

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Please join us

To the Editor:

An open letter to the Operating Engineers Union and other builders of the Willits bypass: the members of the Willits Environmental Center urge you to halt the construction of this Caltrans-designed bypass and join with us in designing a different bypass solution to the traffic congestion on Highway 101 in Willits.

We began this process several years ago and already have conceptual designs, from which we could begin work immediately. Our proposals would be far less damaging to the natural resources of this valley; would require skilled union laborers; could be attractive; and would be useful to the Willits community as well as to interregional travelers. This could be a design for the future, where natural beauty and natural resources are actually honored and retained rather than simply run over or pushed aside.

We have asked Senator Noreen Evans to facilitate this collaboration between the union workers and the environmentalists of her district. We think that she would agree that such a collaboration could be a dramatic shift toward building the much-needed sustainable infrastructure projects which the State of California claims to support.

We have asked our elected officials and others to investigate the cost of compensating you and the contractor for the costs of halting this project while a more appropriate project is designed. Please join us in urging Senator Evans' active participation in this collaboration.

We look forward to working with you.

John Wagenet, Save Our Little Lake Valley
Ellen Drell, Willits Environmental Center

Thanks for the help

To the Editor:

I would like to "Thank" the men in the little red truck, and my neighbors on Hearst Road, the Austins, who assisted me in getting my car off the road.

The men, with the help of the Austins, pushed my car up into the Austins' driveway, until my husband could pick it up. Mrs. Austin was kind enough to give me and my groceries a ride home - even the ice cream made it. Thank you all very much!

Lorraine Patton, Willits

Uncomfortable position

To the Editor:

The Greek military hero, Pyrrhus, is probably best remembered for the epithet named after him which is still being used today: the Pyrrhic victory, defined as the single-minded pursuit of one battle, only to lose the ultimate war at great cost and little or no gain.

Such in my opinion has become the issue of the diehard environmentalists fighting Caltrans over the bypass already underway. There is no doubt that accusations can be thrown at and by both sides, but somewhere in the middle is the truth that cannot be avoided: There will be a bypass. It will be constructed as Caltrans sees fit, and what remains for those passionate supporters of an alternate (or indeed, no) route is to look at what can be done and turn their attention to what can be accomplished.

People wedged into trees or stitchers while supporters hurl obscenities and feces at those in law enforcement who are mandated to uphold the law will not only cause potential injuries to themselves and others, they will also escalate the cost of the inevitable bypass - a burden that will be placed upon the shoulders of all taxpayers regardless of their personal, political or environmental beliefs. The minority has every right to free speech and all that it implies or includes. The majority have their rights, too.

Over the last couple of years in particular, I, like many

other Willits residents, have found myself in a rather uncomfortable position when it comes to discussing the bypass. The issue has progressively polarized the community into "For" and "Against," in sharp contrast to the essence of Willits which has as long as I've lived here (21 years) been an embracing environment for a wide diversity of people and views. A community divided serves no good purpose for anyone.

When the proposal for an asphalt batch plant just south of Willits reared its ugly head, I, along with many others, embarked upon an active and stridently vocal protest against the proposed plant, which would absolutely cause environmental damage not only to the ecosystem but to people's health and safety. At this point, it is unclear if our efforts will ultimately be enough to stop the plant, but we continue to fight the good battle.

Life is not always about winning, and sometimes the perceived "loss" is merely a function of Fate beyond our control. At what point do the current bypass protesters become victims of their own myopia and, dare I say it, unintentional arrogance? If we cannot solve the problem, should we not be looking for new ways to become part of the solution?

Determine which battles are most important and focus on those. Are there ways to relocate endangered species? It's been done before in other parts of the country, even elsewhere in the world. Why not here?

What about focusing on how to make Willits more of a destination community, perhaps a retirement community, which would help everyone in Willits? Why not focus on many of the local pot growers who are anything but medicinal, instead of beating one's head against the dangerously entrenched growers on public lands where access is nearly impossible? Many of us live in areas and even neighborhoods where our "neighbors" are absolutely growing for profit, many of those affiliated with drug cartels. I am not referring to the oft-discussed "mom and pop" growers who are simply exercising their rights under the law.

There are so many wonderful people in this town. There is so much talent and wisdom among our residents. There is so much natural beauty all around us, and we are blessed. We may not have to fear the pollution of places like the South Bay or L.A., but we are being polluted nonetheless by noble thoughts taken too far and smoke which most assuredly will lead to fire.

Nancy Ellis-Bell, Willits

First Amendment

To the Editor:

The other day, I had a rare treat - a wonderful heart-to-heart talk with a dear old friend who disagrees with me about the Willits bypass. One of the many branches of our conversation was prompted by her statement that people have a constitutional right to protest. I think some other folks may have the same idea.

While the First Amendment protects speech and assembly, there is no constitutional right to trespass and engage in civil disobedience, ignoring police officers' orders to leave government property. I have been a criminal defense

lawyer for 20 years. I do not specialize in First Amendment law, but I know the basics. No one has a constitutional right to go on private or public property without permission and disrupt activity there.

The First Amendment guarantees the right to free speech, free assembly, and to petition the government for redress of grievances. Bypass protesters have every right to speak, to lawfully assemble with each other, and to petition the government for redress of grievances - i.e., to file a lawsuit to stop the bypass, which they have done.

With a few exceptions the First Amendment prohibits government interference with speech based on its content. You can't lawfully threaten to kill someone or yell fire in a crowded theater. But you have a constitutional right to say that you think the government is wrong or you want the president impeached or you want a road construction project stopped. You cannot constitutionally be punished by the state for speaking your mind.

The government can't control the content of speech, but it can impose reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of expression. So the government can prohibit protesters from occupying a particular public place at a particular time. It cannot prohibit all protest against a bypass or against police misconduct or gay marriage or abortion or any other issue. The government must treat all viewpoints equally in regulating the time, place, and manner of protests.

The fact that property is owned by the state does not mean that everyone has a right to go there and disrupt the business going on there. Even though it's public property, you can't lawfully enter a courtroom or public school classroom or city hall office and interrupt to make a speech about whatever issue you feel passionate about, never mind chain yourself to someone's desk and keep them from working.

