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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Topics to Talk About!

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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?

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Grant – and writer! – needed

To the Editor:

The time has come for the bleachers at Willits Frontier Days to be replaced, and we are in need of finding the right grant, and writer, to help us achieve this huge project.

The bleachers were last replaced in 1971, and even though they have been recently inspected and deemed safe, we hope that a new set will allow for more seating and better arrangement of box seating, be wheelchair-accessible, and maybe even be covered (?), allowing greater use of the grounds.

Increasing the seating and improving the condition of the stands will allow the possibility of many exciting opportunities to open up. What if the grounds could be a concert venue? What if the grounds could be used even more year-round for other activities and events? What if we could get seating right up to the arena for a better view? There are many possibilities.

Many other aspects of the grounds have been already upgraded, including the bucking chutes, stripping chutes, announcer's booth, food booths, and front office porch. Replacing the bleachers is the next logical step to keep the grounds usable and comfortable for all the attendees and participants.

The low end of the price range for replacing the stands is around \$450,000. Willits Frontier Days has been diligently saving and has about 15 percent of that in the bank, but is looking to either find a matching grant, a full funding grant, or anywhere in between to get us the rest of the way.

If there is anyone out there who is willing to donate their time to help research and write an appropriate grant for us, we would really love to work with you, have you point us in the right direction, or refer us to another helpful source.

Please contact me at willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com or call 272-5395. Thank you.

Marcy Barry, Willits Frontier Days president

The Sherwood Road Project

After reading about the Sherwood Road Project, a vision of morning chaos worse than what happens now becomes apparent. Anyone who has traveled south on Sherwood Road during the school year knows that a back-up of 50 or more cars, around 8:00 am waiting to either turn left or right on Hwy 101, is the usual. Compound this situation with Cal Trans construction and WE WILL have even more problems.

One option would be that the schools stagger the time school starts. Willits Unified Schools could begin at 8:00 and the Charter Schools at 8:30 or 9:00, or the opposite. It might ease the flow coming into town.

I am not certain of the feasibility of such a suggestion but perhaps it could be discussed to try and lessen a definite "road block".

Lena Hofmaister, Willits

WFD Sweethearts, Book 2

To the Editor:

A group of ladies has decided to tackle the next historical volume of "Willits Frontier Days." We are in the initial process of compiling the information for Book 2 of the Willis Frontier Days (Sweethearts).

We would like some assistance from your readers in gathering this information, starting with 1976 to present. We are looking for old programs, articles or recollections from previous Sweethearts or runners-up.

A copy of the previous issue, 1926-1976, can be seen on the Willits Frontier Days web site at the bottom of the Home page.

If you have any information to share, you can email willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com or write to Soroptimist International of Willits, P. O. Box 311, Willits, CA 95490, with your information. We appreciate any assistance you can provide.

The ladies who will be working with me on this project are Marcy Berry, Kathy Goss, Maureen Moore and Annette Pinon.

Willits Weekly readers, on behalf of these ladies, I would like to thank you for any information you can provide to this project.

Lorraine Patton, Soroptimist International of Willits

Willingness to take a stand

To the Editor:

I support Holly Madrigal for 3rd District supervisor because she has 10 years of experience in local government.

She isn't afraid to express her vision and opinions on issues, even those that are controversial, such as fracking, a method of extracting natural gas that contaminates ground water.

She is staunchly against this practice and has pledged to work to keep Mendocino County free of such devastation.

This is one of the many examples of her dedication to healthy communities and her willingness to take a stand to protect us all.

Robin Goldner, Willits

Support for Holly

Letter to the Editor:

Since working on Holly Madrigal's supervisor campaign, I've come to understand the breadth of her knowledge about county issues. She has a unique ability to bring key people together for discussion on policy in a way that works for everyone. A vote for Holly is a vote for ALL of us.

April Tweddell

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A Grand Engagement

Jeremy Workman proposes to Genevieve Bonnet at Kinetic Carnivale's Grand Ball, with flash mob and more



It was quite a "grand" event indeed for Willits' Genevieve Bonnet, who was proposed to in a creative display of affection by boyfriend Jeremy Workman last Saturday at the Willits Kinetic Carnivale's Grand Ball.

"He had been complaining about not feeling well all day, but really wanted to "see the aerialists" so we got dressed up and decided to go," explained Bonnet. "We went into the Engine House, and he said he had to go to the bathroom. I was waiting there, standing with friends, when Lindsay Arnold grabbed me and started pushing through the crowd and all of a sudden, I was watching this flash mob come together. I am obsessed with flash mobs and was bummed Jeremy was missing it. The mob started out to the song "Latch" by Disclosure and Sam Smith. Then, it turned into "I Don't Dance" by Lee Brice, which Jeremy always says reminds him of us. I thought it was a weird song to do Zumba too, and that Bryan and Billy were dancing, but then Jeremy came out with a microphone and the dancers all dropped to one knee. Then, I realized what was happening. I didn't cry, though! ... Almost, but not quite.

"I later found out that he had event coordinator Lara Eventide make a time slot during the Grand Ball and that Erin Fitzpatrick had choreographed this whole dance and emailed it out to a bunch of volunteers. They had been holding secret rehearsals for a few weeks. My best friend came up next, my parents were there. It was really amazing."

The pair started officially dating in February of 2012 and will "probably be tying the knot June of 2016." Congrats you two!

See more about the Kinetic Carnivale on page 12.

Left: The newly engaged Jeremy Workman and Genevieve Bonnet.

Photo by John Carey

Inset: Genevieve's engagement ring, a cushion-cut aquamarine surrounded by round black diamonds.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Playful Grace

Hello, I am Grace. I am an adorable, playful female kitten. I am just 4 months old. I am part of the special Kitten Extravaganza that is happening now at the Ukiah Animal Shelter. I can go home for the low adoption fee of \$50. Find me a kitten friend, at the same time, and she can go home for just \$25 more! What a deal!



Photo by Sage Mountainfire

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. We have many other wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here as well. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets or visit our shelter. For more information about adoption please call 463-4654.



Lost/Found puppies want to go home

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NEWLYWEDS

John & Robin

Congratulations to Robin Hough and John Pilatti! They were married Saturday, August 2, with a beautiful ceremony in the garden, surrounded by family and friends.

Photo by Dillon Donovan

OBITUARY | Jeffrey Kelly Harris

Jeffrey Kelly Harris

Jeffrey Kelly Harris, born January 31, 1951 in Torrance, California, passed away on July 25, 2014, at St. Helena Hospital in Napa Valley surrounded by family. He is preceded by his mother, Jeannette Harris, and his father, Jack Harris. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Julie Swanson Harris, his beloved sons Kelly Harris and Jesse Harris, his sister Judy Stutz, and his brother Randy Harris.

Jeff grew up in Canyon Country, California, and moved to Willits in 1975 to teach English at Willits High School. His careers also included logging, clowning and juggling, solar systems installation, Poets in the Schools, and teaching at New Horizons, La Vida Charter School, and Mendocino College. Jeff also taught Environmental Studies for the Coyote Valley Reservation EPA program and operated an independent study school "Education Unlimited." He was an award-winning handball teacher and coach.

Jeff loved being outdoors: gardening and working on the homestead, kayaking, canoeing, horseback riding, bike riding, hiking, camping and walking his dog, Lucy. He had a passion for handball. He wrote poetry, songs and played the banjo. Most of all, he loved his family and included



them in everything he pursued.

Friends, neighbors, students and those who knew Jeff and were touched by his life and friendship are welcome to come and celebrate a life well lived.

A Memorial/Celebration will be held Sunday, August 17 at the Recreation Grove in Willits, starting at 5 pm. Entrance and drinks will be provided; please bring pot luck salad, side dish, dessert or appetizer to share. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and wear your dancing shoes.

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A letter from ...

The Principal of Willits High School

Jeffrey Ritchley

Each year, it amazes me how fast summer vacation comes and goes. Getting the school ready for the next academic year is no easy task. A special thanks is given to the building and grounds crew in making this summer transition a success. They have worked non-stop to get the school ready for this next academic year. All classrooms were stripped and re-waxed, cleaned from top to bottom, gum removed, classrooms organized, windows replaced, exterior walls cleaned, grass cleaned up, flowers pruned, and much, much, more. The school looks great and awaits the new and returning students.

