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## New fees for Brooktrails services

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A resolution fixing new fees for water and sewer services, as well as for a host of other services, won the unanimous approval of the Brooktrails Township Board of Directors at its July 28 meeting.

The board did not change the flat per parcel rate for water service, but did change the way water use costs are calculated.

Following a recent state appeals court ruling, Brooktrails junked its incremental, seven-tiered

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## Growers get ready: Legalization brings opportunities and challenges

Jane Fatcher

Contributing Reporter

Local cannabis farmers received some expert advice August 15 from Samantha Miller, president and chief chemist of Pure Analytics testing laboratory in Santa Rosa, and Casey O'Neill, chairman of the board of the Emerald Growers Association and co-owner of Happy Day Farm.

Miller told the group that to survive in the exploding

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## Retirement board report

Ursula Partch

Contributing Reporter

After listening to presentations by two finalists, followed by lively discussion, Mendocino County Employment Retirement Association trustees voted at their August meeting to hire State Street Institutional Investor Services as their custodial bank.

Estimated fees are \$52,000 per year, compared to \$37,000 per year offered in the proposal of runner-up Wells Fargo, although these fees could

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## Apples & Apples, oh pie!

The season for fresh fruit and veggies is in full swing, and apple trees in the Willits valley are loaded with gifts for the giving. These lovely Gravenstein apples covered the branches of three trees and will find their way to becoming dried, pureed into sauces, and baked into pies.

An easy way to enjoy apples? Core and cut up (and peel if you wish) a dozen small apples, toss them in a bowl, and squeeze lemon juice over the top. Add a few handfuls of flour and sugar and a dash of salt and cinnamon. Toss to combine. Place into a greased baking dish. Then, using a few more handfuls of flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt, half a stick of cubed-up cold butter and a few handfuls of granola or plain rolled oats, mix a crumbly topping that will be sprinkled over the apples. Bake in a 350 degree oven until bubbly and browned, and until apples give to the pressure of a knife. Let cool, and enjoy with, or without, ice cream.



Photos by Maureen Moore

## New Howard Memorial Hospital

Expected to open October 15 | Community open house set for Sunday, September 13

By Cecilia Winiger, for HMH

In keeping with the historical esteem of Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital's legacy, it's off to the races to move into the new hospital. The opening date is expected to be October 15.

HMH officially received a "Staff & Stock Certificate of Occupancy" from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development on August 11. OSHPD is required by the state to review all new hospital plans and designs to ensure they meet all special building code requirements. The agency also oversees all aspects of hospital construction.

According to Rick Bockmann, president and CEO of

HMH: "It has been a long time coming, but now we are that much closer to moving in to our community's brand-new state-of-the-art hospital. As you can imagine, this is an exciting time for our employees, physicians and community!"

OSHPD approval means HMH is now allowed to bring people into the building and stock the building as a hospital. One of the next steps is to secure licensure from the California Department of Public Health. "Once CDPH has a chance to thoroughly review our personnel's competencies, we will then be ready to open the

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## No 'harassment' in city's pot policy enforcement

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The City of Willits policy regarding medical marijuana grows inside city limits has not changed. Despite a report that Willits Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman was "harassing" medical marijuana patients without "legitimate" complaints from the public, enforcement of the city code regarding medical marijuana grows remains complaint-driven. And every notice of "public nuisance" put up

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## First 5 paper looks at county's Family and Children's Services

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A just-released "white" paper prepared by First 5 Mendocino largely agreed with findings in the Mendocino County grand jury's 2015 report, "Children at Risk," and has made numerous recommendations on what the county can do to ameliorate the situation.

The grand jury report

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## Board chair urges Woodhouse not to talk to county employees

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According to Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, board of supervisors Chairwoman Carre Brown has asked him not to interfere in relations between the county and its employees.

Woodhouse confirmed he had received a communication from Brown and, in general terms, what the letter was about.

"There was some

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## El Nino: Rain isn't certain

To the Editor:

My name is John Mitchell, and I am the person quoted in last week's article regarding the coming El Nino and the potential for a very wet winter this year. I would like to add some clarification to the article, which I believe mischaracterizes my statements to the Willits City Council on August 12.

In my statement I addressed the most recent international atmospheric and oceanic government agencies' predictions of a potent, perhaps even a record-strong El Nino this year. In previous El Ninos of this magnitude, Willits experienced record rainfalls and this should be prepared for. However, I did not state that there is a certainty that this will occur.

Predictions of rainfall for California this year are complicated by an unprecedented patch of extremely warm water between Northern California and the southern coast of Alaska. This pool of warm water has the potential to divert rain away from the state, but it also has the potential to significantly increase the water vapor available to supercharge coming storms. In addition, it also has the potential to increase the likelihood of "pineapple express" storms coming to us from the tropics. These warm rain storms are the ones which in the past have produced the most severe flooding in our area.

I characterized my analysis of this coming season as follows: there is a 50 percent chance that we will experience a new record rainfall this winter, there is a 20 percent chance that we will experience 120 percent of the record (or greater), and a 3 to 5 percent chance that this will be an overwhelmingly wet winter with 140 percent of our previous record rainfall accumulation.

In 1982 and 1997, the previous two record El Nino years, we had periods of extensive flooding here in the Willits valley. For example, in four days ending on January 1, 1997, a "pineapple express" storm brought 14 inches of rainfall to downtown Willits, with significantly more rainfall in the western mountain range.

In view of the potent El Nino this year and the incredibly warm waters in the Pacific Ocean, I would like to remind everyone to be especially diligent this year in preparation for a season of potentially unprecedented rainfall sometime this winter.

John Mitchell, Willits

## FFA dinner postponed

To the Editor:

Due to the tragic and untimely passing of dear Mr. Randrup, we are postponing our FFA Alumni fundraiser dinner until October 10. We will be giving more information in the days to come. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Sue Clark, Willits

## Highway 20 speed limit

To the Editor:

I cannot believe that a decision has been made to raise the speed limit on Highway 20. Has anyone ever imagined lowering the limit? Have our city officials, county supervisors, and Caltrans decision-makers ever spent a morning, or afternoon, trying to get across the intersection of Highway 20 and Blosser Lane/Coast Street? Has anyone tried to cross on foot in that crosswalk?

I have both crossed and watched in horror as people were crossing there, thinking to myself, "Oh hurry, please hurry; you're going to get hit." I witnessed a lady literally running for her life there, as a car just barreled through the crosswalk.