The right to free expression is not absolute. It must accommodate other legitimate interests - i.e., the government's interests in orderly court proceedings, effective classroom instruction, and ministerial duties - i.e., a county clerk's office issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. If right-wing protesters tried to occupy a clerk's office to protest gay marriage and disrupt the issuance of marriage licenses, they would likely be arrested. I don't believe any court would hold that the protesters had a constitutional right to disrupt the lawful business of a county clerk's office. Similarly no court would hold that the bypass protesters have a constitutional right to trespass on Caltrans' construction site and disrupt the lawful business of its subcontractors.

Trespassing is a crime. Resisting arrest is a crime. Escaping from police custody is a crime. The First Amendment has nothing to say about such crimes. A gathering on someone else's property, including the state's property, without permission is not a lawful assembly protected under the First Amendment. And it is not a defense to prosecution that the protester felt morally compelled to break the law.

I hope someone finds this information helpful. If you want to read more, Wikipedia's articles on the First Amendment and various subtopics linked there are pretty good in my opinion.

Randi Covin, Willits

Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits

Congratulations Column



Top: Helen Oglesby, or "Helper Helen" of the Fruit Group, helps a customer with her boxes; above: Brenda Lewis holds a jar of canned peaches from Fruit Group fruit; below: Customers of the Fruit Group wait to check in and pay for their boxes of fruit

Photos by Maureen Moore



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Time to Can!

Bulk fruit available through local co-op: the Fruit Group

Willits' Brenda Lewis decided to take on the task of supplying Willits with bulk boxes of pesticide-free fruit about six years ago when her predecessor of 30-plus years, Carol Alt, became ill and asked if Lewis would take up the torch.

Lewis had been buying from the Fruit Group for years, as it was the most affordable way for her to can in the quantity she desired and to make fruit leather with her dehydrator - sometimes at 20 pounds of fruit per leather batch.

"I love to make the fruit leather," explained Lewis. "I will make it with any kind of fruit I can get my hands on - even savory versions with tomatoes!"

Seeing the possibility that she, and many others in the North County, would lose this 35-plus year source, she decided to take on the task of facilitating the sales and distribution of the boxes to community members in the area.

The fruit gets picked the day before delivery just down the highway in Cotati. Some fruit also comes from Santa Rosa, Sebastopol and a few slightly further locations, but Lewis noted that essentially, the Fruit Group customers are supporting local growers while getting great quality fruit. The truckers, the growers, and the customers are all working as a co-op, to the benefit of all.

Yellow and white freestone peaches, yellow and white freestone nectarines, apricots, tomatoes, apples, pears, and even pluots sometimes, are all options for purchase through the co-op. Depending on what is looking ready, various options are available throughout the delivery season, which will end this year in mid-September.

Deliveries are made once a week to the area. Interested persons need to call Lewis and order what they want ahead of the deadline - usually about a week in advance - and come to the cul-de-sac on Robert Drive to pick it up. Lewis asks customers to park at the curb, walk over and pay for their pre-ordered fruit, then get back in the car and drive over to get loaded up with their order.

"It really helps with traffic and pedestrian issues if we can use this system," explained Lewis. "We don't want to block traffic or driveways for the businesses there either."

The next delivery will be on Thursday, July 18, and anyone interested in placing an order needs to do so by tomorrow - Friday, July 12, by calling Lewis at 459-9335.

The Fruit Group has a classified ad in Willits Weekly each week with the available items, the weight of the box, and the cost for each. Make sure to keep watch as apples and pluots become available, in mid-August, Lewis hopes.



Marissa Greene turns 18 TODAY!

Happy 18th Birthday Marissa! We love you! From Mom, Eric, Evan, Nora, Grandma and Papa.



Josh Dumber's Birthday tomorrow

Happy Birthday Josh! So happy you're in our lives! Love, Kratos & Roxie ... (and Greg, Judy, Maureen, Brent and Jessica, too!)



NEWBIE
Ayrhie Jayde

Born on June 29, 2013 at 2:35 pm to parents Ashton Bloomquist and Jake Whitehurst. Brother Kaleb, 6, is already in love with his new sister. Grandparents include Darlene Bixler, DeDe Whitehurst and Steve Bloomquist, and great grandparents include Verlan and Hank Strock and Peggy Bloomquist.

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In the Stars...

ARIES
Mar 21 - Apr 20
Someone you just met can help you to make the most of a difficult situation, Aries. It shouldn't take too long for you to get back on track and into a groove.

TAURUS
Apr 21 - May 21
Taurus, make sure you assert yourself more in an important meeting this week. Asserting yourself can help you get ahead at work. Otherwise, you may get overlooked.

GEMINI
May 22 - Jun 2
Gemini, take the initiative regarding a big project this week. Others might want to take the lead, but trust your instincts and take the bull by the horns.

CANCER
Jun 22 - Jul 22
Cancer, take time this week to finish all of those little projects that have fallen by the wayside. Take advantage of some free time to catch up and clear your slate.

LEO
Jul 23 - Aug 23
Negotiations will be especially rewarding this week, Leo. Your suggestions are readily accepted, and you do not have to persuade others much at all.

VIRGO
Aug 24 - Sept 22
Virgo, nothing is free in life, so don't get fooled when someone promises that you will get something without having to work for it. It's in your best interest to keep working hard.

LIBRA
Sept 23 - Oct 23
Libra, you have strong opinions, so don't be afraid to have your voice heard. People will be receptive to your views, even if they border on the philosophical.