As we start the 2014-2015 school year, I would like to keep you up to date on what is going on at both high schools in Willits Unified School District. This year, I am also the Principal of Willits Continuation High School, Sanhedrin High School. As Principal, I look forward to the new challenge of managing both sites.

This year Willits High School has a new assistant principal. His name is James Madden, and he is moving from Oakland to join the team. WHS also hired a new academic counselor. Her name is Angelica



Montelongo, and she is joining us from Ventura County. Ms. Montelongo will be a great addition to Willits High School, as she is a native Spanish speaker.

We also filled vacancies in English, math and social studies, and hired two new science teachers! This year, we will have a new elective class named AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), taught by our health teacher Jennifer Barrett. AVID's mission is

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A letter from ...

The Principal of Baechtel Grove

Maria de los Angeles Munguia

All of us at Baechtel Grove Middle School look forward to seeing each of our students back on Wednesday, August 20. Our students and staff are excited about our learning, teaching, the connection we have made with many local businesses, and organizations in Willits, and the new programs we are beginning this year. The staff at Baechtel Grove Middle School wants to welcome our sixth-grade families, and welcome back our seventh- and eighth-grade families. What you will find is a Baechtel Grove that is moving teaching toward Common Core State Standards, and emphasizing powerful thinking, skills for the college and career world, and awareness of social issues.

Teachers have begun to implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). In our Language Arts classes we have used the California State University Units with good success. Our students are learning to read closely, analyze their readings, access resources, and formulate a position. In sixth-grade Language Arts and Social Studies, teachers are implementing Project Based Learning lessons. This style of teaching is student-centered,



project-based, and connected to real-world experiences.

In Mathematics students are learning to justify their answers, and connect the Mathematics in their lives. What you will notice is that students will not have traditional textbooks, or do rote learning as they have done in the past. We are excited to announce that with the use of the College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM) program, students will engage the ideas with others

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A letter from ...

The Superintendent of Willits Unified Schools

Pat Johnson



Willits Unified School District has been busy preparing for the opening of the 2014-2015 school year. Staff working in custodial, grounds, transportation, and facilities have gone site to site cleaning, repairing, and modifying facilities to ensure healthy and safe campuses for students and staff. In addition to facility readiness, our teaching and administrative staffs have participated in several training opportunities to improve what programs currently exist, as well as the implementation of new programs.

The WUSD Board of Trustee's adoption of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) supports the restoration of positions and development of programs that have been eliminated due to prior years' budget reductions. Positions being restored to the district include: a full-time counselor at the high school, an assistant principal at the high school, a dean at the middle school, and a variety of classified support positions,

including campus security, instructional assistants, and transportation support.

Community input and board support for the full implementation of the Elementary Counseling Grant will add additional counselors, a social worker, and a therapist to provide interventions for students and their families at Brookside, Blosser and Sherwood Elementary. Program goals are to address mental health, student suspensions and disciplinary actions, truancy, and substance abuse concerns impacting our most fragile student population. Additional staff has been hired to reduce class size in all elementary classrooms. This additional staff will be located at Brookside and Blosser.

Current curriculum and instructional programs will be maintained at all sites to move students forward in the implementation of Common Core, Smarter Balance Assessment, and

College and Career Readiness. In an effort to increase the number of students going to college, we are implementing the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program in the eighth and ninth grades. AVID supports students in their development of study skills, goal setting and academic achievement. The commitment of these students, their families and staff to the success of the program will be ongoing, until it

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A letter from ...

The Principal of Blosser Lane

Robert Chavez

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I, Robert Chavez, have accepted the position of principal at Blosser Lane Elementary School and Sherwood Elementary School. My family and I are in awe of the natural geographical beauty and the hospitality we have received from the people of Northern California. In my 21 years in education, I have had the opportunity to work with children at all levels as a teacher, vice principal, principal and as a district office administrator in the Central San Joaquin Valley. I look forward to serving the families and the community of Willits.

The Blosser Lane Elementary family welcomes back our third-grade students. School begins each day at 8:15 am and dismisses at 2:55 pm every day, except Tuesday. Tuesday is a short day, and students are dismissed at 1:35 pm.

Bus transportation is provided for students before and after school. Students who walk to Blosser Lane Elementary School are not allowed to cross Highway 20 at Blosser Lane. Due to the nature of the traffic on Blosser Lane and Highway 20, bicycles, roller blades, roller shoes, skates



and scooters are not allowed at school. Breakfast is served each day at school, as well as a healthy brunch and lunch. Supervision for students begins each day at 7:45 am.

Due to the extensive traffic before and after school, areas of both the parking lot and the street are clearly marked. If you drop off your child before school, please honor the "NO PARKING BUS ZONE" signs, and drop off your child at the curb

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A letter from ...

The Principal of Brookside

Olga O'Neill

Once again, Brookside Elementary School's staff is eagerly looking forward to welcoming our primary students on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 20, 2014. It was wonderful having third-graders here, but this year we will resume being a TK-2nd grade campus. The State Pre-School blended program and Head Start are also located at Brookside.

Our teachers, who are highly trained and dedicated, understand the importance of building a strong educational foundation, and this is at the forefront of our curriculum and programs. Everything young children experience during their school day is a part of this foundation, and our goal is to help all students develop academically and socially. We also strive to foster an environment that helps the children have fun, make friends, and build a positive school attitude!

Over the past few years, we have added full-day kindergarten classes, and this year all of our kindergarten classes will be full day. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2014 to begin regular kindergarten. Also offered is a transitional Two-Year Kindergarten program for students born between September 2 and



December 2, 2009. This two-year program may also be beneficial for students who are not quite ready for the regular kindergarten program. Kindergarten students and new students who have not yet registered can do so after the office re-opens on August 6. Please register as soon as possible.

The teachers at Brookside School are incredibly committed to the students and to their own professional development. They will continue using the Professional

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Head shots of school officials, except Blosser Lane principal, by Maureen Moore / Mphotographers

Dr. Jeremiah and Kristin Dawson

Willits son returns as orthopedic surgeon

In 1999 Jeremiah Dawson left Little Lake Valley and headed to the University of California at Santa Barbara to pursue a degree in biological sciences. During this time he found his life partner, soul mate and now wife: Kristin. After doing some soul searching on the sunny beaches of Southern California – at his wife's urging and his own innate desire – Jeremiah decided to enroll in medical school and attended the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Upon completing medical school, Jeremiah Dawson, MD, headed for the Midwest to attend the University of Iowa orthopaedics program. "The University of Iowa has a world-renowned orthopaedics program," said Dr. Dawson. "In fact it just celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. I really enjoyed my time in Iowa, where my two beautiful children, Violet and Clark, were born. I will always cherish the memories and friendships I made there, although I will not miss the subzero winter temperatures."

Reflecting back on what had prepared him for the challenges of life, Dr. Dawson said: "Many things helped make me who I am today. I grew up on a hobby ranch and was the youngest of five older siblings. My chores included taking care of our horses, 15 to 20 head of cattle, as many as 60 sheep, and plenty of poultry. I was active in 4-H since I was 5 years old, and really owe it to them for my lack of fear of public speaking and large animals! I wrestled since the sixth grade, played football, swimming, cross country, and have always tried to stay active. I really am grateful to the Willits community for who I am today. Returning home is my way of giving back."

"You know I really wasn't too surprised when Jeremiah decided to go into medicine," said Jeremiah's mother, Carol. "He has always enjoyed the sciences and spent a lot of time doctoring animals growing up. When he decided to specialize in orthopedics and spent time with Dr.



Bowen, his father and I hoped he would come home to practice. All I can say is we're delighted that Jeremiah decided to come home."

His father Tedd Dawson, MD, general surgeon, who has been practicing in the Willits community for 36 years, said: "I'm very proud of my son's accomplishments and am pleased that he is returning here to Willits and to Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital to practice orthopedics with Dr. Bowen and Dr. Lintinich. I know my son will build a great reputation and I look forward to working with him in the operating room."

President and CEO of HHM, Rick Bockmann, also voiced his enthusiasm for Dawson's return to Willits. "This is truly exciting news for our community. When I heard that Dr. Jeremiah Dawson was returning home to practice orthopedics – excited was an understatement, I was thrilled. With our new state-of-the-art Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital opening later this year, it will be a great opportunity for Dr. Jeremiah Dawson to begin his legacy of caring for our community, as his father, Dr. Tedd Dawson, has done for the past 36 years, and as Dr. Bowen, whose practice he is joining, has done."

