

Congratulations Column



Camdyn Turns 1!

Camdyn Charlie Ward would like to thank everyone who came to his birthday bash! Camdyn turned 1 year old on August 31st.

In Loving Memory



Anna Louise Murray

In Memory of Anna Louise Murray. May 14, 1960 - September 19, 2000. It has been 13 years since you left us, but you are in our hearts today and everyday. We love and miss you Mom. Love, Your Daughters

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At left: Winners and judges of the Apple Pie Throwdown, front row: Kathy Shuster (won for perfect crust) and Brianna Tyler (won for best filling). Back row: Susan Jackson (overall winner), Evelyn Persico (People's Choice winner), Emandal hostess Tamara Adams, and judges Holly Madrigal, Kathryn Sterngold and Lori Dorholt. Not present: winner Blake Tiggerman (most aesthetically pleasing)

Below: the winning pies, from top to bottom, made by: Evelyn Persico, Susan Jackson, Kathy Shuster, Blake Tiggerman and Brianna Tyler

Photos by Jennifer Poole

Cowboy songs and apple pie

at Emandal – a Farm by a River

It was the perfect day in the country Sunday at Emandal Farm for the annual "Not Just Cowboy Poetry" event. A couple hundred people, locals and visitors, enjoyed the lovely weather, the gorgeous surroundings, and the great entertainment. Not to mention the delicious apple pie and homemade ice cream. Twenty-nine apple pies were entered in the 3rd annual Apple Pie Throwdown, by far the largest number so far, said hostess Tamara Adams of Emandal.

Musical headliners The Sons of the San Joaquin sang classic cowboy songs like "Tumbling Tumble Weeds," "So Long to the Red River Valley" and "Cool Water" in harmony. They started their first set with an original tune, "From Whence Came the Cowboy," a beautiful song about the multicultural origins and history of cowboys, with names of legendary and everyday cowboys "whispered" into the mike between verses.

"We're happy to be here," said Lon Hannah, who makes up the core of The Sons with his father, Joe Hannah, and his uncle, Jack Hannah. "We enjoyed the ride up here... until we got to Willits. Then we got lost." Emandal is 16 miles northeast of Willits, out at the Eel River.

"I'm just so grateful that were able to get the Sons of the San Joaquin," Adams said. "At 80 years old, they are getting up there. They really made an effort to get here, and they did such a lovely job."

Judges for the apple pie contest were veteran Kathryn Sterngold of SugarKat Kitchen, Lori Dorholt of Ardella's Downtown Diner, and Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal. The judging was not a quick process, with 29 pies to choose from for "the perfect crust," "most aesthetically pleasing," "most delectable filling," and "best over-all apple pie."

Susan Jackson (pie #26) won the overall award; Kathy Shuster (pie #18) won for the perfect crust; Brianna Tyler (pie #5) won the best filling award; and Blake Tiggerman (pie #9) won most aesthetically pleasing. Tyler and Tiggerman are both interns at Emandal this summer, and Tiggerman is the first male to win an award in the pie contest.

The coveted People's Choice Award winner was Evelyn Persico (pie #4).

"It was splendid," Adams said, "an incredible day in the country, in this beautiful Mendocino County: a celebration for the people and the place, our little haven by the river."

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Willits Public Library and Willits Daily Bread.



Above: The Sons of the San Joaquin

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for Supervisor

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My current focus has been increasing manufacturing and business in Mendocino County. I plan to continue my work localizing our economy to strengthen our community.

The active campaign will be launched in December, and I remain extremely focused on navigating the City of Willits through this challenging and exciting moment in its history. I welcome your continued support. To reach me, call 707-841-0612

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