Does someone have to be killed to make everyone finally slow down there? My dad was killed in a car accident there, a long time ago – so I guess I have pretty tender feelings about the decision that has been made.

Kathleen Ells Lewis, Willits

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Gleaners phone incorrect

To the Editor:

The Grateful Gleaners of Willits are looking for gardeners who have excess produce that we can harvest and deliver to the food bank and other local agencies that serve our community.

Please note that the contact number sent to the Willits Weekly last week was incorrect. Please call 513-9489, and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the types of unsprayed fruit, vegetables or nuts you have. Thank you for your generosity!

Marilyn Boosinger, Willits

## Thank you

To the Editor:

Sharron Kidd and Liz Gardner, co-chairs of Survivors for Relay For Life, Willits, and co-captains of Team High Hopes, wish to first thank all the survivors – around 40 people – for coming to Relay this year.

To the vendors in town who donated raffle items to our survivors and to our team, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Vendors include 1st Nail Salon, Main Street Video, The Stylist, Les Schwab, and Old Mission Pizza.

A special thank you to Anchor Lodge at the Noyo in Fort Bragg, Cap'n Flint's at the Noyo, and the Emerald Dolphin Inn in Fort Bragg for the mini-golf certificate. Carol Deuel won our Fort Bragg package raffle. She's a survivor.

Very special thanks to Carlin Woodhouse for donating materials and time to make a survivor quilt. And to Irene Durigan from the Brooktrails Women's Club for donating materials and time to make another survivor quilt. Carol Deuel won this quilt, too.

A big thank you to the nearly 300 participants and 19 teams that raised a final total of \$45,743.10. All of us from Relay For Life Willits 2015 thank you for making this year a success!

Sharron Kidd and Liz Gardner, Willits

## Vandalism at the Grange

To the Editor:

The Grange is a major Willits community center. We host dances, the winter farmers market and a variety of programs for children, entertainment and education, and we will continue as an active place for community work and play.

We are sorry to report that on the night of Monday, August 17 some vandals took part in vandalism in front of the Grange.

An attempt was made to pry a locked electrical box off the front of the building, which could have resulted in electrocution, or at the very least live wires hanging out of the building. The cover was ripped off a phone box. Some plants were destroyed and damage done to the concrete building.

We are preparing to paint the building – after almost 50 years – to take its place of pride in the Willits community. We are grateful to all of you for your support and our great

community relations with the city, our neighbors and service groups.

We would also like to be part of a "community and neighborhood watch."

The surrounding neighborhood area has become a target for tagging, petty theft from porches and cars, including actual car theft, and also the spray-painting of several parked cars nearby.

What can be done to stop some people from wrecking things for the rest of us?

Beauty and a peaceful place to live is the starting point of a vibrant community. Let's continue to work together to create a place where all are welcome and feel pride of place.

Annie Waters, president, Little Lake Grange, Willits

## School immunization

To the Editor:

As children are heading back to school, the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Officer, Dr. Constance Caldwell, would like to remind parents of the importance of immunizations and clarifying school immunization laws.

You may have heard about a new law called Senate Bill 277 that will eliminate the personal belief exemption in California. Please note that this law does not take effect until 2016, and thus does not affect school entry this fall.

Children entering Kindergarten or seventh grade this year are required by law to have certain immunizations. This fall the law is the same as it was in 2014. Students must have the required immunizations, or have a permanent medical exemption, or have a personal belief exemption that has been signed by their physician.

If students have begun but not completed the required immunizations they may be admitted to school conditionally. You may visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html) for information on immunization schedules from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There are helpful charts on the site that give information for parents and their children.

Dr. Caldwell states: "These immunizations are important to protect our children against several serious contagious diseases, including measles, mumps and whooping cough. Not only are immunizations essential for protecting our own children, they can also serve to protect other children who cannot be vaccinated because of medical conditions. It is called "herd immunity," when those who are vaccinated also protect others who are not, but it only works when a very high percentage of the population is vaccinated."

Parents needing to have their children immunized are encouraged to call their clinic or physician for an appointment. Recommended routine childhood immunizations (0 through 18 years of age) are available by appointment at the Health & Human Services Agency Public Health offices in Ukiah for those who qualify for the Vaccines for Children program. Those eligible for the VFC program include those who are eligible for Medi-Cal or the Child Health and Disability Prevention program and those who are uninsured, underinsured, Native American or Alaskan Native. Please call HHS Public Health at 707-472-2600 to make an appointment.

Submitted by Dora Briley, HHS Communications

## Correction

Due to an editing error, Willits Weekly's August 20, 2015 story, "Engineer warns city of record wet winter," incorrectly presented engineer John Mitchell's warning about a predicted El Nino as a warning about a record "wet" winter. Please see John Mitchell's letter to the editor for a fuller explanation. Here is the lead paragraph of reporter Damian Sebouhian's story as originally submitted:

"During public communication at last Wednesday's city council meeting, John Mitchell, engineer and president of an independent energy efficiency consulting firm, addressed the importance of preparing for the coming El Nino season."

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Above: Scenes from the Kinetic Carnivale at the Rec Grove, including, at right, Dr. Solar.

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Above, left: The Gypsy Time Travelers: "fabulous storytelling with live anvil accompaniment."

Above, right: Krista and Jamie of Circus Maximus, with their boas.

Left: A steampunk stillwalker and friends in fancy costume.

Photos by Peter Armstrong



Steampunks performed for the crowd – onstage and off – at the Kinetic Carnival last weekend in Willits.

Gorgeous costumes, lectures on corsets and steam power at the Tea Room, the syncopated rhythms of multiple bands, "and circus acts woven all the way through" were highlights this year, said Alison Glassey, director of the Mendocino County Museum in Willits, sponsor of the event. Not to mention the food and drink.

"What we've heard from folks is that they like the small town atmosphere, they like the Rec Grove and the trees, and they feel it's a very comfortable situation," Glassey said. "It's what you want a community festival to be."

The educational component is something Kinetic Carnivale wants to expand on, Glassey said: "We want to make that connection between kinetic energy and history, and steampunk being an alternative view of history. That's what the museum is about, presenting history in a variety of different ways."

The dates for next year's Kinetic Carnivale are already set: August 20 and 21, 2016.

– Jennifer Poole

# The Kinetic Carnivale



Above: Two dapper couples stroll the Rec Grove.

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Above: Children this year especially enjoyed the giant rocking horses.

