia, Ashley Correia, Desiree Bauer, Mistey and Husband, Abby Reyes, Marguerite Reyes, and Trevor Schrage; 11 great-great-grandchildren; her sister Lottie Phillips of Kerman; many nieces and nephews; and all the ones who called her mom and grandma.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Sisco, her mother and father, three sisters, and one brother. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



Robert J. Pope

Robert J. Pope passed away on July 19, 2014 at the age of 78, after a long illness. Robert was at peace as he was surrounded by his loving family. He will be missed and remembered most for his love of music, his accordion-playing with the Blackberry Jammers for 20+ years; and for his carpentry skills and bowl-making artistry.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Jane; daughter Christine Rhodes and children, Brooke and Andrew; son Alex and wife, Alissia; and son Sam and wife, Suzanne and their children, Sean and Claire. He was and will always be dearly loved.

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August 2014

We seem to have a repeating theme in many of the cards for this month: The Mayan Oracle card "Etznab" represents timelessness, discrimination, clarity, hall of mirrors, spiritual warriorship, sword of truth, facing shadow, and the integration of the paradox. This card becomes a repeating theme reflected in the other cards, so this indicates that we need to dive into these elements.

If you are in a hall of mirrors, your attitude is going to be reflected all around you in many forms. If you start this month with anger and resentment, then that is going to be magnified to a degree that could make you very miserable.

However, if you adopt the attitude of joy, expansion, and abundance, then that is going to be reflected all around you, which is a much better idea.

The reason for this is that Jupiter (the planet of beliefs and faith) is in Leo. Jupiter is a fire planet and Leo is a fire sign, indicating that there is going to be a burst of energy that is intended to expand all of us in ways that can be wonderful if you recognize that whatever you feel is going to be what is magnified.

And as a reminder, your thoughts create your reality, so being mindful that what you are creating is going to get bigger, you might want to use some tools and discipline to not let your mind run amuck in your life.

If you happen to get a more negative/shadow reflection come up, see it as a gift to wake you up to a place where you are co-creating a pattern that you need to become more conscious of in your life.

When you have this much fire, it is imperative to see that the Angel of Truth is going to cut through the cords of your illusions in some radical and clarifying ways. If you are holding onto fear, then that fear is going to show up so that you can release and forgive others. If you have been believing in an illusion, that illusion is going to shatter and break down, forcing you to take a hard look at the truth and the reality that you have created.

None of this is bad news. You are growing up to a new level of awareness. You are actively involved in your own levels of power and learning to utilize that power to improve your life and circumstances. The two Prince of Wand cards are reaffirming that you have the swiftness and strength to get to your goals, but you have to consider both sides of each argument and take all information into account before making your decision. Take a look at your personal traditions and history, and decide where those aspects are helping or hindering your forward progress.

As this Jupiter aspect is just beginning, the cards are also indicating that you are initiating a new journey but you are not there yet. You need to cultivate courage and be willing to step boldly onto the path in front of you. Yes, you might hit a few delays, but your enthusiasm is happening now and you want to initiate that forward motion while that impulse is there.

There is much energy to be found right now by addressing the shadow within you. When you face your fears and let go of the old pain that has stopped you before, you will discover that there has been a tremendous amount of energy locked up in your shadow.

Begin the transformation process by confronting your own distorted reflections and seeing how much energy you are using to suppress aspects that perhaps are not so bad. Let the intention of love heal and open up those parts, so you have access to the energy once again. It is hard to accomplish much when you are using a lot of your life force to suppress your totality. Let go; trust your own energy and flow.

Let the Divine be the guiding force in your life, and know that every part of yourself is perfectly loved in the Universe.

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Above left: Corey McFadden prepares to kick the soccer ball. Above center: Niko Saverese and Noel Woodhouse follow Eva Alvarez who has the ball. Above right: Noel Woodhouse and Jimmy Vanderhorck on the field. Below row, teams from left: Net Rippers, Flying Squirrels and 99 Problems.