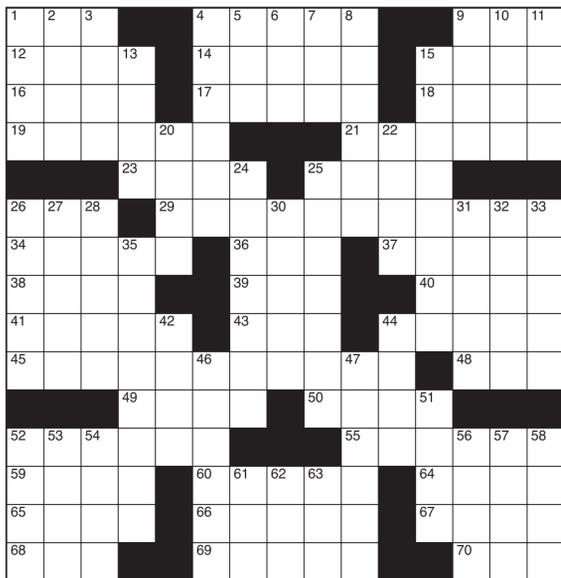
SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23 - Dec 21
Sagittarius, don't worry about a nagging suspicion that you will receive bad news this week. Keep yourself busy so you aren't sit around worrying unnecessarily.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22 - Jan 20
Someone new to your social situation has you feeling a little suspicious, Capricorn. You're not sure if you can trust him or her just yet. New facts will come to light this week.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21 - Feb 18
Aquarius, take some time this week to further hone some unique abilities that set you apart from others in your group of friends. You will soon be able to showcase your skills.

PISCES
Feb 19 - Mar 20
Pisces, there are a lot of curious people around who want to learn about what you're doing. Let them in to get some external perspective.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Br. University town river
 - Wasting of a bodily organ
 - London radio station
 - Olive family plants
 - 24th Greek letter
 - A bottle that contains a drug
 - A fused explosive device
 - Polish air show city
 - Swedish rock group
 - Trail a bait line
 - Next to
 - Spiny pasture wire
 - Apulian capital city
 - Oahu lookout Nuanu
 - Cathode-ray tube
 - Woodbine vine
 - Bigger than rabbits
 - Sailor
 - Equalled 15 rupees
 - Object worshipped as a god
 - Point midway between E and SE
 - Indonesian islands
 - Afflicted
 - A way to soak
 - Stitch closed a falcon's eyes
 - Capacity to resolve a riddle
 - The Science Guy Bill
- CLUES DOWN**
- Ty, "The Georgia Peach"
 - Am. century plant
 - Microelectromechanical systems (abbr.)
 - Matador
 - Doctors' group
 - Supporting a road
 - Consciousness of your identity
 - Brazilian ballroom dance
 - Supports trestletree
 - Baseball's Ruth
 - Sheathed or covered
 - 13th month of ancient
 - Polite interruption sound
 - Visual receptor cell sensitive to color
 - Armed fighting
 - Member of U.S. Navy
 - Dull sustained pain
 - Gives birth to horse
 - Coke or Pepsi
 - Its ancient name was Araxes
 - Former US gold coin worth \$10
 - UC Berkeley School of Business
 - 3rd largest whale
 - Negligible amounts
 - Explosive
 - Hebrew calendar
 - Swollen or knotty veins
 - Dashes
 - Slyptic
 - Performing services temporarily
 - Affected by fever
 - Sprouting figurine pets
 - NY's ____ City Music Hall
 - Best-known Kadai language
 - Louis XIV court composer Jean Baptiste
 - Wipe out information
 - Moves to a higher place
 - Author Roald
 - Auld lang ____, good old days
 - Made stronger: ____ up
 - Throws lightly
 - Components considered individually
 - Bleats
 - A unit of area
 - Citizen of Bangkok
 - Water travel vessel
 - Ardu
 - Earth's rotation direction
 - Paddle
 - Honorable title (Turkish)
 - Bachelor of Laws



Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Bass Tournery

Fundraiser fishing event for Willits Youth Football



Contestants in the 5th Annual Cougar Bass Classic: standing, left to right: Charles, Randy McDonald, Neil Orr, Billy Arms, Jacob Arms, and Mike Frahm; sitting: C.J. McGrew, left, and Russ Rountree. The fishing contest, a fundraiser for Willits Youth Football and Cheer, was held on June 1 this year, at Scout Lake at the Wente Scout Reservation.

Billy, a coach for Willits Youth Football, and Jacob Arms, a player, won 1st place. Mike Frahm and Charles took 2nd place; and C.J. McGrew and Russ Rountree took 3rd place.

"The fishing was good this year," said Matt Rountree of

Willits Youth Football. The 80-acre Scout Lake, created 50 years ago in 1963, is known for good largemouth bass fishing. Winners were judged on the total weight of their team's top 5 fish.

Willits Youth Football has another fundraiser for this year's season (which starts August 1) coming up soon: a golf tournament at the Brooktrails Golf Course, date still to be arranged.

Beef Barbecue



The aroma of barbecuing beef wafted across the Rec Grove on July 4th, enticing tired parade watchers to feast in the shade, while listening to music and chatting with friends.

Beef roast, salad, corn, garlic bread – and the popular cowboy beans – were prepared by BBQ chair Darryl Buzzard and his huge group of volunteers.

"We really want to thank everyone for all of their help," said June Sizemore, treasurer for Willits Frontier Days. "It takes a tribe to make this event happen."

Sizemore and Marlene Brown were at the front of the line taking tickets, and the Rotary Club of Willits, along with many other community members, helped serve the meal.

This year the BBQ seemed a little lighter in numbers, however; perhaps due to the heat, or the mid-week time, but everyone seemed to be having fun, enjoying the food and getting ready to watch the rodeo which followed.

COLUMN | Trending



Looking for "Like" in all the wrong places

Searching for your latest "Like"? It may or may not be on Facebook, but depending upon your sensibilities, you may want to more mindfully evaluate some of the newest manifestations of "connected" tissue. In the human body, connective tissue joins all parts together in an optimally functioning organism. In the greater world of cyberspace, some of those connections might turn out to be more skewed toward the "disconnect," or negative side.

In the world of nature, mother cats and other furry mammals lick their newborns' eyes. First, in order to help the newborn kittens see their new world, and then later in order to clear away particles of dirt and other detritus. It's a nurturing, necessary process. Apparently Japanese pop culture is embracing its feline side, with young adults licking each other's eyeballs in a gesture of ocular intimacy.

Of course, those images have gone viral and reached the hallowed halls of both internet and television media. People laugh, people wince, but the oriental version of Pandora's box has already been opened, and we now have images that our retinas won't soon forget.