As a general orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Dawson specializes in total joint replacement of the hip, knee and shoulder, shoulder and knee arthroscopy (minimally invasive technique to treat joint damage and repair rotator cuff and meniscal tears) and orthopedic trauma, as well as basic hand procedures, including carpal tunnel and cubital tunnel. His office is located at 84 Madrone Street in Willits. To schedule an appointment, please call 459-6855.

– submitted by Nick Bejarano for Frank R. Memorial Hospital / Adventist Health

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In addition to our strong academic program we strive to offer:

- Environmental awareness
- A quality garden/nutrition program
- Theater arts
- Fun & educational field trips
- Small class sizes
- Family oriented safe environment
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Sherwood will be offering an Afterschool Program starting this year!
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Thursday, August 14

Children's Farmers Market: Last children's market of the summer today: noon to 1 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

PAWS To Read Summer Reading Finale: Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 1 to 2 pm. "We are going to start in the park across the street with a wild animal show [by North American Wildlife], and then we will come back to the library for ice cream, free books given out by Friends of the Willits Library, and reading program completion certificates." Info: 459-5908.

New Blu Trio at the Farmers Market: Nancy New on acoustic guitar, Don Fiers on bass, and vocalist Anita Blu, with "polished vocal harmonies and tunes ranging from Beatles to jazz standards, the Kinks, Phoebe Snow, K.D. Lang, old hop-a-long cowboy songs, and anywhere in between!" 3 to 6 pm, City Park, on East Commercial Street across from City Hall.

North County Center Open House & Registration: Mendocino College's North County Center holds an Open House, Thursday, August 14 from 4 to 6 pm, with a free hot dog BBQ; bookstore services for enrolled students; win free prizes!; meet the Mendocino College staff and administration; register for classes!; learn more about the classes and programs offered at Mendocino College. Fall classes start Monday, August 18. Check a .pdf of scheduled classes at: http://www.mendocino.edu/cmullis/Sum_Fall_2014/2014_Sum_Fall_For_Web.pdf. North County Center classes are listed starting on page 44. "Mendocino College is offering a variety of courses at the North County Center this fall and would love to share this opportunity with the Willits Community, please join us for this fun event." Mendocino College's North County Center is located at 372 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-6224.

Brooktrails Lodge: Ladies Night every Thursday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge, 8 pm to 2 am. \$3 drink specials. The Dream Capsule Band presents live music and karaoke. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

Shanachie Pub: twice-monthly Jazz Night, featuring vocalist Sarah Ryan, Michael Cantwell on piano and keyboards, Aaron Bellomo on guitar, and Jesse Bessonni on drums. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form jamming. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

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Friday, August 15

Grocery Outlet Job Fair: Job fair 12 noon to 5 pm, at the Willits Grocery Outlet in the Evergreen Shopping Center, 1718 South Main Street outside of the store! Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16. Owner Brock Stephenson band; 5 pm: Marjo Wilson Band; 6 pm: Hot Shots;

What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits



McDowell says: "Bring your resume and dress for success." Grand opening of the Willits Grocery Outlet is now set for Saturday, September 13.

Free Zumba for Teens: Zumba is always free for teenagers on Friday nights at Studio Joy, 1262 Blosser Lane. Class at 6 pm with Melissa. Info: 707-841-7499 or www.studiojoywillits.com.

Brooktrails Lodge: Open Mic every Friday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge. Live jams featuring local artists: all performers please see Mr. Larry when you arrive. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

Saturday, August 16

77th Annual Old Timers Baseball Game: Harwood Memorial Park in Laytonville. Laytonville vs. Willits: winner takes the Boomer Kelton Trophy. Saturday, August 17: Old Timers Co-Ed Softball at 8 am. BBQ at 11 am; BBQ chicken prepared by the Laytonville Lions Club; salads, desserts and fixins' donated by community members. Old Timers Game "Opening Ceremonies" at 1 pm. Baseball Game: 2 pm. Info: Kandice Golightly, 707-489-7401.

St. Anthony's Annual Parking Lot Sale: from 9 am to 2 pm at St. Anthony's Hall, 58 Bush Street. For further info or to donate items, please call Margaret: 459-2212.

WHS Boosters Golf Tournament: Willits High School Boosters Club's 2nd annual Golf Tournament, at the Brooktrails Golf Course. 4 person scramble/shotgun start. 8 am registration. Tournament begins at 9 am. \$10,000 hole in one prize. \$30 non-members, \$20 for members. Price includes lunch and a drink ticket. All proceeds to benefit WHS athletic teams and clubs. Support the Boosters by becoming a Hole Sponsor for \$40; hole sponsor laminated signs are displayed at the tournament and all home football games. Info: 459-2752.

Walking Tour of Ridgewood Ranch: Home of Seabiscuit. 9:30 to noon. Docent led tours \$20; children under 11 free. Remaining tours this season: Saturdays, August 16, September 6, September 20, and October 4 (a benefit for T.R.A.I.L.). Info/reservations (recommended): 459-5992; seabiscuit@instawave.net, or www.seabiscuiteritage.org/tourschedule.php.

Grocery Outlet Job Fair: See Friday, August 15 listing for details.

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: The 32nd Annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival, Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo. Featuring MC Mickey the Clown and live music throughout the weekend. Saturday's entertainment: 12 noon: Blackberry Jammers; 1 pm Nummelinun Band; 2 pm: Wild Horses; 3 pm: Wild Mendohulas; 4 pm: Kent Horses; 5 pm: Marjo Wilson Band; 6 pm: Hot Shots;

8 pm: Square Dance. Enjoy a blackberry slush while strolling around the surrounding arbor, full of numerous arts and craft vendors and community organizations. Square dance on Saturday night; 5/10K run/walk on Sunday morning (www.roundvalley.org/library/race.pdf), followed by a country-style breakfast and a motorcycle and antique car show. Noon to 7 pm on Saturday; 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Admission is free. General info: www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com.

Sunday, August 17

Boomer's Old Timers Brunch: at Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 am to 3 pm. Info: Kandice Golightly, 707-489-7401, or call Boomer's, 984-6584, www.boomerssaloon.com/index.php/sunday-brunch-menu.

Willits Youth Football & Cheer Car Wash: the JV football team and cheer squad hold a benefit carwash Sunday, August 17, from 9 am to 2 pm, at Les Schwab Tire, 1565 South Main Street. "Come support your local Willits youth. GO COUGARS!!!"

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: Sunday's entertainment: 10 am: Nummelinun Band; 11 am: Reverend Feathers; 11:30 am: Prickly Pair; 12 noon: Round Valley Rounders; 12:30 pm: Bridget O'Toole; 1 pm: Laiwa Live; 2 pm: Marjo Wilson Band; 3 pm: Broken Feather; 4 pm: Hot Shots. See Saturday, August 16 listing for festival details.

Monday, August 18

Willits Dances of Universal Peace: meets Monday, August 18 at the Muse, 7 to 9 pm. Sacred circle dances and chants drawn from cross cultural traditions. Joyful and heart opening. Easy to learn, live music. Info: 459-9085.

Tuesday, August 19

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Guardians of the Galaxy," and "Into the Storm." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Noyo Nostalgia Casting Call: the Noyo Theatre is coming up on its 75th Birthday in May 2015. "Join us in documenting the history and life of this grand old building for a film that will be presented next May. We have heard wonderful stories from patrons, employees and owners which we would like to share with the community in this film." The Noyo Crew will be filming at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, on Tuesday, August 19, from 1 to 5 pm in the Sunshine Room. What is your fondest memory of the Noyo Theatre? Did you see your first movie there? Was it your first job ... first date? Remember the film breaking? The leaky roof? The renovations? The live entertainment? For more info: movies@noyothatre.com or call Lois @ 707-354-3295.