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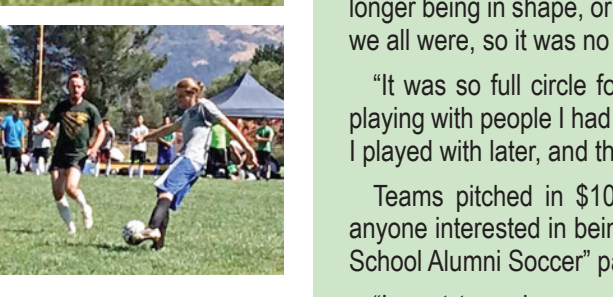
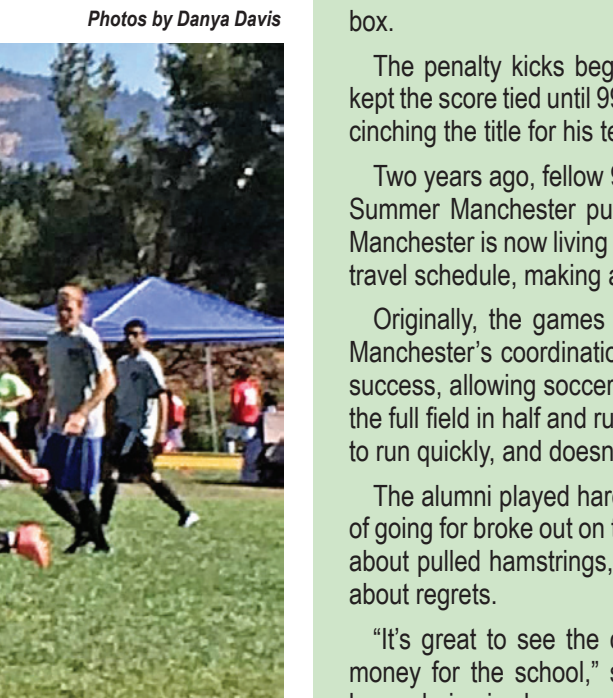
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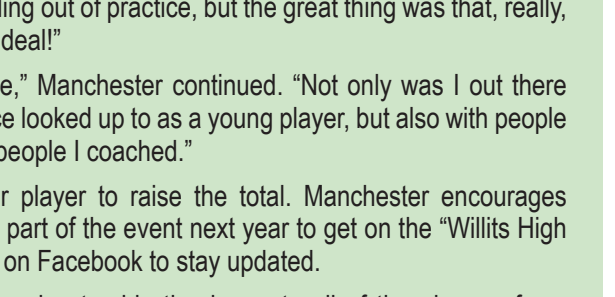
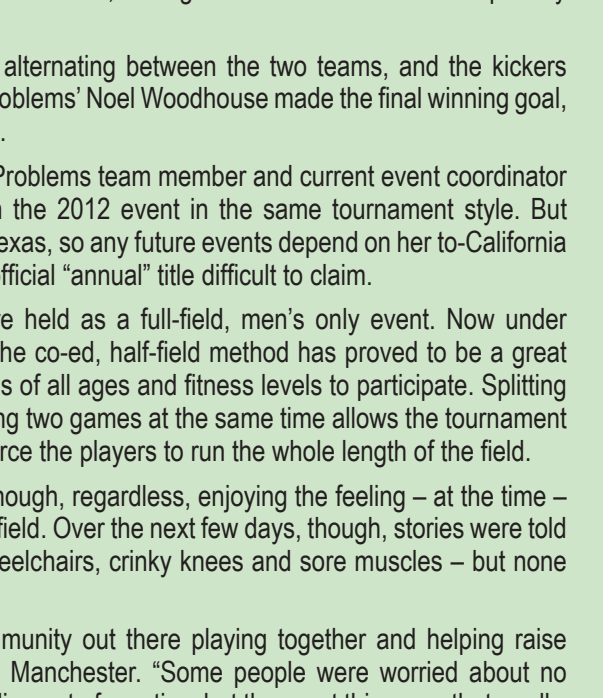
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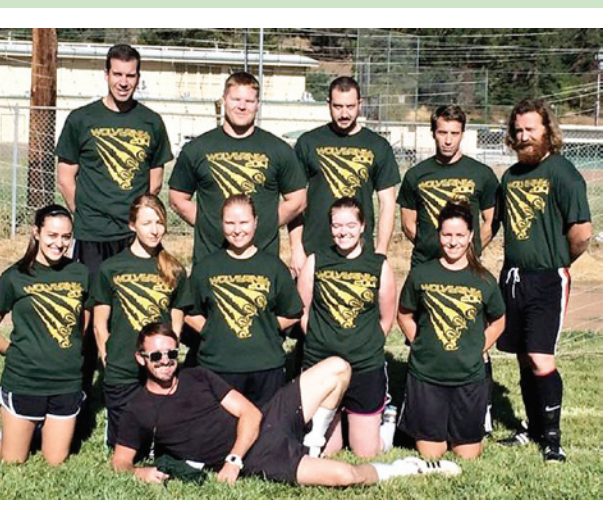
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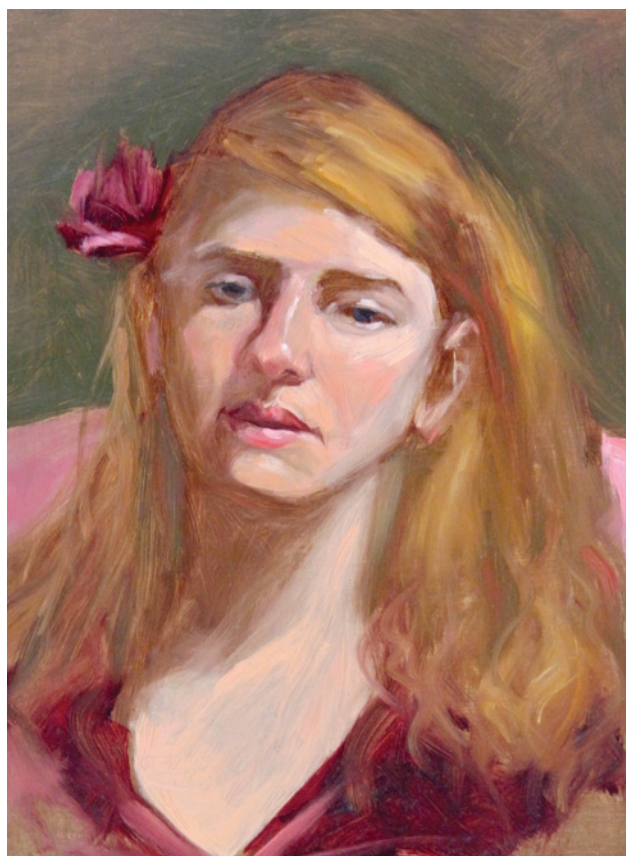