For those with a scientific bent, you'll recall a small structure at the base of the human brain called the Reticular Activating Process (RAP). The RAP works in concert with our visual perception of the world, and can actually be stimulated, or in worst-case scenarios programmed, to become more aware of certain images.

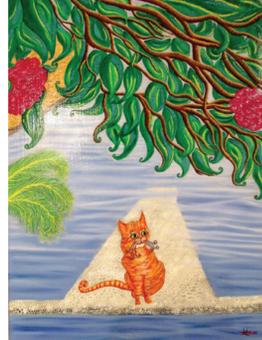
Let's say that you decide to buy a new Prius, and that image is front and center as you embark on your auto quest. Suddenly you seem to notice a Prius wherever you go.

Coincidence? No, it's your RAP in high gear. You have subconsciously "programmed" your brain to be on alert for that particular car. Those images which the media displays as trends are also imprinted, some more than others. Fluttering eyelids have been loosed upon the world.

Another new trending image is that of female friends doing boudoir photos for themselves. Once again the media has picked up on this image and planted it into our psyches via the RAP. Do the suits on advertising's mecca, Madison Avenue, really use science to ramp up our senses for financial gain? Probably not: but like the government listening to our supposedly private conversations, the control still rests with us. We still control the buttons; we still control the lens.

Late night, prime-time television is another example of choosing what images we leave on our lenses before we fall asleep. I personally make it a point not to watch violent shows too close to bedtime, opting instead for comedy or something light. Your dreams

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At top, from left: Rachel Schroeder, Cynda Valle, Laurel Boschma Miller, Carolyn Carpenter, Robert Permenter, Eloise Toomey and Carolyn Bakewell at Saturday's opening reception. Above: "Richard Parker," by Ashley Alexis Olds. Below: "Sunday Morning," by Carolyn Bakewell. At bottom: "Ute Trail Motel," by Carolyn Carpenter

In living color

Works by Cynda Valle's 'master' students

Seven "master" artists graduated from instructor Cynda Valle's painting class this summer, and their accomplishment was celebrated at the reception for the "2nd Annual Masters' Exhibition" Saturday at the Willits Center for the Arts.

"Willits has more artists per capita than anywhere else," Valle said. "I can't believe how many wonderful painters I've had in my class."

Each of the graduates got a beautiful boutonniere with a pink lily at the reception; some of the exhibitors are also continuing students. Most of Valle's students – mostly women – are "of a certain age," she said: "Our class motto is 'If not now, when?'"

The colorful work in the show is almost all "realistic," in the sense that the oil and acrylic paintings depict real things: still lifes, landscapes, people, instead of abstractions.

Carolyn Bakewell, art teacher at Willits High School, is particularly fond of a still life she painted, "Sunday Morning," that uses many colors to depict a delicate red coffee cup and an apple, and their reflections in a toaster. "I love to look closely," the artist's note hung next to Bakewell's paintings reads. "And better, I love to discover beauty in the tiniest thing."

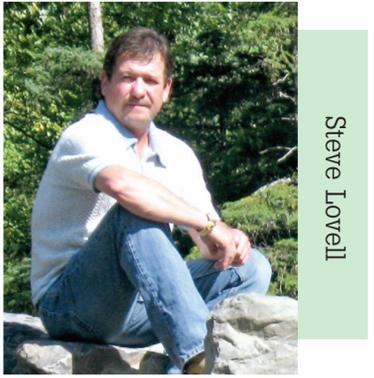
Carolyn Carpenter's work includes big vibrant paintings of flowers, a blue peacock with "Something on his Mind," and a dramatic portrait of the real-life sign for the Ute Trail Motel, in Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado. "Painting drives me mad," Carpenter says in her artist's note. "I'm addicted. I love every minute, even the maddening hours when I hate my work. Art saves my life."

Painter Rachel Schroeder, a continuing student, says "I'm the newbie," and that Valle is her first painting teacher. She and her husband stopped in to the Center for the Arts last summer and met Valle: "And that's when the magic happened," Schroeder said. She started painting class that September.

In his artist's note, Robert Permenter, the only man in Valle's current class, writes: "Painting is the whole damned thing." Permenter's pieces include a traditional still life, "Life is a Melody," featuring a potted plant, a banjo, a blue glass butter dish and a rose, but also "Who's in Charge?" showing a monkey with a bear-like face sitting in front of a canvas, while various Permenter-like figures cluster around behind him. "That one's about the id," Permenter said. The other "Permenters" are "all very well-meaning," Permenter said, "but they should leave him alone."

Suni Laura Berry's work includes a California vista of a beautiful pond with pink water lilies in the foreground and conifers and colored sky in the back, but she's also showing a series of lobster boats and New England "cottages" she painted after visiting the Maine fishing village of Stonington last

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OBITUARY

Steven Daniel Lovell, 56, died on June 30, 2013 in Wasilla, Alaska. He was setting up a jump for a dirt bike run, when he was thrown from a piece of heavy equipment he was using and was crushed as it ran over him.

Steve was born August 21, 1956 in Petaluma, California. He attended Yreka High School from 1969-1973 and attended Anchorage Community College from 1986-1987, where he served as Student Body President. He moved to Alaska in 1978 and resided in Glenallen and Anchorage until he moved to Wasilla in 1987.

Steve was employed by Bishop Trucking from 1978-1985 and was the Vice President of the General Commodities Division. He was the owner of Valley Diesel and Marine for 25 years in Wasilla. Steve was a Golden Eagle NRA member and a member of Montague Methodist Church. He was also a Gold Level Contributor to 4-H, included in Who's Who of American Jr. College Students 1986-87, and served as a Wasilla City Councilman from October of 2012 until his death. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and his Harley.

This has been a tragic year for the Lovell family. At the end of May, Steve's son, Shanon, who had been missing since October, was found in a Palmer area lake. A service for Shanon was scheduled for the end of this month, but under the circumstances, the family has planned a double service for both Steve and Shanon at 1 pm, Tuesday, July 9, at the Curtis Menard Sports Complex in Wasilla. Steve's uncle from Upper Lake, Pastor John Dye, will be officiating. Steve served his country in the United States Army from 1973-1976 and will be commemorated with military honors.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Frank R. Howard Foundation, Garden account, 44 Madrone St., Willits, CA 95490.