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## Hope Rising: the Rocky/Jerusalem Fire Relief Fund

North Coast Opportunities and MendoLake Credit Union have teamed up to create a Fire Relief Fund for those impacted by the Rocky and Jerusalem fires this summer. Because people's lives and livelihoods are at stake, NCO and MLCU have moved quickly to assemble the managing committee and make fire relief applications available to the public.

The managing committee in charge of reviewing applications and disbursing funds was finalized on Tuesday, and will meet next week to review the first applications.

Anyone impacted by the fires is encouraged to fill out the short application for funding. These monies are intended to help with expenses like smoke damage, loss of personal property, and other expenditures incurred during or after the fire. Applications are available in English and Spanish on the NCO and MLCU websites. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a continual basis until the funds have all been disbursed.

More than \$30,000 has already been raised, with \$15,000 raised in the fund's first week. Money is still being accepted, with several fundraisers being planned by various individuals and organizations.

"Our goal is to reach \$50,000, and with such generous community support we are confident we can get there," says NCO Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Welch, who is serving on the managing committee. "No donation is too small, and we are grateful to everyone who has given any amount."

To donate, go to any MLCU branch and make a cash donation or write a check to NCO (mail to 413 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482) or MLCU (mail to 526 South State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482). Please put "Fire Relief Fund" on the check's memo line.

Savings Bank of Mendocino County recently contributed \$2,500. "We are proud to be a part of a community that takes care of each other in hard times," says Savings Bank Lakeport Branch Manager Susie Robinson. Savings Bank employees are also showing their support by rallying together through an internal donation drive with a match of up to \$500 from the bank. MLCU employees are doing a similar drive, also with a \$500 match from MLCU President Richard Cooper.

For more information on how to apply for funds in English or Spanish, contact NCO Executive Assistant Elizabeth Archer at earcher@ncoinc.org or 467-3210.

– submitted by North Coast Opportunities

be at least partially offset by reduced investment management fees.

Most trustees were impressed with State Street's industry experience, which includes serving 10 of the 20 California county retirement systems operating under the 1937 Act. However, three trustees voted "no" because they were not convinced the benefits of a custodial bank relationship justify the price tag.

"If we hire someone for a job we don't need, I'd rather pay the minimum amount for it," Trustee Tim Knudsen said.

Knudsen was not lured by potentially higher investment returns made possible with a custodial bank relationship, which allows investing in separately managed investment accounts in addition to mutual funds.

"I was never so happy than when we eliminated the last separately managed accounts and went all to mutual funds," Knudsen said.

Trustee Ted Stephens did not see a significant risk in operating without a custodial bank, and objected, due to the bank fees.

"We have had a fantastic growth in expenses and unfunded pension liability, much more so than the growth in assets and investment returns," Stephens lamented. "Our funded status is getting lower and lower. Until this trend reverses, I will vote against any additional expenses."

After disseminating the quarterly investment review presented by MCERA investment advisor Callan Associates, trustees voted unanimously to sell the \$17 million investments held by investment manager Janus Overseas and reallocate the fund balance to other mutual funds holding a combined \$90 million of MCERA's international equities.

Trustees also agreed to move \$7.2 million in investments held by AllianceBernstein to a different fund with the same investment manager. Expected savings in fees from this move are \$13,000.

During general board member discussion, it came to light MCERA had overpaid benefits to at

suggested the main cause in the poor performance of the county's Family and Children's Services Division was due to understaffing, but the First 5 report goes further, making 24 recommendations which, if implemented, would improve the performance of the beleaguered agency while improving the health and safety of young children, the organization claims.

First 5 California is a statewide agency funded by 1998's Proposition 10, which added a 50 cent tax to each pack of cigarettes sold. First 5 strives to "improve the lives of California's young children and their families through a comprehensive system of education, health services, childcare and other crucial programs." First 5 Mendocino is based in Ukiah, and Anne Molgaard is the agency's executive director.

According to the First 5 report, the county's young kids need three main things to be safe: first, a highly functional Family and Children's Services department; second, continuous improvement and vigilant monitoring to protect children; and thirdly, adequate substance abuse treatment for parents.

In order to improve the functionality of FSC, First 5 is seeking more transparency about how state and federal funds are being used to help children. "It remains unclear how Mendocino County is allocating its realignment funds, and we encourage immediate steps toward transparency," the report said.

The report stated "federal and state funds must be strategically leveraged for maximum local benefit," and urged FSC administrators to "maximize our local match. Without careful attention and investment to pursue revenue opportunities, we potentially forfeit millions of dollars."

The report urged the county to increase its efforts to improve employee morale. Part of that effort included increasing the pay of FCS staff workers. The report notes the county has recently agreed to a 5 percent pay increase over a two-year period, which will pay down half of the 10 percent cut county employees took in 2010. In addition to the pay increase, the report suggested expanding the county's training program, growing the county's internal expertise, and turning to outside experts.

The report called for agency-wide annual staff surveys that would "include questions that delve into whether the workplace culture is to fix problems at the lowest level possible, or to hide difficult issues."

First 5 urged the board of supervisors to "monitor progress on staffing through a monthly report that tracks open positions, exits, average length of time to fill a position, etc."

It also addressed a problem noted by the grand jury report: that many employees in Family and Children's Services do not have an adequate education to legally do their jobs, according to minimum standards required by the state of California.

The report urged the county to "improve the educational status of social workers" without

least four retirees because of unspecified errors.

Over the past three months, MCERA had negotiated repayment agreements with the four retirees totaling \$30,000.

Stephens asked when these settlements had been reported to the public, and MCERA Chairwoman Shari Schapmire replied the first three settlements were reported as part of the consent calendar in May and July, and the last agreement was reported and voted on as an agenda item at the board's August meeting.

Stephens attempted to discuss the aggregate loss from these four settlements to MCERA, but was told by legal counsel Jeff Berk that since this was a closed session item, it was not appropriate to discuss the matter in open session. As per Berk, no action was taken in closed session that would require reporting to the public under the Brown Act.

Berk did not answer a direct question by Stephens as to whether a vote was taken in closed session.

The amount of the actual overpayment error remains unknown. The overpayment error, minus the \$30,000 the four retirees will remit, will be paid for by the county.

Also at the August meeting, retirement administrator James Wilbanks announced MCERA was awarded the Certificate for Achievement in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

According to a statement from GFOA, this certificate is "the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting." An important part of the GFOA standards is whether a financial report demonstrates a "spirit of full disclosure" that fully relates the financial story of an organization.