Wednesday, August 20

First Day of School for Willits Unified Schools

Call for Auditions: Willits Community Theatre holds auditions for "The Angel of Chatham Square," a nostalgic drama by Healdsburg playwright Audie Foote, on Wednesday, August 20 at 7 pm and Saturday, August 23, at 11 am at the Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. The call is for two women (30s to early 50s) and six men (30s to 70s). "Set in the depths of New York's Bowery right after World War II, 'The Angel of Chatham Square' tells a simple and heartwarming love story. A young widowed mother must travel back home at night alone. While she waits at a lonely bus stop at Chatham Square, a notoriously dangerous part of town known by locals as "the graveyard," she runs into a group of derelicts who take her under their "wings." One in particular wins her heart, and the play tells the story of how their unusual friendship blossoms into a love affair that spans six decades. "The Angel of Chatham Square" will rehearse from mid-September through early November and will run from November 6 through November 23. Director Christine Dill has participated in local theatre for over 25 years. She has acted, staged managed, and prop mistress for both the Ukiah Players and for Mendocino College. In February 2013 she directed "Same Time, Next Year" for WCT. Scripts are available at the Willits Public Library or call the director at 462-4015.

Friday, August 22

Shanachie Pub: Blue Luke and the Living Drums, featuring Steve Loeb's aka "The Living Drum" with special guest Amadou Camara from Guinea West Africa: "multicultural fusions of universal rhythm." 9 pm, \$10 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, August 23

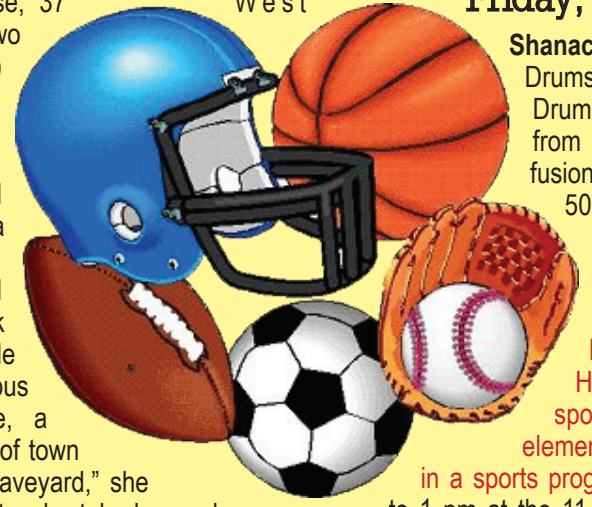
Free Sports Physicals: Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital offers free sports physical exams to children in elementary and high school participating in a sports program. Saturday, August 23, from 9 am to 1 pm at the 11 Oaks Conference Room, 1040 South Main Street. Wellness While You Wait, for parents: Howard Hospital is also offering free health screenings and other wellness services for adults, including: Blood Pressure Check; Blood Sugar Check; Body Mass Index; Strength & Balance Test; and Healthy Eating Demo. To reserve your spot, call: 456-3185.

WELL / NCO Garden Tour: "Remembering the Garden," a tour of community gardens in and around Willits, 10 am to 4 pm. "Discover these gems alongside our busy streets in and around Willits. Additionally we will visit the Grange Farm School at Ridgewood Ranch." This annual event is cosponsored by Willits Economic Localization and North Coast Opportunities. Attend the tour for \$15 and receive lunch, dessert and a raffle ticket for a beautiful basket of fresh produce from the visited gardens. Tour only: sliding scale fee. Tour begins at the Willits Elementary Charter School Garden on the corner of Lenore and Commercial; registration at 9:30 am. Carpooling may be arranged to tour five community gardens, as well as the Grange Farm School. Info: Paul Jacobson, 459-1418.

Thursday, August 21

Shanachie Pub: Steven Bates, guitar. 6 pm, No cover. Visit www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician or www.stevenbatesmusic.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Brookside School Fundraiser: The Now and Then Film Series presents "Our Daily Bread," as a fundraiser for the Brookside School Farm. 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "In this classic 1934 film by King Vidor, two city-dwellers are hit hard by the financial fist of the Depression. Driven by bravery (and sheer desperation) they flee to the country and, with the help of other workers, set up a farming community which suffers many hardships – including drought, temptation and the long arm of the law – but ultimately pulls together for a Utopian finish. This arduous black & white film paints a compelling picture of the struggle and hardships faced by Americans during this troubled economic period." Suggested donation of \$5 to \$100. Info: 459-6362.



A Garden Party

Saturday, August 16

Fast becoming the event of the summer, it's Phil and Kathy Shuster's Garden Party!

Co-hosted by volunteers from the Willits Educational Foundation and Willits Rotary Club, this wonderful affair benefits schools in the Willits Unified School District in their library, art and music departments. So mark your calendar. This one deserves a big red circle around it: August 16 beginning at 4 pm, 1660 Center Valley Road.

If you haven't bought your ticket to attend the fourth annual Garden Party, hedging a bit, wondering what's on the menu, here's a sampling: barbecued tri-tip and oysters, parmesan chicken wings, stuffed mushrooms, bruschettas, fruit skewers, empanadas, veggie bites with jalapeno jelly, franks and bacon, stuffed eggs, meatballs, spiced shrimp, small wraps, ham cheesecake cups, and pesto cheesecakes. We have our own fantastic Mariposa Market to thank for supplying the ingredients for many of these delectable dishes.

Surely, such a tasty menu has persuaded you that this would be a great place to spend a summer's evening enjoying great food, friends and family. And I haven't even covered the desserts, much less the beer and wines. Pete Swanton and his unique Shanachie Pub do not disappoint with their hand-crafted beers you won't find anywhere else. Area wineries include Barra of Mendocino Organic Wines, Jeriko Estate, McDowell Valley Vineyards, Milano Family Vineyards, Parducci Wine Cellars, Silversmith Vineyards, Yokayo Wine Company, and several wines from the heart of the Sonoma valley. It's important to acknowledge their generous contributions to this worthwhile cause.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Cat's Meow or Goods' Shoppe or from any WEF or Willits Rotary Club member. Call Kathy Shuster 459-2659 or John Cross 485-2274 if you need tickets or any additional information. They'll be glad to help you.

- Gail Richards, for Willits Educational Foundation

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New course teaches sustainable food

production at Mendocino College

This fall semester, Mendocino College in Ukiah will offer a new course on "Sustainable Agricultural Systems," taught by Rain Tenaqiya, permaculture designer and author of "West Coast Food Forestry." This two-unit course begins on August 21 and meets on Thursdays from 2 to 4:50 pm at the Ukiah campus of Mendocino College.

With climate change and rising food and energy prices, the need for sustainable local food production has never been greater. This class is a survey of sustainable farming through history and into the future. It will provide students with the basic ideas necessary to farm and live more sustainably, with

a focus on the special issues of our local climate and soils.

The course will cover the history, definitions, concepts, principles and practices of sustainable agricultural systems. It will also examine case studies and expose the student to field-based learning through labs and field trips. Topics will include: history of sustainable farming, ecology, patterns in the landscape, sustainable design, learning from existing systems, soil, water, air, energy, trees, animals, and integrated pest management.

Instructor Rain Tenaqiya started studying permaculture more than 20 years ago, and began teaching in 1999. In 2002, he helped start a permaculture design business in the Santa Cruz area. He moved to Ukiah in 2004 to establish a permaculture homestead demonstration site. He has reduced his carbon footprint by 90 percent of the U.S. average and grows much of his own food.

To find out more about this course, contact the instructor at raincascadia@yahoo.com. To enroll for the course, go online to www.mendocino.edu; stop by Admissions at the college, 1000 Hensley Creek Road in Ukiah; or call 468-3164.

- Roberta Werdinger, for Mendocino College

Willits Rotary sponsors County Budget Presentation at City Hall

The Willits Rotary Club will host a budget presentation delivered by County Chief Executive Officer, Carmel J. Angelo, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Heidi Dunham, at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street, on Monday, August 25, 2014, from 5:30 to 7 pm. This is part of the series of presentations that will be given throughout the county before final budget hearings, beginning on September 8.

"In this day and age," said 3rd District Supervisor John Pinches, "it's important for the public to know how county government and budgeting works. The 2014/15 budget is the work plan for the coming year. I appreciate the Willits Rotary sponsoring the presentation to help get the word out to the public about this year's budget priorities."

"The Rotary Club of Willits is pleased to host the upcoming County public budget presentation," said Rotary chair Tom Herman. "We feel that it is very important for the citizens of Mendocino County to be aware of how the county is proposing to administer the upcoming budget."