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‘Drawn Together’

Life Drawing Group show at WCA

“Drawn Together,” the newest show at the Willits Center for the Arts, will display the works of 14 different artists in August, all showing work celebrating the human form. The exhibit consists of art from the Willits Life Drawing group, which has met weekly for over 10 years to draw from live models, and works in mediums such as charcoal, pencil, pastels, watercolors, oils, acrylics, and ceramic sculpture.

The group shows their work at the Center every other year and includes artists with a wide range of experience and technique. This year’s artists are Roger Broomfield, Kat Emerson, Doug Kell, Michael Lopatecki, Marilyn Marshall, Peter Onstad, Margaret Pirouette, Sarah Reith, Jeannie Smith, Betty Ann Spencer, Harley Steeley, Francine Vlietsra, Matt Walker, and Devi Doree Chase.

“What has drawn us together is our love of the human form which serves as a metaphor for whatever we wish, as humans, to express,” writes show organizer Chase.

The group was started when the Mendocino College teacher Joey Sala retired but “is not a class; there is no teacher,” rather it is composed of people who believe “learning for artists takes a lifetime.” Artists support and teach each other, as well as share materials and advice. Participant Kat Emerson,

who has been with the group for about eight years, says: “It’s a lovely time to be together and be really quiet, in a whole room of focused attention.”