"We are pleased to be recognized for our hard work in this area," said Wilbanks. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work of the MCERA board and staff and their diligent efforts to create a first-rate, professional organization."

sayings how that could be done (especially when the average caseload of a typical eligibility worker in the Family Services division is 730 cases), and insisted "unqualified staff acting in a social worker capacity should immediately receive training and mentorship from experienced social workers, perhaps through contracts with retired social workers in the community."

The report criticized a cultural shift it claims has taken place since 2009, when the county departments of Social Services, Mental Health and Public Health merged to become the county's Health and Human Services Agency.

According to First 5, "FSC has become insular and opaque" since that merger took place. The report urged FCS to "re-establish open and active relationships with community stakeholders and advocates," and to reinvestigate such bodies as the Policy Council on Children and Youth, the Public Health Advisory Council and the board of supervisors' own standing Health and Human Services Committee, which has not met for the past three years.

The report said "those modes of communication with the public partners are proceeding weakly at best, precluding many opportunities for feedback, partnership and continuous improvement."

First 5 urged supervisors to convene regular meetings of the Health and Human Services Committee for at least one year.

The report noted the county's Alcohol and Other Drug Program has "diminished significantly" over the past five years, to the point where "there is currently only one drug and alcohol counselor serving the entire coast."

The white paper stated that "the Family Dependency Drug Court (FDDC) depends on the ready availability of substance abuse treatment staff."

It noted how the county's diminished staffing in all departments has forced FCS administration to play a kind of shell game with drug counseling staff. "Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency transferred two treatment staff to FCS to be readily available to serve FDDC participants. However, those treatment providers have been partially redirected to other programs, and FDDC participants are currently without the treatment providers to operate effectively. With proper FDDC staffing, parents become sober and reunite with their children at almost twice the rate of parents without FDDC support," according to the report.

First 5 Mendocino called on supervisors to "ensure parents have quick access to effective Alcohol and Other Drug treatment throughout the county."

"The First 5 Commission strongly urges the county board of supervisors to take every opportunity to support and improve Family and Children's Services in this county. We call upon the board to make the physical and emotional well-being of our youngest citizens our first priority by implementing the recommendations included herein," the report concludes.

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# A letter from ... The Director of Willits Charter School

Jennifer Lockwood

the school that will emphasize our focus on the arts and sciences. We are so excited for our students to return to a beautiful campus, new sign and faster internet!

We are proud to announce that the Accrediting Commission for Schools once again determined that Willits Charter School met the ACS Western Association of Schools and Colleges criteria for accreditation, and we were granted six-year accreditation status, with a mid-cycle one-day visit, through June 30, 2021. In our WASC report, we outlined many positive changes to our program to increase academic rigor. For example, our Charter School Association of Willits board voted that our high school requirements will exceed the "a-g" courses required for admission into college. We believe in setting up students for success, and want every student who graduates from WCS to have the option of going to either a community college or a four-year university.

In addition to providing a wide variety of creative Friday Academy courses, we will also provide a series of "Response to Intervention" courses that will target students' academic needs in math and language arts. Our Friday Academy program also serves high-achieving students by offering a wide range of courses such as American poetry, psychology, peer counseling, world religions, and honors biology lab (to name a few).

WCS firmly believes that the arts help students develop creativity and allow them to think in new ways. Research has repeatedly shown that students who

participate in art are more successful academically. WCS is expanding our arts programs to include a variety of music courses (drums, keyboarding, guitar), as well as continuing courses that have been very popular at WCS (ceramics, circus arts, drama, culinary arts). Our Friday Academy program is continuously changing to better meet the needs of our students and we are always looking for talented members of our community to teach our students.

WCS is adding some extremely talented staff in the 2015-2016 school year. Emily Apodaca joins us as a sixth-grade teacher in the subject areas of language arts and social studies. Chnae Glassey is coming to us all the way from New York as our new physical education teacher, and Jonathan Van Pelt joins our staff as our new music teacher, bringing with him a wide variety of skills and experience. Cierra Bakewell is not only our new office assistant, but will also teach a music appreciation elective that will be

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The arts are alive and thriving at Willits Charter School!

Willits Charter School is a free, public school for the arts and sciences, serving students in grades six through twelve. The mission of Willits Charter School is to enable students to reach their fullest potential by providing them with a high-quality, personalized education in a safe and supportive environment.

We strive to inspire students to embrace their curious, creative nature and be self-motivated, competent, lifelong learners. We encourage students to become productive citizens who respect themselves, others, community, diversity and the environment.

It is an honor to begin my second year at Willits Charter School. It is an exciting time here at WCS, as we undergo many changes to our academic program as well as to the school's facility.

As you may have noticed, we have given the school a "makeover" by painting and repairing the outside of the school, as well as reworking the school's technology infrastructure to be able to handle more computers and high-speed internet.

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## Thanks to teachers

The Blosser Lane PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) had a little back-to-school gift for each of the Blosser Lane elementary school teachers: A pretty bag with a thank you, a wish for a "great year," a new classroom pencil sharpener, and a gift card to Staples. To keep up with the Blosser Lane PTO, check out their page on Facebook. (Photo courtesy Jennifer Drew).

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Good Luck Ladies!!! From left to right: Cecily 2nd, Kendahl 3rd, Brodey 1st, Charley 4th, Courtney 6th, and Amarah 7th.



Aidyn McFadden, 4th grade, Willits Charter School.



Big 2nd grader Kylie Alvarez.



Braydan (5th grade) and Rylee (4th grade).



Colton, McKenna, Jack, Ryann & Tanner: "Believe in yourselves and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you greater than any obstacle." - C.D. Larsen. We love you guys and hope you have the best year, with great memories and successful challenges. We love you. Dad (Steve) & Mom (Shailyn)



Carmine and Devonte Guevara ready for a great year of 1st grade and Kindergarten!



Have a great year in 3rd grade Sam! We love you.



Jessie - ready for learning and fun at BGMS.



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Chloe Nunez: Wishing our dearest, sweet girl, Chloe, a fantastic year in First Grade at Willits Elementary Charter School. You aced Kindergarten and made many friends to boot! You learned an incredible amount last year, so keep up the amazing work. Many blessings for another great year! Papa, Mama and brother love you soooooo much!!!



Luke and Nora are ready for the new school year! Luke is in 2nd grade, and Nora gets to go into a new class at her preschool. We are so proud of the two of you, and we love you.