The presentation will include highlights of the County's 2014/2015 Recommended Budget, a "State of the County" update, and items of interest in the 3rd District. The intent of these presentations is to inform the audience of the workings of county government and to provide a high level of transparency and accountability to all Mendocino County residents.

Save the Date

Johnny Sketch & the Dirty Notes, live from New Orleans, August 30, Boomer's Bar

Scottish folksinger Ed Miller, August 30, Willits Community Theatre

Roots Annual Steam-Up and Timberworks Lumberjack Show, September 6 & 7

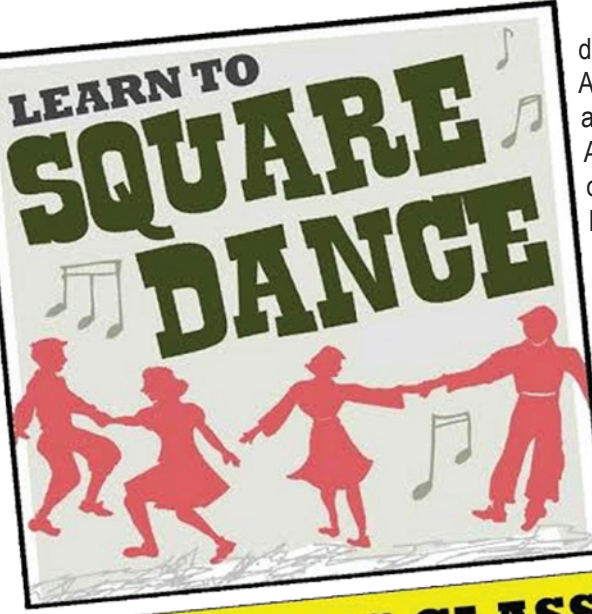
Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show in Boonville, September 12 to 14

Not JUST Cowboy Poetry, Saturday, September 13, Emandal

Willits Airport Day & Sixties Fly-In, September 13, Ells Field

Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo, Saturday, September 20, Rodeo Grounds

Round Valley Indian Days Celebration & Softball Tournament, September 26-28, Hidden Oaks Park, Round Valley Reservation



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Willits Frontier Days BBQ, 2 - 5 P.M. (Recreation Grove). (Adults, \$12 - Children, \$5)
Lumberjack Show & Local Woodsmen Competitions, 6 P.M. @ Frontier Days Arena (Adults, \$8 - Children Under 12, \$4)

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Learning Communities collaborative model that involves teachers working together to focus on students' achievement and how best to address students' needs. This model also ensures that all children are taught a common curriculum that focuses on the same standards, regardless of class assignment.

We have done much work preparing for the shifts in instruction and materials working with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and are making necessary changes to work on implementation. It is a very exciting time in education. We will continue implementing our intervention/enrichment program, fondly known as BLAST. It continues to evolve, and we are again assessing and refining its content and scheduling to create the optimum program for the students.

In June, Joan Thomas, Marette Myers, Jill Frick and Nancy Milliken joined the ranks of the retired and will be sorely missed. However, their knowledge and work ethic are shared with the rest of our wonderful staff. In addition to two teachers who joined the staff last September, we have three teachers new to us and are very excited about welcoming them. We will begin the year with six sections of kindergarten which includes Transitional Kindergarten, six sections of first grade and five of second grade.

Our special education program provides a Special Day class, a pre-school program blended with the State Pre-School, Resource Services as well as Speech and Language. We also provide English Language Development and are fortunate to be increasing our teaching staff in this area.

Our classified staff plays an important role in keeping our school running smoothly and assisting students and families in every way possible. This group includes the office staff, health coordinator, library clerk, instructional assistants, yard assistants, custodians and cafeteria personnel. The district has completed hiring the counselors for the Elementary Counseling Grant, and it's wonderful to know that we will be able to offer more services to students and families in the coming year.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at this school site is exceptionally hard-working and active. The PTO serves our school in many ways by providing books, assemblies, supplies, activities, and field trips for the children, as well as sponsoring family nights at Brookside. Participation in the PTO is a great way to become involved with your child's school and to ensure that children will continue to have these opportunities. Meetings are once a month, and childcare is provided. Even if you cannot attend meetings, your help is needed, and any amount of time that you can give is most welcome. Classroom volunteers also provide much additional help to classroom teachers, enhancing our students' school experience.

School site councils guide many of the important decisions that a school makes. The Brookside Site Council is composed of school staff and community members, and is a very direct way to understand school procedures and policies, to have direct input into Brookside's goals and plans, and to provide input to district decisions. This year we will be holding elections for several parent seats. Truly, the support and participation from our community makes it possible for us to accomplish so much together.

The farmers at Brookside Farm have been working very hard, and the garden looks beautiful and full. We are very excited that some of their produce will be in our cafeteria meals. Additionally, our students will have the opportunity to visit the garden and learn more about gardens, food and nutrition.

School begins Wednesday, August 20 at 8:25 am for all students. Dismissal for all students is at 2:40 pm, except for Tuesdays when school is dismissed at 1:20 pm. You may call the office at 459-5385 for more information about any of our programs. Again, please register your child as soon as possible. Class lists for 2014-2015 will be posted at the office on Friday, August 15, at 5 pm.

I am honored to begin my eighth year as Principal at Brookside Elementary and very much look forward to a wonderful year working with this staff and with the families of our community to provide an enriching and positive educational experience. Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 11. Onward and upward!

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to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID is open to incoming ninth graders, and each AVID student had to apply and attend an AVID interview last year to get into the class. AVID is going to be a great addition to Willits High School and will help student gain entrance to college and universities across the country.

This year, Willits High School will be a closed campus to ninth- and 10th-grade students. This means that ninth- and 10th-graders will have to stay on campus for lunch. Any 11th-grade student who is not on graduation track will also have closed campus.

To help monitor this new initiative Willits High School will have two lunches: a closed ninth- and 10th-grade lunch and an 11th- and 12th-grade lunch. This new lunch system will help us better monitor who comes on campus and who leaves campus daily. The first lunch, for ninth- and 10th-grade students, will be a closed campus lunch, where students will not be allowed to leave. The second lunch will be for 11th- and 12th-grade students, who will be allowed to leave campus daily.

School offices re-opened on August 7, and guidance counselors returned on August 4. Students will receive their student schedule on August 18, two days prior to the first day of school on Wednesday, August 20. Ninth-grade orientation and LINK crew will be on August 18 and 19. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Rose Mehtlan at Willits High School at 459-7700. We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school!

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in Mathematics courses. In this way they will perform, every day, the Mathematical Practices in the CCSS.

This year we are also adding the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program to our eighth grade. AVID is a college preparatory program that supports under-represented student populations to be prepared to attend a four-year university after high school. One eighth-grade class of students have applied and were selected to take the AVID elective this year to learn the study skills necessary to prepare for college. Baechtel Grove students will be exposed to several exploratory classes as well as being provided with academic support.

We are excited about continuing to offer an opportunity for students to learn music and guitar playing, the arts, ceramics, and video production, as well as career awareness in the College and Career class.

This year Baechtel Grove Middle School will once again be partnering with our community help organizations, and our businesses and local work world, to involve students in a Stand Up Week, and a College and Career Week. The purpose of the Stand Up Week is to bring social and societal awareness to students, using experts from organizations that work with social issues. Students research and make presentations about social issues, participate in activities involving social issues, and culminate their week with presentations from our community experts.

The same format is used for the College and Career Week, with students researching and making presentations about college requirements, participating in activities involving university systems, and culminating their week with presentations from experts in many different career fields. Both weeks are encouraging and interactive for students, thanks to the help we are provided by the Willits community.

Once again this year we will be involving our incoming sixth-graders in the WEB program, thanks to the generous donations from the Willits Police Department. WEB is a transitions program at Baechtel Grove Middle School. As part of the program, new sixth-grade students are partnered in groups, with two eighth-grade students, for the entire year. The eighth-graders are trained to help their sixth-graders not only have a smooth transition into middle school, but to also coach them throughout the year on how to handle typical problems a sixth-grader might encounter. The eighth-grade students also set the tone of behavior for the rest of the student body, helping in leadership roles. They help identify and address problems of harassment, bullying, isolation, and exclusion. To this end, WEB and the relationship between sixth- and eighth-grade students serves as an important part of our overall efforts to help sixth-grade students transition to middle school. WEB hosts numerous events throughout the year. The first is a Sixth-Grade Orientation set for Tuesday, August 19.