Steve is survived by his fiancé, Jolene Hester of Wasilla, son Clayton Lovell of Willits, daughter Cindy Lovell of Germany, adopted grandson Cyross Lovell of Wasilla, granddaughters Jamie and Emily Lovell of Germany, granddaughters Marissa Lovell of Anchorage and Genesis Lovell of Wasilla, father Gordon Lovell of Roseville, grandmother Jayne Harrah, mother Margie Handley, brothers Ron and David Lovell, and 10 nieces and nephews, all of Willits.



Anniversary of Passing

One year ago today, Virginia "Ginny" Ann Moore passed away in her home in Willits surrounded by family and friends, including her husband, John, who was there holding her hand. You are still in our hearts, and we miss you every day. Services were held in March, and family and friends came to celebrate her life. Thanks to all who helped and attended. John is still doing well, enjoying lots of naps, and keeping Lovie the dog company.

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What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits



Thursday, July 11

Shanachie Pub: E.T. Jazz Jam, featuring Lincoln Andrews & Company with improvised genre-spanning jazz music. 8 pm, every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Friday, July 12

Willits Home B.R.E.W. Club Meeting: 7 pm at Anna's Asian House Restaurant. The public is invited to come learn about the craft of home brewing, whether it is to make beer, wine, bread, mead, or kombucha. B.R.E.W. = Brewing Research Engineers of Willits. Visit: <http://willitshomebrew.weebly.com/> Info: 459-1338.

Shanachie Pub: Simple Creation, a foundation of reggae blended with touches of rock, hip hop and dub. 9 pm. \$5 cover. Visit <http://simplecreationband.com>

Saturday, July 13

Reelet Sheriff Allman Party: Join Sheriff Tom Allman for BBQ and live music by Waylon and the Wildcats, "a modern country band with rock and roll roots." Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Dinner: 5:30 pm; music from 7 to 10 pm. \$49 includes BBQ, two drink tickets and music. Advance tickets at 459-0963; a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.



Rotary Club's Lou Celaya, left, and Jerry Myer, right, with chef Adam Celaya at Adam's Restaurant's outdoor patio

Photo by Jennifer Poole

Rotary Club fundraises for Relay for Life team

The Willits Rotary Club is having a fundraiser for its Relay for Life team on Sunday, July 14th from 3 to 5 pm at Adam's Restaurant's outdoors patio, featuring chef Adam Celaya's seafood paella and Vin De Tevis wines.

Celaya's paella de marisco features fresh fish, clams, mussels, scallops, and shrimp from Cahto Fisheries in Fort Bragg. Vin de Tevis winery is located in Dos Rios, overlooking the Eel River, and specializes in red wines.

The Rotary Relay team has about 12 or 13 relayers, said organizer Jerry Myer of State Farm Insurance in Ukiah, and has raised \$1,200 already from sponsors.

The fundraiser also includes a live auction, featuring a six-hour wine tour for up to eight people, aboard the "Wine-A-Bay-Go," a 2007 Mercedes recreational vehicle out of Healdsburg, customized for wine tasting tours.

Other auction items include a case of wine from Shelby Wines, grown and produced by DenBeste Vineyards in Sonoma County, and a private tasting and food pairing for 12 at Sapphire Hill Winery in Healdsburg.

The tickets are \$25 per person, and the event is limited to 50 people.

All proceeds from the 24-hour Willits

Shanachie Pub: debut of Double Standyrd at the Pub, Mendocino County blues/Southern rock and rock & roll band, just played Frontier Days after the Truck Pulls. 9 pm. \$10. Visit them on Facebook.



Sunday, July 14

Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am. Every 2nd Sunday at the Harrah Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pancakes, eggs (any style), bacon, sausage, or ham, orange juice, coffee. \$6 members; \$7 non-members; under 12, \$5.

Monday, July 15

Vacation Bible School for Kids: starts today through July 19, at the Agape Bible Church, with BBQ finale on Sunday, July 21. See article on page TK for details.

Thursday, July 18

Shanachie Pub: Solo coastal guitarist Steven Bates, 3rd Thursday of every month. 6 pm, no cover. "When playing acoustic Bates delivers a fast-paced strumming

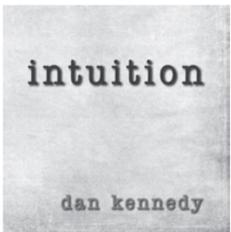


technique that has a rock and roll vibe unto itself." Visit www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician

"In Organic We Trust": an eye-opening food documentary that looks beyond organic for practical solutions: including farmer's markets, school gardens, and urban farms. 7 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School St. Presented by Now & Then Films. Suggested donation: \$5 to \$10. Visit: <http://www.inorganicwetrust.org/>.

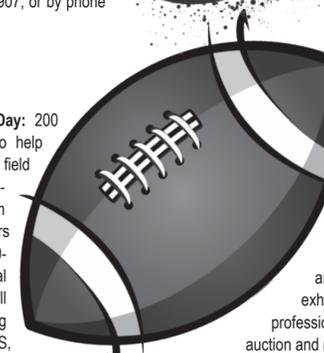
Friday, July 19

Pianist Dan Kennedy: contemporary jazz-influenced pianist at Willits Community Theatre's Guest Artist Series, on tour for his current release, "Intuition." "A classically trained composer and pianist, Kennedy routinely plays coffeehouses, theaters, and house concerts across the country," making a stop in Willits on his way to Oakland. 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Tickets, \$15, at Goods' Shoppe and online at www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/409907, or by phone 459-0895 with credit card.



Saturday, July 20

Football Field Community Work Day: 200 community volunteers are needed to help re-sod the Willits High School football field today. Can't lift sod? Help out as a gofer or bring some refreshments. Team captains who can bring six to eight volunteers are encouraged: call Gordon Oslund at 489-0546. Volunteers, including students and local contractors, have been preparing the field for new sod all summer. With enough volunteers, organizers are hoping to start at 8 am and get the job done by noon. Behind WHS,



Vacation Bible School

The free Vacation Bible School at the Agape Bible Church is set for next week, running July 15 through 19, with a BBQ banquet finale on Sunday, July 21.