“I’m often asked,” Chase writes, “why do you draw pictures of naked people?” Chase explains that this practice aids artists to better depict muscles and joints and, ultimately, clothed figures, and has been long been a traditional part of artists’ training. Artworks of the human form stretch to back to ancient eras and have influenced classical masters and contemporary practitioners.

“It is my opinion that this is a good exhibit for children so they can learn not all pictures of nudes are pornographic, and that admiring our bodies is quite natural,” she writes.

The show includes pieces from artists who are just 18 to those in their 80s; some of the artists have been with the group since its inception and others have joined in the last several months.

“In past years we’ve papered the walls,” says Kat Emerson, “so I’ve been encouraging people to bring extras,” for the show’s hanging. When pressed for further details, she laughed and said: “Well, there are 14 of us, so it’s a little more complicated.”

“Drawn Together” will open this Saturday, August 2, from 7 to 9 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, and will include refreshments. The show can also be seen Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 3 pm, and some additional hours, too: Stop by whenever the sign is outside.

For more information on the Willits Life Drawing Group see sidebar: new members and models are welcome.

About the Willits Life Drawing Group

Our group is not a class; there is no teacher or evidence of teacher influence in styles we produce.... We agreed that we needed more regular practice drawing the figure to become more skilled. Traditionally, art students and professionals spend many years drawing the life model, even as professionals.

By sharing the cost of the model, we have been able to work together for 10 years. Every Thursday we pay \$12 to make sure we always have enough to pay the model, who takes one pose for three hours. This gives us enough time to make a finished work. Sometimes we move around and draw several views.

The model earns \$60 for three hours. The model takes breaks when needed, but it is not an easy job. If you think you would like this kind of work and are over 18 years of age, please call 459-6284 for details. Also if you like to draw and would like to join our group, please call. If you are both a model and an artist, you get to draw one day free for each day you have modeled.

Most people in our group have done art for many years. Some of us are professional artists, some of us will be, and some of us just love to draw. You can work in any media, including clay, however oil paint isn’t allowed due to allergies. If you like to use an easel, you will need to bring your own as we have only tables and chairs.

If a member wants help or suggestions it is freely given and beginners are certainly welcomed. We are supportive, and encourage each other.

One of the highest forms of meditation can be experienced while producing art. Working with this group is the high point of my week.