This year again, as social support for all students, we have partnered with the Rachel's Challenge organization to promote a climate of kindness and compassion, and an anti-bullying message. Rachel Joy Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999. Rachel left essays and journal writings about how she believed that small acts of kindness could change people's lives. The Rachel's Challenge assembly challenges students to find purpose and to discover that they can affect the world around them in significant ways.

Again, thanks to the Willits Police Department funding, a Rachel's Challenge Community Event will take place at Willits High School Auditorium on September 7 at 6 pm. We invite all parents and community members to come and hear about her amazing story, and teachings.

At Baechtel Grove Middle School, we believe in every student's success. We want every student to be a leader, so we encourage them to be a part of these groups:

- Play with one of our sports teams: volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, wrestling, softball.
- Be a member of our Student Council along with our President David Mann, Vice President Jacob Apodaca, Secretary McKenna Buckingham, Treasurer DJ Buzzard, and Activities Director Emily Acevedo.
- Be a member of the Yearbook staff.
- Be a member of the Leadership Class.
- Get on the Honor Roll.
- Get on the Principal's List.
- Be an office aide.
- Be a great WEB Leader to our sixth-graders.
- Be an active member of the Rachel's Challenge Group.
- Do the research and present during Stand Up Week.
- Get fit participating in PE.
- Do the research and present during College and Career Week.
- Be a Peer Helper.
- Be a great Band member.
- Receive merits.
- Be an upstanding bystander.
- Stay eligible for the four-week reward activities.
- Lead by example and do the right thing.

We are looking forward to beginning classes at 8:25 am on Wednesday, August 20. First period class lists will be posted on Monday, August 18, and students will receive their full schedules during their first-period class the first day of classes. See you here!

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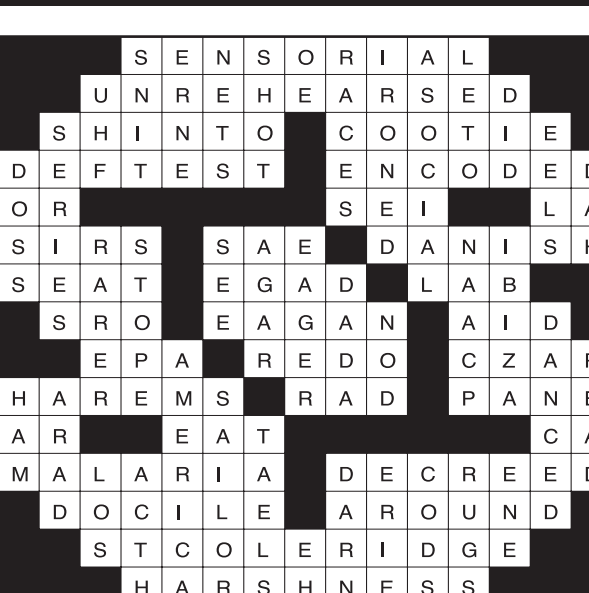
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Kinetic carnivale

Photos by Doug Pollard



At right: the entrance to the Kinetic Carnivale fair at the Rec Grove, adorned with a stylish mustache.

Below: Circus Mecca performer Holly.



Right, at top: Malakai Schindel plays his flute.



Right, above: A pink-tressed participant with aviator goggles.



Above, left: Donna Schindel, with parasol, and her daughter Heidi Rose, in a colorful corset. At right: Another aerialist with Circus Mecca. Far right: Gold tresses go beautifully with a bowler hat adorned with watch parts.



A Steampunk Celebration

The 3rd annual Kinetic Carnivale has come and gone. Smoke from the Lodge Fire lifted a bit for the weekend, and reports were positive from all the events.

Revelers enjoyed the Carnivale fair Saturday and Sunday at the Rec Grove (including the Beard and Mustache Competition), the Grand Ball Saturday night, and the Hand Car races Sunday morning at the Skunk Train Depot.

Children and their adults loved riding Roots of Motive Power's diesel train around the Roots loop, and steampunk costumes and accoutrements were everywhere to be seen.

These photos from Willits photographer Doug Pollard capture some of the participants and atmosphere of Saturday at the Rec Grove. "It was a wonderful event," said Chela Pollard, who enjoyed the fair along with her husband. "We had a great time."



Above: MC Poplock Holmes with musical accompaniment, on the Siren Stage.

Far left: a kinetic sculpture on wheels.

Left: Alana and Genevieve.

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New construction approved for Haehl Creek subdivision

In a gorgeous corner of Little Lake Valley just off East Hill Road, things are happening in the Haehl Creek subdivision.

A new home at 409 Grove Street in the Haehl Creek neighborhood was signed off on by the city's building inspector last month. Wood chips in the landscaping reflect the drought.

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For the year, two homes have been built in the neighborhood, another six to seven are currently being worked on. Developer Ed Mitchell said he expects to construct eight to 10 homes this year.

There are choices to be made for potential homeowners moving into Haehl Creek: inside details like colors, carpet, tiles and cabinets.

"They would sit down and decide the colors they want in each room," said Haehl Creek Homes' James Mitchell on a tour of a model home.

At Haehl Creek four different models of homes are available in three different elevations, each with differences in rooflines and stonework.

In July, city building permits generated \$1,970 in revenue from fees for city hall, from 16 permits for projects valued at about \$80,000.

Around town, new permits included a remodel for a commercial sign at 1718 South Main Street and a storage building addition at 180 North Main Street. Roofing work on Mill Creek Drive, Alameda Avenue and Pearl Street was occurring. A commercial remodel at 101 North Main Street also was permitted.

A modular restroom was set for 1431 South Main Street, and a prefabricated metal building was approved for construction at 351 Franklin Avenue. Water service will be replaced at 1431 South Main Street. A new modular classroom will be coming to Blosser Lane. Roof repair and water heater replacement was set to go at 300 East Valley Street.

Finished work in July included a remodeled bathroom on Mill Creek Drive, a trellis at Willits Charter School, new insulation at two Pearl Street locations, and demolition of a Pearl Street carport.

Roofing work on Bonnie Lane, East San Francisco Avenue, Mill Creek Drive and Pearl Street was completed last month.

The expanding Grace Community Church across Main Street from Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic received a stamp of approval from the city for two modular classrooms.

"The church is doing amazingly well," Associate Pastor Alan Klier said.

The church has put in two modular classrooms purchased from Willits High School and placed them on foundations. Work also included ramps to access the classrooms, a roof over the ramps, and a gas line extended to reach the new classrooms.

Planning continues for the church, which operated a Vacation Bible School this summer. Since Deep Valley Christian School closed last year, the church picked up one teacher from Deep Valley for year-round schooling.



Construction progress underway at the Haehl Creek subdivision: foundations forming and homes covered in Tyvek are sure signs of more homes to come. Neighbor Timley, at left and below, enjoyed playing on a mound of dirt.

Photos by Alicia Logan



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Controversy swirls around soccer moves

Carni and by trustee Laurie Harris, who told Smith, "I am totally comfortable with my response."

But trustee Christopher Neary said he was not comfortable with statements made at the June 11 meeting.

"People can address the board any time they want to," Neary noted. "But it's really not productive to address themselves to the board in the first instance. We are not sitting here 40 hours a week supervising the school district. We're addressing broad policy issues."

"When questions come about specific personnel issues, it's not appropriate at the board meeting, ever, but certainly not in the first instance, to address those questions to the board," Neary added. "Because we don't have the answers to those questions. Those types of things go to the site principal, and then to the superintendent, and hopefully when somebody is emotionally concerned about an issue, it's not being raised here for the first time."

Rodriguez said the school board attended a board retreat over the summer, at which trustees informed Superintendent of Schools Patricia Johnson of their concerns. Rodriguez said she thought Johnson had addressed some of the board's concerns and would continue to work on other concerns throughout the year.

"There were just so many things that, basically, were, I wouldn't say, mishandled," Trustee Alex Bowlds added. "But there was a cascade of problems. We'd like to think we have dealt with the vast majority of those."

But Bowlds continued: "We won't know until time passes a little bit and we've seen if a number of things we've put in place to deal with a number of issues will work the way we hope they will."

"So please give us a little bit of time to see if these things work," he said.