"We usually have 100 to 125 kids," said Suzanne Pope, who's helping to organize the week's events. "Our theme is SonCastle Faire, set in medieval times, which explores your individual talents and how to use them." Activities include crafts, snacks, games, Bible stories, dancing and drama, with a king and his bride, jesters, ladies-in-waiting and more.

VBS always has a "mission project," Pope said, and this year, the kids will be bringing canned goods for the Willits Food Bank. Also this year, the church has joined with the Willits Kids Club to offer their services after Vacation Bible School each day. "For \$60, the Kids Club will pick up your children from the church, and keep them the rest of the day," Pope said. Pre-registration for Vacation Bible School is appreciated, but not required, Pope said. To register or for more info: 459-1905.



handle. The Lions Club will do a pancake breakfast, and many other fun activities are planned to encourage relayers. For more info, call Sookne at 354-4219, or check the "Relay For Life of Willits, Ca" Facebook page.

Teams signed up so far include: 1. Body Works 1, Donna Day; 2. Miracles in Motion; 3. Colorful Characters Countering Cancer - Gavel Down Sales & Ardella's Downtown Diner; 4. Fishin For A Cure; 5. Body Works 2; 6. Willits Rotary Club; 7. City Girls - Lisa Epstein State Farm Insurance; 8. Fruit Loops; 9. Team England; 10. Howard Memorial Hospital Team 1; 11. Mendo 4 Life; 12. The Bead Ladies; 13. Mendo Hunnies; 14. Savings Bank of Mendocino County-Willits Team; 15. Team Northbrook; 16. The Kroh's; 17. Willits Lions Club; 18. Lucky Birds; 19. Team Curves; 20. Geiger's Long Valley Market, Inc.; 21. The Scoops group; 22. Studio Joy Willits; 23. Vannngemms; 24. Pizza To Go!; 25. Tulekai; 26. Willits Boxing; 27. Staff; 28. Gaia Energy Systems; 29. Mendo Mamas; 30. Team Lo-Bucks; 31. The Purple Ninjas; 32. Willits Fan Page.



At top: An aerial view of the Willits High School football field; at bottom: the dirt to be donated for the field, under tarps, was excavated from the pile-driving holes along the bypass route



299 North Main Street. Questions?: 489-0546.

Walking Tour of Ridgewood Ranch: Home of Seabiscuit. 9:30 to noon. Docent led tours \$20; children under 11 free. Tours are twice a month through October. Info/reservations: 459-5992; seabiscuit@instawave.net, or www.seabiscuitheritage.org/tourschedule.php.

Charity Poker Run & Tri-Tip BBQ: Diggers Bar, 224 South Main Street. Run registration 10 am; Lions Club BBQ starts at 2:30 p m. Proceeds donated to American Cancer Society. Prizes for Best and Worst Hand; 50/50 raffle. Run and BBQ, \$30; BBQ only \$15. To pre-register, call Kathy at 707-841-7011.

Save the Date:

Willits Relay for Life, July 27, Rec Grove

Girasoles Flamenco, July 29, Shanachie Pub

Redwood Empire Fair

August 1 - 4 at Ukiah Fairgrounds. Carnival rides, building entries and displays from local exhibitors and business professionals, junior livestock auction and more. Info: 462-FAIR



Ongoing Events

Below: "Something on his Mind," by Carolyn Carpenter

2nd Annual Masters Exhibition: students of instructor Cynda Valle, oil painting class, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Painters: Laura Corben, Robert Permenter, Suni Laura Berry, Laurel Boschma Miller, Carolyn Bakewell, Cynda Valle, Carolyn Carpenter, Elaine Toomey, Ashley Alexis Olds, Rachel Schroeder, Polly Palecek, Patsy Chadwick. Exhibit runs through July 28. Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, 4 to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. Info: 459-1732.



Farmers Market at City Park: Summer vegetables, including tomatoes, zucchini, and more from area farmers, plus live music, garden starts, flowers, crafts, baked goods, dinner and more. Every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm.

Kids' Farmers Market at the Willits Library: Produce, flowers, eggs, and more; all grown, raised, and marketed at great prices by Mendocino County kids. Thursdays from 3 to 4 pm, through August 15. Interested in being a seller at the market (no charge) or an adult volunteer? Call: Judith at 463-4153.



Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932

Open Mic at Shanachie Pub: Every Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm.

Willits City Pool Activities: Willits City Pool is CLOSED this week on Thursday and Friday to install new coping around the pool. Water Aerobics classes (\$6; \$5 for seniors; 20-class pass for \$100) at 11 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 6:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Swim hours: Lap Swim: 6 to 8 am, Monday through Friday; Open Swim: noon to 4 pm, Monday through Saturday; Family Swim, 7 to 8 pm, extended to 9 pm if more than 12 people, Monday through Friday. All swimming is \$4/person, with a 20-swim card for \$70.



Half-hour swimming lessons (two weeks of lessons) are offered Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 11 am and 4 to 6 pm. Call ahead to sign up for lessons: \$50 for first child (two weeks of lessons); \$45 for second child; \$40 for all remaining.

Red Cross training starting July 13 & 14. Pool located at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: Damien at 459-7125 (message phone) or 459-5778 (pool phone).

Auditions for '2 Across'

The Willits Community Theatre is looking for a man and a woman to play the leading roles in "2 Across," a romantic comedy about crossword puzzle fans who meet and fall in love while on a BART train. Actors are 40s and 50s, able to credibly portray people who are parents of young adult children.

Janet is Catholic, structured, responsible, uptight and perfect. Josh is Jewish, neurotic, funny and insightful.

The play will rehearse from August to mid-September and will run from mid- to late September.

Auditions will be held at 10 am on Saturday July 13 at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane in Willits. For more information about the play or about auditions, call play director Dick Graham at 459-2305.

Guest Artist Series at WCT

Dan Kennedy in Concert - July 19

"Willits Community Theatre is on the map as a happening place," said Kitty Norris, regarding the popular and successful "Guest Artist Series," now midway through its season, she is responsible for creating.