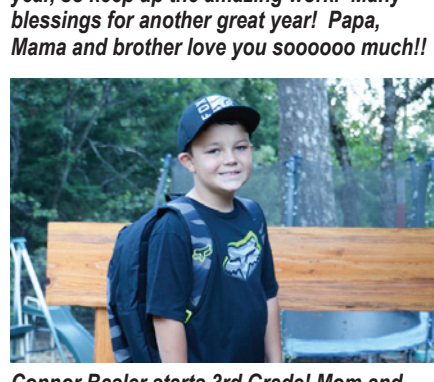
Riley McFadden, 2 years old, Room to Bloom Preschool.



Great summer! Now, hope everyone has a great school year!



Ivette Vargas, Room to Bloom Preschool



Connor Basler starts 3rd Grade! Mom and Dad are so proud of you Bubba, we love you bigger than the sky!



Great summer! Now, hope everyone has a great school year!



Dane McFadden, 4 years old, Room to Bloom Preschool.



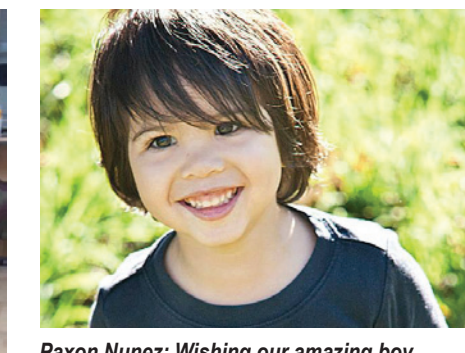
Owen Sabastain, BGMS.



Trenton, going into 8th, and little sister Mariah starting Kindergarten.



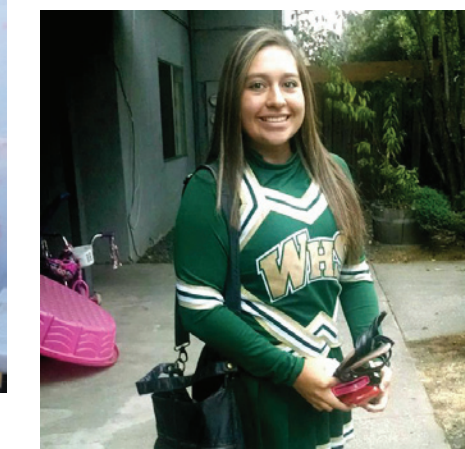
My love bug's first day of preschool!



Paxon Nunez: Wishing our amazing boy, Paxon, a wonderful year in preschool at Mendocino College Child Development Center. You are a kind, generous, super-intelligent and strong boy, and we are so proud of you! Many blessings with all your new friendships and with all the learning you have in store. Papa, Mama and sister love you sooooo much!!!



Nishae Valente Gamboa, Instilling Goodness, Kindergarten.



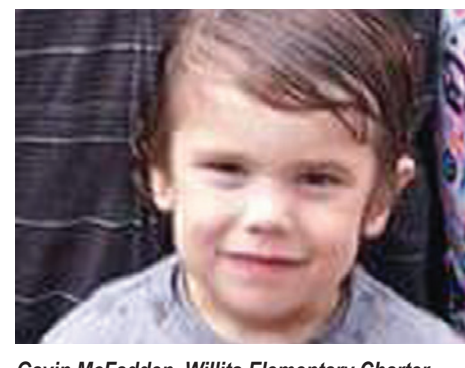
Danielle Campbell Have a great Sophomore year and good luck with cheer, volleyball and softball.



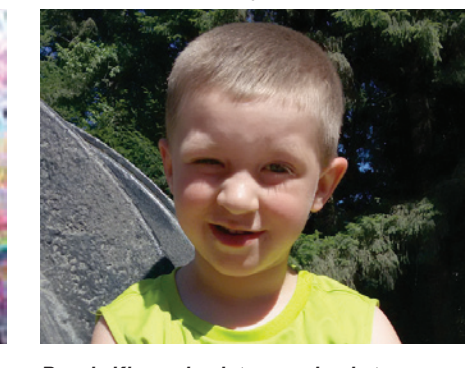
1st Grade rocks! Have fun Jakoby. Nana and Grandpa Jim



Good luck Chris and Ryan.



Gavin McFadden, Willits Elementary Charter School, 2nd grade.



Rowdy King going into preschool at Brookside.

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A letter from ...

## The Director of Willits Elementary Charter School

Kara McClellan

Project-based learning takes center stage at WECS! The Willits Elementary Charter School is a free, public Kindergarten-5th grade charter school for Willits and other local school district students. Our primary mission at WECS is to foster a love of learning through a challenging academic program that includes inquiry-based learning, Spanish language development, outdoor and physical education, and the arts. Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 1, beginning at 8:30 am. The WECS faculty looks forward to welcoming our many returning families and all of our new students!

WECS has always had a commitment to project-based learning, but teachers are now poised to take a huge step forward to more fully incorporate PBL over the course

of the upcoming year. Seasoned Kindergarten teacher Ashley Sherf has been appointed as the school's PBL coordinator. She will work with all WECS teachers throughout the school year to create a school-wide system of meaningful project-based work for our students. As research has shown, we continue to see the most impressive growth in core academic skills through the inquiry process.

Like PBL, our portfolio development has taken a huge stride forward in sophistication and scope. WECS has used portfolios in the past. However, this summer, lead teacher Cristina Balthrop, together with her colleagues, has greatly refined and improved our portfolio process. Portfolios serve many purposes, including ensuring that we are tracking student learning in ways that far transcend test score data.

We are delighted to continue our performing and visual arts program. Our visual arts program is taught bilingually by our Spanish teacher and core teachers. This year, we plan to add a mural component, which will include a "mural walk" around Willits, studying great muralists such as Diego Rivera, creating student-designed and painted murals, and hopefully working with a local professional muralist to create a large mural for our campus.

Emily Apodaca (a.k.a. "Ms. A") is also

## College-bound?

See your counselor!

Back to school! It's August 2015, and time for college-bound seniors to start their college applications. Students can begin the University California application and the Private University Common Application as early as August 1. The early August application start date can be helpful for some seniors, but I recommend a later start and a relaxed approach.

Start by scheduling a meeting with your high school counselor first. Most of the application deadlines this year are November 30. The entire college application process takes time and thoughtful reflection by parents and students. Communication with your high school counselor is essential. Seeking a high school counselor's advice and help will reduce the stress and enable all to enjoy the process.