One problem at Willits High School — the decimation of the school's counseling program during the 2013-14 school year — has been addressed. Early in the board meeting, Johnson announced she has hired a second counselor at Willits High. That means the upper level of the administrative team at Willits High is now almost fully staffed.

The school has a new counselor (Angelica Montelongo), a counselor-psychiatrist (Daniel Drickman), a new career technical counselor (Julianna Kang), and a new assistant principal (James Madden), in addition to second-year principal Jeffrey Ritchley.

In addition, Stephanie Roelling has been hired as the high school librarian, and is only a few months shy of being a fully credentialed librarian.

At the June 11 school board meeting, Johnson had shared her plans to staff the school's library with a certificated (non-credentialed) library staffer, who would have worked under the direction of another library technical person provided by the Mendocino Office of Education.

Roelling "will have her librarian credential by Christmas," Johnson noted.

A substantial crowd of 30 to 40 people arrived at the meeting late, but in time to hear the board discuss possible fouls in Principal Jeffrey Ritchley's handling of the school's junior varsity soccer program. Late last school year, Ritchley and former Willits High School Athletic Director Tim Conrad decided to combine the junior varsity and varsity soccer programs for both boys and girls.

Ritchley said he made the decision because other schools in the league were saying they were going to do it. Had he not done that, he argued, Willits High junior varsity teams might have had no opponents to play.

However, the move was seen by many as reducing Willits High's athletic program.

At the same time, Conrad had declined to hire longtime Willits Youth Soccer volunteer Martin Rodriguez for the position of javayee girls' soccer coach. Rodriguez is the husband of board President Saprina Rodriguez, who is herself a steadfast soccer volunteer and president of Willits Youth Soccer.

According to a letter written by Martin Rodriguez and published in Willits Weekly (July 31), not only did Conrad not hire Rodriguez for a javayee girls coaching position, but told him the job interview Rodriguez had with Conrad was meaningless because Conrad had already decided to give the job to another applicant.

Recently, Ritchley has announced other schools in the league have decided to continue with their javayee soccer programs and Willits High would follow suit.

In his comments to trustees, Martin Rodriguez thanked Ritchley for continuing the boys and girls javayee soccer programs. He also encouraged the school district to tighten up their hiring practices for coaches.

"I would ask the district to always adhere to fair hiring practices by posting all athletic jobs prior to hiring any coach for the following season or sport," Rodriguez said. "All applicants should be interviewed with an equal opportunity to present themselves before an unbiased interviewing committee."

Later in the meeting, Lorenzo Rodriguez, the son of Martin and Saprina Rodriguez, told the board his father took coaching soccer very seriously and put in long hours at the task. He asked any audience members who were in attendance in support of his father to stand up; almost everyone at the meeting — 30 or 40 people — did so.

In response to concerns expressed at the meeting, trustees directed Superintendent Johnson to draft a policy for terminating sports programs at district schools. In the interim, the board directed there be no reduction of sports programs at any district school until that policy paper is approved.

The school board did not discuss any errors that may have occurred in the Martin Rodriguez job interview process.

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Lunch at the Harrah Senior Center

Everyone is welcome!



The crowd at the Harrah Senior Center's "Birthday Lunch" in July.

Below: Longtime volunteer Phyllis Rose, at right, shows new volunteer Sandra Kissig the ropes at the front table.

Bottom: Barb Sicard, left, and longtime volunteer Maggie Graham, celebrate their shared July 15 birthdays with carnations at the center's Birthday Lunch.

Below right: Dorothy Roediger, left, and Victoria Jorge stand under the "Volunteer Appreciation" sign.



The lunch program at the Senior Center has been running since the early days of the center and offers a hearty lunch at reasonable prices five days a week. All members of the Willits community are encouraged to come enjoy lunch at the center. The more attendees, the better the lunch program that is essential for some will fare: there are even special prices for kids under 7.

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The most recent Birthday Lunch at the Harrah Senior Center featured "Thanksgiving in July": turkey and stuffing and cranberry sauce, roasted vegetables and rolls, a loaded salad bar and, of course, birthday cake. The whole dining room sang "Happy Birthday," as carnations were handed out to the birthday guests and raffle prizes were drawn. Then everyone settled in to enjoy the freshly cooked meal and the company of their neighbors.

"What wonderful meals are provided – nutritious, well-balanced, and inexpensive ... home style food, like mother used to cook," said Maggie Graham, a long-time volunteer hostess at the center.

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on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Meals are large enough that many guests take home leftovers for dinner.

Cooks Donna Hart, who has worked at the center for 25 years, and Linda Gnader, who has been here for 20, design the menu and "work really hard to put it all together," says center Director Allyn Noneman. The center has recently hired a new cook, Jack Isborn, to help in the kitchen as well.

Much of the food comes from local sources and donations, which helps the center keep costs in check and keep the lunch prices affordable. The kitchen also provides around 50 meals daily for the Meals on Wheels program.

Now that summer has arrived, donations have included produce from the Howard Hospital Garden, Golden Rule Farm, and private gardens, donations of pigs, beef, and lambs from the

Empire Redwood Fair, and boxes of plums and apples to take home provided by the Grateful Cleaners.

The lunches are also using produce from the garden housed at the Senior Center itself, just a few yards from the dining hall. "We are using zucchini, tomatoes, chard, lettuce, and more from the garden," says Noneman.

Volunteers are an essential part of the lunch program, assisting with serving, bussing, and clean-up, as well as keeping the lines running smoothly. "I've been doing this for about 30 years," said hostess Phyllis Rose, as she handed out raffle tickets to all the guests. That day she was helping a friend, Sandra Kissig, to learn the ropes on her first day at the hostess table.

Longtime volunteer Rena Garliepp added coffee, tea, and other beverages around to the diners while others helped in the kitchen.

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Weekly Promotions

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Earn and Receive begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m.
Earn 150 points, receive \$10 Free Play
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TUESDAYS

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some of the work going on there in the last month or so." He noted trucks were working daytime only, and may continue through the end of this week.

Frisbie said Caltrans was, as per its agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers, studying ways to reduce fill in the northern interchange area. "There's not going to be any huge change there," he said. "This is still the first phase of a four-lane bypass. We're not going to make any major changes that would preclude the second phase, or add significant costs to the second phase, whenever we receive funding for that."

One option Caltrans is considering is eliminating the planned roundabout east of the current Highway 101 and replacing it with a standard intersection between the off and on ramps and what will then be the frontage road. Another option is tightening up the width of the footprint of the "spread diamond" interchange, by bringing in the ramps tighter to the highway.

Replacing the roundabout at the north end with a standard intersection means stop signs, just as there will be stop signs at the southern end. It also means the possibility of eliminating one of the bridges: "Our plans show removing the current culvert that's under Highway 101 at Upp Creek, but if we eliminate the roundabout, then we might not remove that culvert, and so that might be eliminating a bridge, too," Frisbie said.

"While we're studying it out, we do have some ideas on locations where we may be able to reduce the fill," he said, "and we are communicating that to our contractor, so when they start hauling soil, they will be avoiding adding additional fill to areas that might be eliminated in a redesign."

"That's how we are going to move forward with the fill ... by bringing fill in, this fill is not going to preclude us from reducing the impacts to wetlands," Frisbie said. Frisbie also said fill from the mill site will continue to be tested for contaminants, naturally occurring and otherwise, as it's excavated. "All areas have to be tested; that's part of the permitting," he said.

Haul trucks moving the estimated 800,000 cubic yards of fill from the mill site will start off working during the day, but as they ramp up, the contractor "may shift to nights or add nights – they may be running multiple shifts – to get the soil out there to ensure the soil is settling over the winter."

Frisbie said, in addition to the steel beams recently placed across East Hill Road, "just within the last few days," contractors placed steel beams across Center Valley Road at the Shusters Transportation yard. "We were able to place that without shutting down the road," Frisbie said, "due to the extra staging area provided by the Shusters parking lot." Traffic was stopped only intermittently, as each beam was placed.

"Sometime in the next couple of weeks," Frisbie said, "we're going to start pouring concrete on sections of the viaduct."

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After a bit of a respite from smoke, Willits residents woke up Wednesday morning to a heavy fog that smelled like smoke. Mendocino County Air Pollution Control Officer Robert Scaglione confirmed that air quality in Willits, Laytonville and Leggett Wednesday morning was about as bad as it has been since this fire started, well into the "hazardous" zone.