"This series is an unprecedented opportunity for us all to enjoy world-class international artists in our intimate, professional-caliber venue, in our very special town.... What can beat that?" Norris asked and then answered her own question:

"Not much, unless it is also being part of a small hands-on workshop with one of these award-winning artists in the afternoon before the evening concert."

Up next in the series is Dan Kennedy in Concert, July 19, at 8 pm. Kennedy is a contemporary jazz-influenced pianist who continues his "Follow Your Intuition" 2013 tour here in Willits. Tickets are \$15.

Norris said La Tania's Flamenco performances were the tops for the first half of the 2013 series "for sheer thrills and total fabulousness."

Never one to rest on her laurels, Norris already is working on the 2014 Guest Artist Series. "I'm booking some sensational people. It is very exciting to anticipate what a treat it will be to make space for them on our stage, and in our hearts ... and to expand our knowledge of what is so very exciting in the performing arts world beyond our local geographical boundaries."

There still are plenty of opportunities to enjoy what the Guest Artist Series and WCT have to offer in the coming months of 2013:

August 4, 2 pm - Lomnick & Brewer in Concert: Lively Celtic sounds performed by Scottish fiddler, Rebecca Lomnick, accompanied by David Brewer on bagpipes. \$15.

August 17, 8 pm - Artistry of the Guitar: Fingerstyle Guitar: Ken Bonfield, Steve Davison and Tim Farrell. \$20. Afternoon Guitar Workshop with Tim Farrell. \$15.

August 31, 8 pm - Aaron Larget-Caplan in Concert: A classical guitarist integrating virtuosic fireworks and poetic reflection. \$15.

Info: www.willitstheatre.org or 459-0895.



Dan Kennedy



Racing down Main

Foot race kicked off parade on July 4 in downtown Willits



Top left: #414 Jason Wise of Ukiah, followed by Nicolas Knoebber of Comptche; top right: #440 Jonathan Pederson of Ukiah, #443 Ben Gonzalez of Ukiah and #429 Aaron Colvig of Willits

Above: Skylar Thomas and Kenny Smith make their way to the finish line

Right: #165 Molly Schuman, #415 Ted Smith of Ukiah and #144 Abby Smith of Ukiah; far right: Chris Thomas (father of Skylar and Erin Thomas)

Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com

Even the blistering heat didn't deter hard-core runners who came out to compete in the second annual Willits Frontier Days Foot Race held just before the parade on Main Street on July 4.

There were 63 runners who signed up, a few less than last year's 76, but Race Director Dave Smith assumed that was probably due to the soaring temperatures expected for the day.

"We still had a really excited bunch," explained Smith. "We had all ages of runners, including around 20 or so under the age of 12."

Cold water bottles were handed out to hot runners at the finish line, and the top five runners in each of six age divisions received medals for their efforts.

The five with the fastest times overall included first-place winner in the boys' group Sklyar Thomas, 22, of Fort Bragg, with a time of 4.41, and Kenny Smith, 23, of Willits, with a time of 4.42, took second.

"Those two raced together all through high school," explained Smith. "They are good friends and had a close finish, pushing all the way to the end."

In the girls' group, the fastest time went to Alex Sciocchetti, 18, of Fort Bragg, with a time of 5.34; second place to Erin Thomas, 17, also of Fort Bragg, and little sister to Sklyar, with a time of 5.42, and third place to Korinna Kamoroff, 24, of Arcata with a time of 5.49.

"The girls' group really improved on their times," said Smith. "Last year, the first-place finisher had a time of 6.12"

As coach for the Willits High School cross country team, Smith has more races planned throughout the year for high school students, but he encourages anyone who would like to participate in the community race next year to sign up.

See more photos from the race online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com.

There will always be an England

Death comes from the right (part 2)

Louis Rohlicek
Contributing Writer

When Willits Weekly's foreign correspondent Louis Rohlicek left off, he and his wife, Sally, had just picked up a rental VW Golf from London's Heathrow Airport, for a trip to the countryside...

We loaded our luggage into the silver Golf. The steering wheel was on the right side of the car. That made sense.

We eased out of our parking space.

"Just remember to stay in the left lane. Always drive on the left," Sally sounded a bit tense. I was definitely able to relate to that emotion.

As we were leaving the car lot, I drove over two curbs on the left. "You're too far left," Sally pointed out.

This was an unexpected problem. The positioning of the steering wheel on the right really whacked out my sense of space. I kept edging away from the center lane, even though it felt like I was centered. I drove over another curb.

Focus, focus.

Suddenly we found ourselves merging onto the M25, the immense ring freeway around London. Everyone was driving between 70 and 80 miles per hour. Even the lorries. But just like Mr. Raj the rental car agent predicted, they didn't blow us off the road. That was good.

With Sally as navigator and I as driver, we set off toward the coast northeast of London to visit Sally's favorite cousin,

Gavin, and his wife Charlotte. Gavin is a solicitor, and Charlotte is a painter. They live in a country cottage named Cherry Trees, located in the village of Lower Holbrook. It's a beautiful countryside, and I looked forward to walking the footpaths through the fields around their house.

"You're getting too close to the left," Sally would frequently interrupt my musings, as we drove on the A12 toward Ipswich.

Soon after we started driving, we encountered the roundabouts.

I found the roundabouts a bit nerve-wracking. Designed to eliminate stop signs and traffic lights, they channel traffic through various entrances and exits contained in the roundabouts' rotational flow. As with all other traffic, the cars come from the right. The traffic moves through the roundabout in a clock-wise rotation.

The traffic in the roundabout moves fast. The drivers to your right have the right of way. The drivers coming in on the left have to let you go first.

What if they don't wait? This possibility made me nervous.

Sometimes you have to let a lot of cars go by before you get your chance to join the flow. This is especially true on highway roundabouts, where there is a lot of traffic. On a

few occasions the roundabouts even have traffic lights to direct the traffic.

As navigator, Sally had a particular gripe. "The signs have too much information. How can you read all that writing, when everyone is moving so fast?"