There are different terms used in the college application world, and the language can be confusing. Terms like ACT, SAT, SAT2, CSU, UC, A-G, AP, will have crept into our seniors' vocabulary by early fall. This may lead to more new terms that can be a challenge for both parents and students. Students will be discussing essays, personal statements, GPAs, the FAFSA, Cal Grants, "My UC Application," "CSU Mentor," "The Common App," and needing an FSA ID. It's important for both parents and students to take an active role to learn what these terms mean, and keep track of the various steps in the application process.

When asking about explanations of all these steps, a common answer we might hear is: "It's on the web." Just because it is on a website does not necessarily mean we understand it, or how to use it, or its importance. That is when we turn to our high school counselors for help with the college application process. From the development of college lists, to completing letters of recommendation, listening, and guidance, our high school counselors will help our seniors submit their college applications.

My advice for seniors and for parents of college-bound seniors is to plan early. Make an appointment with your high school counselor as early in the school year as possible. To all educators, thank you in advance, for all of your hard work.

Bob Colvig, Ed.D. is a former high school counselor. He currently provides assistance to schools, parents and students, through college application workshops. He can be reached at colvigconsulting@gmail.com, or through his website www.colvigconsulting.com, or via Facebook.

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# Heroes at the library

Willits Summer Reading program ends with a party

"Every Hero Has A Story" was the theme of the Summer Reading program at the Willits Library this year, featuring programs by local community heroes as well as stories from around the world.

Jennifer Poole  
Editor & Reporter  
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According to statistics provided by Willits Librarian Jill Dorman, there were 713 attendees to this summer's 13 programs, counting kids and adults, and 120 young readers signed up to log their summer reading and to earn prizes.

Enzo Vaccaro was one of those summer readers, along with his sister, Sofia, who attended the Summer Reading party on August 15. All of the books he read this summer were his

favorites, he said, but two books he mentioned were "Star Wars" and "Scooby Doo," and he really enjoyed July's "Live Bat Show!" Sofia's favorite book was "Scary Stories To Tell in the Dark," and the whole family read the classic "Little House on the Prairie" together mom Erin Vaccaro said.

"I love to read," said Grace Aguilar. "I've been reading chapter books since the first grade. It's fun. I read every chance I get. I like mysterious books and books with battles, lots of gatties." Right now, one of Grace's favorites is the "Dragons in Our Midst"

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Above, from left: Library volunteers Wendy Copperfield, left, and Jenna Wells. Readers and volunteers from the Willits Library's Summer Reading program stand in front of the book boards, showing off stars and book "awards" for each young reader. Back row, from left: Josh Coletti, Wendy Copperfield, Jenna Wells, Ben Coletti and Grace Aguilar. Front row, from left: Sofia Vaccaro, Damian Reiter, Alex Titus, Sawyer Early and Ava Mucke. Ava Mucke and mom, Bekka Mucke, with their "Every Hero Has A Story" prizes and capes.

Above: Kaya, left, and Damian Reiter both like the library's train set.

At right: The Vaccaro family: Enzo, Erin and Sofia. Far right: Damian Reiter, in Batman regalia, with one of the books in his favorite "Fly Guy" series.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



# Canning Demonstration

Veteran canners Mary Fonsen and Kara Garman show the basics

Anyone wanting to brush up on their canning skills or learn the basics had a chance to stop by Willits Power and Hardware last weekend, where Mary Fonsen and Kara Garman held a free canning demonstration. Held from 10 am to 2 pm, the demo gave attendees the opportunity to see the process from start to finish.

Fonsen and Garman have been canning for family and friends for years, and were happy to share their knowledge with those interested in learning the process. Garman's favorite thing to can? Pickled jalapenos and beets, which is great on salads or straight out of the jar. Watch Willits Power and Hardware's Facebook page for info on the next class. More info: 459-6420.

Lots of beginners wanted to know what supplies

they would need, and they were directed to a canning kit that contains a funnel, jar lifter, magnetic lid lifter and bubble popper, along with, of course, jars and lids, and the Ball "Book of Home Preserving," which has "all the info you will need to learn canning!"

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—Maureen Moore

Above: Mary Fonsen, at right, and Kara Garman can away during the demonstration.

At right, top: Kara stirs the salsa verde on the outdoor stove. At right: Kara spoons the cooked mix into the sterilized jars.

Below, from left: Sliced jalapenos are ready for the jars, which were first filled with garlic and peppercorns. Below, at right: Mary fills jars during the demonstration.

Photos by Maureen Moore



The rest of **Library** | From Page B6

series. Grace was a volunteer this summer with the Reading Program, and she read "Wolves of the Beyond" to Ava Mucke.

Ava and her mom, Bekka Mucke, attended the end-of-summer party, too, with their "Hero" capes and masks on. Ava said she really liked listening to "Wolves of the Beyond," and that her favorite book she read herself was "The Magic Tree House."

Damian Reiter and his little sister, Kaya, were also regulars at Summer Reading. Damian fondly remembers meeting Ashes the Arson K-9, brought to visit the kids by Brooktrails Fire Department Fire Chief Darryl Shoepfner. But his favorite books were the "Fly Guy" books featuring a boy named Buzz who makes friends with a fly.

Young Kaya, prompted by mom, did a little twirling as remembered some of the countries represented in the dance around the world

The rest of **Astrology** | From Page A4

learning does not come quickly. Do not expect quick rewards, but do expect those rewards to take two years, and at the end you will really have something of great value to you and your future.

The equinox on the 23rd of September is at 0 degrees of Libra and at 0 degrees of the North Node, moving towards the center of the sun. This is about discovering the essence of your soul, and it is time to embrace what you came on the planet to give as your gift. Leave the past behind, and move towards what you came on the planet to do. Your old story is not longer interesting to others or even relevant.

Mars going into Virgo also says it is time to get to take care of your body, health and your life work. You will want to create new daily rituals that allow you to find a new and more energetic balance between your life and your work.

On the 27th of September, we have the Lunar Eclipse in Aries, and some of you might feel a need to take a risk around relationships, whether they are intimate or work-associated relationships. Something will become

program: Japan, South America, Australia, Africa and Mexico.

Volunteer Jenna Wells helped at every Summer Reading event this year, except the week she went to Disneyland! "I love to volunteer here," Jenna said. "I like to keep busy and meet people." At the party Jenna was helping adult volunteer Wendy Copperfield to hand out special prizes, like pencils, stickers and magnets.