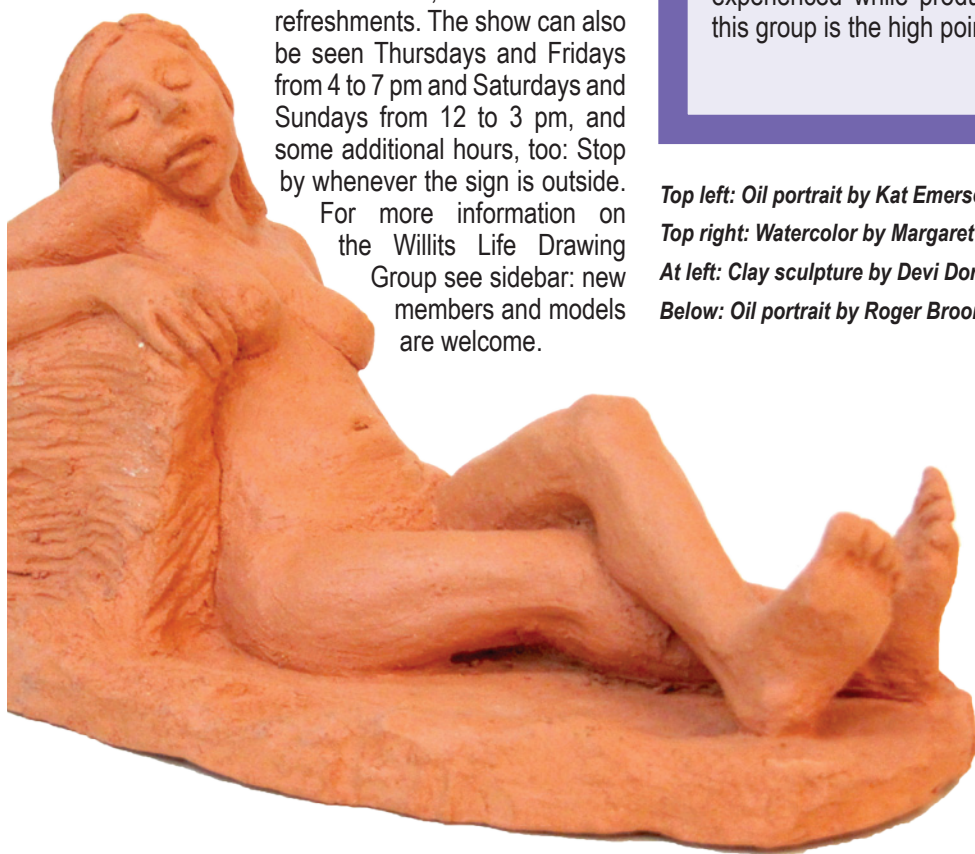
– Devi Doree Chase

Top left: Oil portrait by Kat Emerson.

Top right: Watercolor by Margaret Pirouette.

At left: Clay sculpture by Devi Doree Chase.

Below: Oil portrait by Roger Broomfield.



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135 helicopter, capable of airspeeds of 150 miles per hour. The base will be staffed 24/7 with nationally certified flight nurses and paramedics, highly skilled aviation staff/pilots, and maintenance support.

“This practice ensures optimum availability and response time when regional medical emergencies occur,” a press release from REACH stated.

“I’m pretty excited,” said Willits Airport Manager Dan Ramsey. “The City of Willits and key people at Howard Hospital have been discussing an air ambulance based in Willits for about three years. Everything recently came together, and we’re really pleased.

“With a 150 mile per hour helicopter,” he said, “it only takes about 15 minutes to get to anywhere in Mendocino County.” The helicopter based at Ells Field will work in Humboldt County, too, as needed.

The EC-135 helicopter is known for its increased capabilities to operate in inclement weather. The EC-135 will be operated under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR), and will be equipped with night vision goggles (NVGs) to enhance safety of nighttime operations, as well as helicopter-specific terrain awareness equipment (TAWs).

Ramsey said REACH planned to put in modules at Ells Field totaling about 36 x 55 feet for living quarters and a command center for the 24/7 staff.

REACH flies medical helicopters and planes from more than 20 bases located throughout California, Oregon and Texas. “For more than 27 years, REACH has served the communities of the North Coast,” said company president Sean Russell. “Our company founder’s vision started with serving the Redwood Empire. In fact, REACH stands for Redwood Empire Air Care Helicopter. With this base being located at the center of the Redwood Empire, Mendocino County, we have come full circle,” Russell said.

REACH, like CalStar, the other helicopter ambulance serving the area, is a membership service with an annual fee that covers out-of-pocket air ambulance expenses. For information about membership, check www.reachair.com or call 1-800-793-0010.

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at keeping their seats. Stranske filed his papers Tuesday afternoon. Orenstein announced his campaign in a letter to the editor in this edition of Willits Weekly.

Willits’ five-member city council is Mayor Holly Madrigal, Stranske, Madge Strong, Bruce Burton and Orenstein.

The last election held for the two council seats up for election this fall was in 2010. Stranske won with 48.64 percent of the vote, or 932 votes. Orenstein topped Lisa M. Joseph by three votes, 25.31 percent to 25.16 percent.

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Lockwood has plans to support and expand the programs that drew her to WCS: “One of my passions is grant-writing,” she said. “I’ll be trying to get grants for the school to expand our programs, including college awareness and taking trips to colleges. A lot of kids here already take classes at Mendo College. I’ll be looking to see what opportunities are out there for them.”

Getting acclimatized to Willits – and to life in the country – has been fun, too, she said, though a bit of a shock. “The wildlife is amazing,” she said. Lockwood arrived to town on Independence Day this year. She appreciates the friendliness of the people, the way that Willits “is a blend of a lot of different kinds of communities,” and that people “who live here and are committed really love it here.”

Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street, starts the 2014/15 school year on Tuesday, September 2. For more info, and a new student application, visit www.willitscharter.org or call 459-5506

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Sheriff’s Office were called to the Healthy Start building in the 44000 block of Willis Avenue, a Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Deputies noted nearly every window in the building had been broken and a vehicle at the location also had a window broken.

Estimated damage to the center was about \$4,000, but nothing was stolen.

In Laytonville, Healthy Start helps with services for everyone from babies to senior citizens, says director Jayma Shields. “We do everything under the sun that our community wants.”

Healthy Start operates under the auspices of the Harwood Memorial Park nonprofit and the Laytonville School District.

A bake sale held this week to help pay for the damage pulled in about \$500. More fundraising for the organization and other victims is in the works.

A community group is coming together; it will meet at Harwood Hall at 2 pm next Monday, said Shields. “They are looking at planning a community dinner to be held at Harwood Hall in September.”

Deputies chased Bates two different times before his arrest.

The Laytonville resident was first located in a creek bed west of the building. A short foot pursuit occurred, but deputies were unable to catch Bates.

About 9 am, deputies received more vandalism reports, and spotted the same suspect in the area again.

After another foot chase, deputies arrested Bates.

The Sheriff’s Office says at least four other citizens in the area had property vandalized by Bates.

The combined damage committed by Bates, including at the Healthy Start building, is estimated to exceed \$6,500.

New Willits Police Officer Justin D’Orazio

New Willits Police Officer Justin D’Orazio, left, was sworn in Wednesday morning at City Hall by City Manager Adrienne Moore, with Chief of Police Gerry Gonzalez looking on. Officer D’Orazio was raised in Sonoma County and attended Police Academy at Santa Rosa Junior College’s Public Safety Training Center in Windsor.



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council members. “There are some things that Cold Creek can offer that you may be interested in,” he told the council.

Collecting yard waste, brush, wood, and poultry for disposal at his operation makes local jobs and can lower garbage rates, Mileck says.

A green waste can would be the preferred receptacle if Cold Creek gets up and running in Willits. Mileck has similar deals with Fort Bragg and the new Graton Resort and Casino in Rohnert Park.

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natural gas from underground pockets. Water (with sand and chemicals) is injected under high pressure underground, breaking up the layers of rock that hold the oil or natural gas in place. Many people believe fracking is harmful to the environment and should be banned.

The initiative also asserts the people of Mendocino County have a right to control the essentials of life, defined as water quality, power, food and local resources.

The initiative states the ordinance will take precedence over other state, federal and international laws, and those laws will be invalid insofar as they contravene the provisions of the proposed ordinance.

“No permit, license, privilege, charter or other authority issued by other state, federal, or international entity which would violate the prohibitions of this ordinance or deprive any county resident of any rights secured by this ordinance, the California constitution, the U.S. Constitution or other laws, shall be deemed valid in Mendocino County,” the ordinance states.

The ordinance also declares corporations are not persons, and do not have the right to overturn the ordinance.

“Corporations which violate or seek to violate the ordinance or which are alleged to have violated this ordinance, shall not be deemed to be ‘persons’ nor possess any other legal rights, privileges, powers or protection which would interfere with the right or prohibitions enumerated by this ordinance.

“Rights, privileges, powers or protections’ shall include the power to assert state, federal or international

The city’s contract with Solid Wastes of Willits does not end until October 2015, but the council needs to take action by this October to stop the deal from extending automatically for another decade.

“By issuing the notice, the city gains the opportunity to review the existing contract and determine what changes should be considered for rates, services, and other matters,” a report from City Manager Adrienne Moore stated.

preemptive laws in an attempt to overturn this ordinance, and the power to assert the people of this municipality lack the authority to adopt this ordinance.”

The ordinance also contains a provision requiring the county to consider options in the event courts rule that state, federal or international law trump the provisions contained in the ordinance.

“Use of the courts or Legislature by any government, corporation or natural person to attempt to overturn the provisions of the ordinance shall require the county to schedule community meetings focused on changes to county government that would secure the rights of the people to local self-government.”