Air quality in Willits normally ranges between 0 to 12 micrograms per cubic meter, "which is very good quality," Scaglione said. "About 12 to around 35 is called 'moderate' air quality. It's still very breathable air, but if you're really sensitive, you might have problems." Wednesday morning, air quality measurements in Willits were up in the 80s and 90s.

Scaglione said the latest update from CalFire is that residents should expect smoke impacts of one kind or another for the next 30 to 60 days despite, he said, "the admirable job" firefighters have done containing the fire so far.

Some of the containment lines built around the fire can now be driven and patrolled by firefighters. "We are not worried about the fire jumping this line at all," CalFire spokesman Steve Kauffman said, pointing on a map to areas on the west side of the fire.

CalFire was hopeful to gain more containment on the fire midweek. "We are hoping in the next 24 hours that we turn the corner and be a little bit above that 50 percent mark," Kauffman said.

CalFire says interior areas of the fire will continue to burn and may be visible to Highway 101 drivers.

Work continues on contingency lines in the area of Cahto Peak and Ten Mile Creek.

A small amount of relief came to some residents when CalFire reduced evacuation

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about. Leler says she wants to improve the quality of Willits drinking water.

"I have two things: transparency in water and government – where the money goes," Leler says. "The other thing is resources. I look around town, and we have incredible resources we are wasting."

The city council's five current members include Stranske, Orenstein, Holly Madrigal, Madge Strong and Bruce Burton.

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the kitchen. The dining hall was decorated with colorful posters created by board member Victoria Jorge in appreciation of all the volunteer assistance. "We are very blessed to have them and Mariya," said Noneman of the center's Volunteer Coordinator Mariya Siddons. More volunteers are always welcome.

The August Birthday Lunch – also featuring turkey, gravy and mashed potatoes – will be held on Friday, August 29. On Monday, August 18, lunch features spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, green salad, French bread, watermelon and soup; the Thursday, August 21 menu is tamale pie, squash, green salad, whole wheat roll, sherbet and salad bar; and on Friday, August 22, lunch features meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, black bean & corn salad, whole wheat roll, lemon bar and salad bar.

Lunch is held Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 1 p.m., with the salad bar and dining hall opening at 11:45 a.m. Prices are \$5.50 for seniors over 60 (or disabled), \$7 for the general public, and \$4 for kids under 7. Soup, crackers and beverage lunch only costs \$3.50; and salad bar, beverage only costs \$4.50. Discount punch cards are available with 10 meals for \$50 for seniors and \$65 for non-seniors, a discount of 50 cents per meal.

Menus are posted online at willitsseniorcenter.com, printed in the monthly Senior Center newsletter, and posted in the dining hall. The Harrah Senior Center is located at 1501 Baechtel Road. Call 459-6826 for more info.

orders to warnings for people in Camp Seabow, Bowman Ranch, Hunt Ranch, Tan Oak Park, Elk Creek and Mad Creek areas.

After community meetings like the ones held at Harwood Hall and in Leggett, residents are welcome to talk one-on-one with firefighters about their property.

"We want to give you as much information as possible," said Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, adding, "God bless Facebook; it is spreading a lot of rumors."

An evacuation order for areas south of Highway 101, west of Cummings Road to Leggett covering The Hermitage, Big Bend and Camp St. Michael remains in effect.

Jim Shields of the Laytonville County Water District reported the district is at about 70 to 100 percent full at its water tanks, but that means operations around the clock.

Shields remains confident the district can provide water for those with a serious emergency water need. "We will process that application for water – but it has to be for emergency purposes."

In Leggett, the American Red Cross has set up an evacuation shelter at the Leggett School at 1 School Way.

Dry lightning also struck across northern parts of the state earlier this week, but area CalFire firefighters said there were no new lightning fires in Mendocino County.

Lodge Fire by-the-numbers as of Wednesday evening: 12 injuries, 16 threatened buildings, \$27 million spent, 170 fire engines, 57 fire crews, 29 bulldozers, 13 helicopters, 29 water tenders, 2,249 firefighting personnel (down a bit from 2,324 Tuesday night).

Additional reporting on this story was done by Jennifer Poole

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precedence over the powers of both the state and federal governments, and also over certain powers given to corporations. The ballot measure has thrown supervisors into some confusion. Supervisor John McCowen believes the Community Rights Network ballot measure "is unconstitutional for five or six different reasons." Supervisor Carre Brown said she thought people who signed the initiative petition had been deceived because they were told it was an anti-fracking ballot measure but, in reality, it is more of a local control ordinance. "I think this is wrong," Brown said. Supervisor Dan Hamburg argued the board should adopt its own anti-fracking ordinance. "I think we should do this because if this initiative passes – which I think it will – and if it is thrown out of court – which everyone here believes that it will be – then at least we will have this [i.e., the supervisors' ordinance] to fall back on," Hamburg said. Supervisor Dan Gjerde sided with Hamburg, and moved the board adopt its own ordinance. But only he and Hamburg favored that action. Supervisors John Pinches, McCowen and Brown voted against adoption. If the Community Rights Network measure passes and is thrown out in court, or if voters fail to approve it, then supervisors could still enact their own anti-fracking ordinance, if there were three votes to do so.

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National Forest is now 16th of 18 national forests in California in terms of marijuana eradication. In 2013, Tune said, more than 8,100 plants were eradicated on MNF lands.

The number of garden sites also has dwindled: Mendocino National Forest currently ranks 15 of 18 in California for garden sites eradication, with only six gardens eradicated in 2013.

"We are seeing smaller sites and fewer plants," Tune said.

Allman told supervisors things are looking up for the national forest. "There's an increase in hunters coming back to hunt, and there's an increase in families leasing out national forest land for cattle grazing. This has got to be a good thing. But at the same time, there has been a vast increase in backyard residential grows, and there's been an increase in growing on private timberland."

Supervisor John Pinches asked Tune if she had sensed any movement in the upper echelons of the U.S. Forest Service administration to move the forest management philosophy back to the "multiple-use" formula that characterized national forest management prior to the northern spotted owl transformation that took place early in the Clinton administration.

Tune told Pinches the forest management philosophy was already "multiple use." She added a "culture shift of our social norms" had taken place and there was little the forest service could do about it. She noted in southeastern Arizona, where she had begun her forest service career, the big cattle ranches that had once surrounded the national forest and leased land inside it have disappeared.

"More and more people are moving into urban areas, and these ranches are being turned into ranchettes. They're being broken apart when they're sold," Tune said.

"We put out three timber sales last year," she added. "All three of 'em were under litigation. We lost one, and we ended up having to pay the attorney, and the other two are still being litigated against."

"So, are we moving timber off the land? No. Because every time we put out a sale, or a bid, we either get no bids, or, we get litigated against."

Tune said she wanted to change the way Mendocino National Forest puts out timber sales. "That's why I'm here to look at doing business differently, so if we do get litigated we can take it to court. The other part is, we are looking at collaboration, and getting everybody involved up front, so we can design our project with multiple voices at the table, so we understand all the values and can start looking at improving the land base for multiple use."

"Don't give up," Pinches told her.

MCOG secures grant for Covelo trail

Mendocino Council of Governments Executive Director Phil Dow told supervisors MCOG has been awarded a \$847,000 grant to begin the process of building a mile-long mixed-use trail in the Round Valley area.

The trail will run north-south from East Road near central Covelo to Biggar Lane near the Round Valley Reservation, and will be reserved for non-motorized transportation.

There will also be an east-west component of the trail system, which will terminate near one of the Round Valley schools.

Dow said he is confident that when he goes back to the California Transportation Commission next year to ask for construction funding, the CTC will not fail to give it to MCOG.

Dow said he was proud of a number of things in connection with this grant. Firstly, he said, it was a great project that looked very good when considered along with other grants submitted by other jurisdictions across the state.

Dow added he had held community meetings in Covelo and Round Valley and folks who attended the meeting said they wanted a trail or a path that would run from East Road to Biggar Lane. Dow said he was pleased to be able to write up a grant to give them what they wanted.

He noted the process and timeline for the grant was remarkably speedy. Dow said MCOG adopted the study in February 2014, submitted the application in May, and was awarded the grant in early August.

"It doesn't always work that way," he said.

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