Ben and Josh Coletti, librarian Dorman's sons, helped clean up after the party. Ben said his favorite book — "I re-read it this summer" — was "Robinson Crusoe." He said he can't stand math, but figures liking to read will help him achieve his career choice: to become a lawyer. Younger brother Josh disagrees with Ben: "Math is good!" he said. But he also likes to read, and enjoyed "The Indian in the Cupboard" this summer.

illuminated about where you are to take a risk. And that risk is to bring your life back into some form of balance, service and compassion. So you can see that it is a very full month, with a lot of shifts happening in a progression and flow.

As always the cards reflect a similar and yet slightly different angle of perception. Resolution is in the air, and the old conflicts and aggressive patterns are no longer serving you. The conflict is seen, felt and observed in a way that can be shocking and sickening when you see your own reflection and distortion in the words that leak out of your mouth. Sometimes we need to be shocked in order to drastically change, and the cards show that the old pattern is finally dead. Your soul is asking to be released from this painful manner so that a powerful healing can happen.

The suppression of your authentic self has reached a place that is no longer acceptable, and the only choice is to evolve the energy and bring it back into the place of love and appreciation. There is a force of earth energy

Friends of the Willits Library sponsored 10 of the 13 Summer Reading programs, and bought the prizes and free books to give away at the party, which also featured crafts, ice cream, cake and healthy snacks purchased by FOWL. "Readers may still come in for books and prizes through the end of August," Dorman said.

Dorman was children's librarian at the Willits Library until earlier this year, when she became head librarian for Willits. The new Willits children's librarian, Benjamin MacBean, started work last week.

In other 3rd District library news, a new group, the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library, is gearing up for their Charter Membership Drive Kick-off and Book Sale to benefit a future Laytonville library station at the Laytonville Art Walk on September 26.

that is aligning you with the crystalline core of this planet, and it is realigning you into a new synchronicity. It is time to listen to the information being transmitted through the earth into your very being.

This is a month of coincidences and strong feelings that are guiding you to your larger purpose. As you vibrate you will attract those with a similar vibration to you. Do not allow the mind to over-interpret or misinterpret the information. Allow the energy to have its own natural evolution. There is a perfect timing — all you have to do is allow that unfolding to happen naturally.

Looking at these cards I can't express enough how much it would help to be outside and in the flow of the weather, so that you can become more conscious of the messages coming your way, and to create the stillness and silence to be able to interpret them from a calm center and peaceful acceptance.

Suzanne Wigner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts throughout the United States. She is the author of "Integral Tarot" and "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. For more information: visit www.suzwagner.com or call her at 707-354-1019.

The rest of **Dance** |

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when she began, and has ended up teaching her own grandchildren at the studio. "What a blessing!" she said. "I feel so fortunate to have been able to teach something I loved doing." Ferri-Taylor wanted to thank her husband, Brian, for his support, which made her studio possible.

For more information, check the Willits Dance Academy page on Facebook or contact Ford at 978-8154 or tara@willitsdanceacademy.com.

The rest of **Lockwood** |

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available to both middle- and high-school students.

WCS participates in the National Student Lunch Program and cooks brunch and lunch for our students right here on campus. We offer culinary arts courses where students participate in creating healthy meals using whole grains, proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables. We also offer a free tutorial after school where students may receive assistance from a credentialed teacher until 4:30 pm.

School begins on Tuesday, September 1 at 8:25 am. We still have openings in a few grades, so please don't hesitate to call for a student application. We sincerely look forward to meeting new families as well as greeting our returning students. Enjoy the last days your summer, and we will see you soon!

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New owner Tara Ford, at left, with Kathleen Ferri-Taylor, who is retiring from Cloud 9 Studio.

# Cloud 9 Studio to become Willits Dance Academy

After 30 years of teaching dance to children in the community, Kathleen Ferri-Taylor of Cloud 9 Studio is retiring. The studio will continue in "the capable hands," Ferri-Taylor says, of Tara Nicole Ford, under the new name "Willits Dance Academy."

Ford was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, and attended Tacoma School of the Arts, studying modern dance, ballet, hip hop, photography and theater. In her youth, she competed in gymnastics, and later became a coach and teacher, as well as teaching ballet and tumbling for Metro Parks of Tacoma.

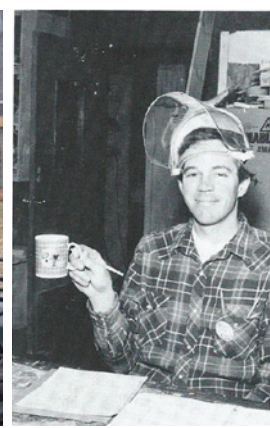
Ford continued her studies in dance at Seattle Community College and then at Mendocino College, where she choreographed two pieces and danced in seven pieces for the college's 2015 Spring Dance Concert. Creating those dances, Ford said, sparked her passion for teaching choreography again. Ford will also be introducing new classes this year such as technical jazz, creative ballet, street jazz for adults, and cheer dance.

"I love working with kids," Ford said. "Helping them grow and learn new abilities truly became a piece of my heart. I am very excited to be taking over Cloud 9 Dance Studio."

Ferri-Taylor began teaching "creative movement for little ones and art for children" in 1985, through the Willits Recreation Program, and moved to the Grange, Room 7, two years later. As the number of her students grew, and additional teachers were added, the studio moved to Room 9 and became Cloud 9 Dance Studio.

"Before I knew it," she said, "I had the children of former students coming into the studio to take classes!" Ferri-Taylor taught her own children

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From left: Greg and Peggy on one of their European vacations.

Greg and daughter Jennifer.

Greg and his granddaughters, Ella and Alissa.

The classic Randrup look, circa 1990.



# Remembering Randrup

What can one even begin to say to encompass all the impact one man had on so many lives? The devastating news of Greg Randrup's unexpected passing last Thursday has left family, friends and his huge herd of students in a dazed shock.

During his 31 years at Willits High School, Randrup connected with thousands of students, encouraging, influencing and harassing in that special way that only he could do. Let's assume that on average over his time at WHS, there were 20 students per period, seven periods per day, for 31 years; that's 4,340 students who were lucky enough to have Randrup be a part of their lives.

"You bonehead!" could be heard in response to a perfectly reasonable (or unreasonable) request, usually always accompanied by a laugh and grin, and everyone knew the flick of the wrist in the forward motion above his head was the official go-ahead sign, recognizable from across the room and over the roar of saws.