Brooktrails resident Karina Cotler, one of the proponents of the ordinance, said one of the topics that could be discussed at that time would be whether Mendocino County ought to become a charter county, instead of remaining a general law county.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Nicole French confirmed county staff is currently attempting to schedule bringing the initiative before the board supervisors.

County Clerk Sue Ranochak said, in a statement, that out of the 4,169 signatures submitted, 3,250 were valid signatures of registered voters. Invalid signatures included 578 signers who were not registered to vote; 199 whose address on the petition didn’t match their voter registration; 71 whose signatures didn’t match; and 67 duplicate signatures.

EDFC asks city to continue annual contribution

John Kuhry, director for the Economic Development Finance Corporation, asked city council members to keep some skin in the EDFC game last week.

The city contributed \$4,000 to EDFC last year, but next year’s contribution was stricken from a draft of the city budget during a recent workshop.

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Some causes EDFC has helped to further include the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County and a business incubator in the Old Ukiah Jail building.

An area meat processing plant and related studies is another of the EDFC’s projects.

“Willits is not off the table with that,” said Kuhry. He said the city faces a lot of “economic headwinds.”

While the city’s contribution is not a lot, Kuhry says, it provides some important funding.

Ron Moorhead, Willits Chamber of Commerce director, supported the city’s EDFC contribution. “I think it is important we continue to be a supporter,” he said.

The city expects to have a draft of its new budget ready for the first council meeting in August.

Other contributions from the city to organizations in the community should remain the same.

Last year, council members approved \$7,500 for the William F. Harrah Senior Center, \$1,000 for the library, \$1,000 for the Mendocino County Museum, \$6,000 for Willits Community Services, and \$3,000 for Our Daily Bread.

The city’s budget-making process has spilled into the new fiscal year. City Hall has said it is trying to produce a balanced budget.

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Stranske, who voted no on the deal, said the city needs a full-time planner. He named some of the city’s planning needs, including updating the city’s general plan housing element, Willits’ sphere of influence, and questions about downtown improvements.

Willits Realtor Bill Barksdale told council members the city should hire a person in Willits to do the job three days a week for 7.5 hours a day.

The city was faced with deciding between the shortfalls of hiring an entry-level employee or the higher wages of a top-level planner.

“It is not just a rubber stamp job,” Mayor Holly Madrigal said. “Someone needs to be looking out for the city’s planning interests.”

Public Works Director Rod Wilburn said his department’s planning needs someone who can file a requirement for a Notice of Exemption or a Negative Declaration, for example, and more than an entry-level candidate would be needed to do those tasks.

“We do not have planning staff to get that person up to speed,” Wilburn said.

“We are trying to meet our needs at a very minimum level,” City Manager Adrienne Moore added.

Councilman Ron Orenstein was interested in hearing more about Barksdale’s proposal, but was not allowed time for discussion.

“You threw out some interesting figures, and I would like to discuss them with you,” Orenstein said.

“I could have finished this in the time it took us to go through this,” Orenstein later noted, commenting on the time taken to decide not discuss the issue further.

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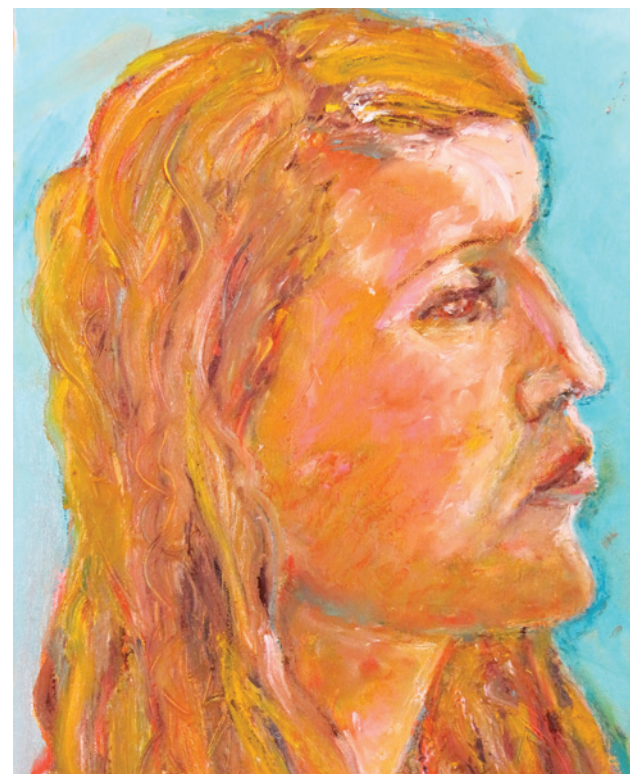
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Left: A crane supplied by Daniel Steel & Welding of Ukiah lifts Caboose #19 in, before it is lowered onto its trucks.