His class was like the reverse Home Economics. All the guys were there, so all the girls in the know were thrilled to be teaching assistants and get to learn to build things, too ... like the hand-crafted and routed-edge bench, painted with a chicken motif, that still sits on my porch to this day.

Even after he retired, Randrup was always a dependable presence at the fairs, cheering on past students (and in recent years, their children!), checking out the sheep, and giving advice. He and his wife, Peggy, would attend the Future Farmers of America banquet dinners and buy goodies at the dessert auctions to raise money for the club, including Randrup's expected-to-be-there favorite: oatmeal raisin cookies.

He was impossible to follow, lumbering over fences, gates and obstacles with his 90-inch inseam, but he was always game for helping promote agriculture and the ranching lifestyle, including posing for a photo shoot, axe in hand in a field full of turkeys, for the 2014 Willits Weekly Thanksgiving edition.

As one who was lucky enough to call Randrup "Greg" – not normal for many teachers – I considered him a friend, mentor and a great part of this community. I want to thank Peggy and his daughter Jenn for sharing Greg with all of us for these past years and allowing us to be lucky enough to be a part of their lives, too.

I'll miss you, Greg. Say "Hi" to Princess for me.

– Maureen Moore, former student

*Below are some memories from others who were proud to have Greg Randrup be a part of their lives.*

**From Chuck Davison, former WHS principal:**

The phone call I received early in the morning was shocking and sad: Greg Randrup, retired teacher from the high school, had suddenly passed away.

The shock of this news had a very devastating effect on me, as I considered Greg to be a very close personal friend.

I remembered first interviewing this great big, friendly, young candidate for the agriculture science/shop teaching position at Willits High School.

Luckily, I was smart enough to hire Greg on the spot, and he not only became a wonderful teacher, he became a friend: of the community, of students and of animals, as well as a friend to all who were fortunate enough to come to know him.

It was very hard for Greg to say no to someone asking for help. I remember going into Greg's shop class and seeing it overcrowded with students and projects. I would say to Greg, "This place is going to be a disaster if you don't clean up this mess," and Greg would say, "Yes I need to do that," with a big, boyish grin. It rarely got cleaned. All these projects were very important to the students who had started working on them.

When you opened the door to Greg's classroom, you were subjected to banging, clanging, sawdust, welding sparks, and various other sounds of a very busy shop class. Every once in a while you may even have heard the big guy say lovingly: "You bonehead." Then he would go over and help the struggling student with his project.

The shop rarely got put in order, but it was always full of very eager students who looked up to this loving, caring teacher.

Greg Randrup left a legacy of respect, love and friendship that permeated not only his classrooms: His legacy will be felt throughout the entire Willits community for many years to come.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Peggy, Jennifer, and all the Randrup family during this devastating loss.

**From Ashtan Bloomquist and J.D. Redhouse:**

Whether he was purchasing feed for his flock or stickers for his granddaughters, Greg Randrup always came into our store with a smile. He'd call us by last name as he came through the door with a smirk on his face, eager to ask, "How's it goin'?" For most of us, our relationships with Randrup started at Willits High, where he'd often walk about with a large stick in his hand and a Ticonderoga in his front pocket. Many generations of boneheads looked up to Greg, as he was both a friend and mentor to his students. We'd love to hear the phrase, "Let's roll!" come out of his mouth, because it meant we were setting out on another unforgettable adventure with our irreplaceable ag teacher!

**From Robert McKenzie, former student:**

He loved sunflower seeds and taking gum from kids. If he saw you with gum, he would ask where you got it, and then say: "Give me a piece." Hall passes were either a sheet of sandpaper or a chunk of wood, and he would just sign it with a big "G," no matter what it was.

**From Michelle Tobin-McCoy, former student:**

He always had sunflower seeds in his mouth, and the ag truck floor was covered in them.

**From Kandi Lundgren, former student:**

I was in the ag woodshop class, and I was cutting out a piece of wood on the band saw, and Robert McKenzie bumped into me and made me cut the tip of my finger off. Mr. Randrup called us boneheads, put a Band-Aid on my finger, and sent me to the office.

Mr. Randrup was always helping us kids with the animals on the ag farm. One winter the hogs got out of the ag farm, and Mr. Randrup and some of the boys from ag class were chasing them down the creek under the ag bridge.

Mr. Randrup would always give us sheets of sandpaper for our hall passes, and one year someone was going around sanding symbols on the lockers and the sides of the buildings. Amy Ford and I were joking around with Mr. Randrup about how it was us, and we started to call ourselves the "Sandpaper Bandits." Even though it really wasn't us doing it, Mr. Randrup wouldn't let anyone go to the bathroom anymore, so we had to beg him to let us go. Eventually when the rogue sanding stopped, we were all allowed to use sandpaper hall passes again.

**From Amy A. Ford, former student:**

Mr. Randrup's daily uniform consisted of a flannel shirt, Wrangler jeans, glasses around his neck, a face shield on his head, and a Mendo Mill apron around his waist, which would hold the sheets of sandpaper he would give us for our hall passes. He constantly had a yardstick in hand ready to chop anyone who was being a "bonehead." On the days when he would wear his rubber boots, he would store his yardstick in the side of one boot. He was always whistling Christmas songs, no matter what time of year it was. I especially remember him whistling Christmas songs in class during roll call.

At fair, Mr. Randrup was always there with us kids, making sure we had our animals ready and sending us into the show ring one by one. Even while we were in the show ring, he was constantly walking around us kids, making sure that we had our animals set up properly. It was as if he was a sheep dog, constantly herding us kids around like his flock. He was always happy-go-lucky, and he was there to help us kids no matter what.

One night our sheep and goat got attacked by stray dogs out at the ag farm. Mr. Randrup was down at the school late at night with the vet and us kids, making sure the animals were OK. He loved the animals as much as we did, and he was always making sure that we took good care of our animals.

I haven't spoken to Mr. Randrup in years, but that doesn't change how much he meant to me or what a positive influence he was during the time when he was in my life. And although I never had the opportunity to tell him that, I'm sure he knew it. I think that's the beauty of a dedicated teacher: They impact so many students in such a positive way and never require any recognition for it. Mr. Randrup will always hold a special place in my heart.



From top: Greg at the 2014 FFA dinner.

Peggy and Greg enjoy cake on their wedding day.

Greg in his coaching (and beard-wearing) days at Willits High School in 1981.

Greg and his turkeys. Photo shot for Willits Weekly in November 2014.



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