Below far left: Caboose #19, on a Harley Murray lowbed, pulls into the Roots yard on Monday, July 28.

Below left: NWP Caboose #19 is home again in Willits, after decades of service on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, the "Redwood Route."

Photos by Mike Meyer

Bottom: Caboose #19 in Eureka on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad in 1956, with a steel underframe and upgraded hand brakes.

Photo by Richard Bierman



Caboose #19

Ready to showcase at September Festival

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Caboose #19 arrived at Roots of Motive Power today, in time for the Roots of Motive Power Festival in September. Caboose #19 joins NWP Caboose #13 in the Roots collection, a rare re-union of vintage wooden cabooses, which were outlawed in 1971 by the Federal Railroad Administration as unsafe for mainline railroad service.

Caboose #19 was built in January 1911 by American Car and Foundry. It was a series of six cabooses, numbered 6015 to 6020, later re-numbered to numbers 15 to 20. The parent company of the NWP, the Southern Pacific, rebuilt the wooden-frame cabooses to a steel frame caboose in the late 1940s. NWP Caboose #13 was built by the St. Louis Car Company in 1909.

– Chris Baldo, Roots of Motive Power



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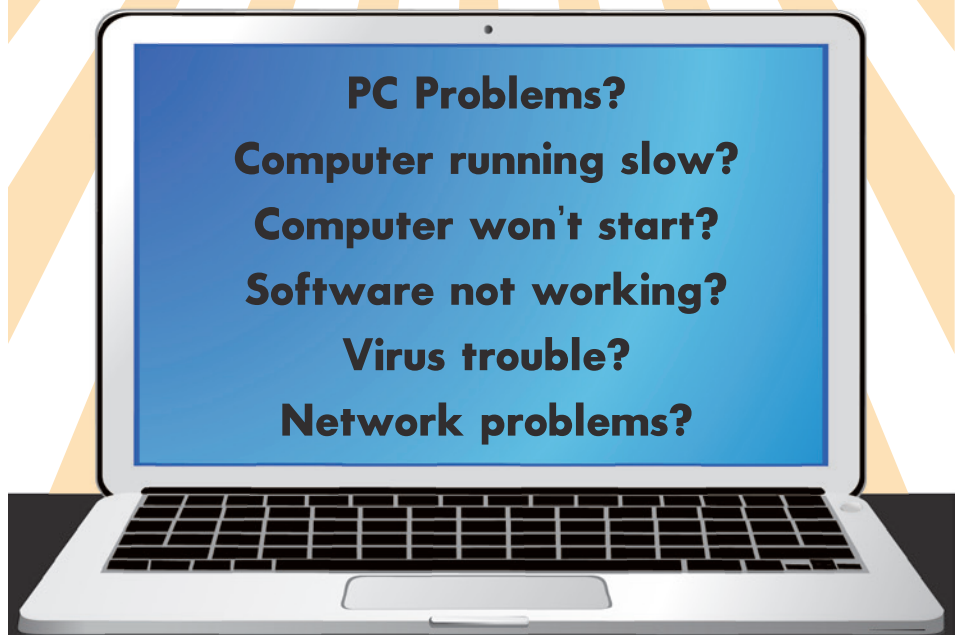


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