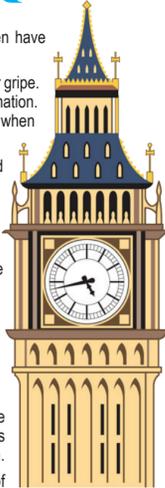
But the roundabouts have one good feature. If you miss your turnoff, you just go around again and catch it the second time around.

I got used to driving the roundabouts, but we never became pals.

After two weeks of driving, I got pretty confident behind the wheel of our Golf. Driving on the left side became manageable. But there had been some desperate moments.

One of those came when we returned to London to visit Sally's nephew, Tristan, and his wife Imogen.

We drove into the outskirts of



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Relay For Life Fundraiser
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Job Opportunity
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Adverse Possession



Marc Komer
Columnist

Homeowners have the right to keep unwanted intruders off their property. People may do this with fences or with signs, or just by asking trespassers to stay away. In cases of serious, repeated annoyance or threatened harm, a landowner can call the police, who will usually warn the person to stay away and, if necessary, make an arrest.

Another kind of trespass is more permanent: using another's property as an owner would use it. If someone drives across your land every day, it is a trespass unless you have granted permission or the driver has a legal right, called an easement, to use that part of your property. A neighbor who puts up a fence 2 feet over the boundary line is trespassing, as is one whose garage has been on your property for several years.

You may be surprised to learn that, under certain circumstances, a trespasser can come onto your land, occupy it, and gain legal ownership of it. The legal term for this is "adverse possession." Through adverse possession, a trespasser can gain ownership of just a few feet of property or hundreds of acres.

When courts look at adverse possession claims, they apply a four-factor test. To qualify as adverse possession, the trespasser's occupation of the land must be: hostile; actual; open and notorious; and exclusive and continuous for a certain period of time.

The word "hostile" doesn't mean that the trespasser rides in on a horse with six-guns blazing. Instead, courts follow one of three legal definitions of "hostile" when it comes to adverse possession:

Simple occupation. This rule (followed by most states today) defines "hostile" as the mere occupation of the land. The trespasser doesn't have to know that the land belongs to someone else.

Awareness of trespassing. This rule requires that the trespasser be aware that his or her use of the property amounts to trespassing (meaning the trespasser has no legal right to be on the property).

Good faith mistake. A few states follow this rule, which requires the trespasser to have made an innocent good faith mistake in occupying the property in the first place, such as by relying on an invalid or incorrect deed.

The second prong of the test that courts apply requires that the trespasser actually possess the property (be physically present) and treat it as if he or she were an owner. This can be established by documenting the trespasser's efforts to maintain and make improvements to the property.

"Open and notorious" means that it must be obvious to anyone – including a property owner who makes a reasonable effort to investigate – that a trespasser is on the land. Examples would be a neighbor who puts a fence up slightly on the next-door property or who poured a concrete driveway 2 feet over the boundary line.

The trespasser must possess the land exclusively and without interruption for a certain period of time.

If you are a landowner, keep an eye on your property. If you suspect that someone has a possible adverse possession claim, check property tax records to see if this person (or anyone else) has made tax payments on the property. To prevent a trespasser from gaining property ownership, you can take the following steps:

- Post "no trespassing" signs and block entrances with gates. Keep in mind that this is a good way to deter trespassers, but in many states the fact that you have signs or gates won't protect against a claim by a trespasser who takes possession of the land anyway.

- Give written permission to someone to use your land, and get their written acknowledgement.

- Offer to rent the property to the trespasser.

- Call the police.

- Hire a lawyer. You may need to file a lawsuit to eject the trespasser. Or you may want a court to order a structure removed from your property. You must act before the trespasser has been on your land long enough, under your state's law, to make a successful adverse possession claim.

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Horseshoe Tourney

Players tossed horseshoes to benefit Willits High School's baseball program

Once a large part of Willits Frontier Days' annual Fourth of July celebration, the horseshoe tournament was brought back to the Rec Grove park this year courtesy of Coach Stephen Summers, who ran the event for fun ... and to fundraise for Willits High School's baseball program.

Sixteen two-person teams competed: first place went to Marty Scribner and Joey Mankinen, who won \$150; second place went to Travis Dockins and Jeremy Sneed, who won \$100; and third place went to Rod Dockins and Daryol Adams, who won \$50.

The game was held at the four pits currently located on the eastern side of the park, and ran from 10 am to 1:30 pm.

Summers thought the event would be a fun tradition to bring back, and also good way to help raise money for the high school baseball teams. Just under \$1,000 was raised at the event, which will go to purchase a net for the newly rebuilt batting cage frame.

"Everyone had a great time," said Summers. "We will certainly be back next year for the 4th, but we also hold tourneys at the ATV Rodeo." This year, the ATV rodeo will be held on September 14, and the horseshoe tourney will start at 10 am, Summers said.

Anyone interested in competing in that contest, can show up on the day of the event or pre-register by contacting Summers directly at 367-2435

Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits

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Splash Zone

Firefighters' water fight cooled crowds on July 3

After enduring the sweltering morning and afternoon on July 3, community members excitedly gathered at the north end of Humboldt Street to watch the annual firefighters' water fight and cool off in the splash zone.

Though CalFire, Laytonville, Fort Bragg, Willits and Brooktrails departments were all invited to attend, the first three were called out on fires, which left Willits and Brooktrails to battle between themselves for the bragging rights.

Two crews were formulated from both departments, and after many rounds of trying to spray the tethered barrel across the opponent's line, the Willits Team "B" took the championship title.



Above left: Little Lake Fire's Deputy Chief John Thomen referees the fight. Above from left: BFD's John Turner, LFD's Will Hinton, BFD's Eli Owen and BFD nozzleman Niko Steffen compete in the round robin event. Below right: LFD's Kevin Reedy, left, and BFD's Robert McKenzie pause after a round at the hose. Bottom: the waterfight in progress next to the hopeful-for-overspray audience

After the official fight, a round robin game started where members from both departments mix together to form new combo teams. Firefighters man the hose and, at 30 second intervals, the whistle is blown. The firefighters then have to rotate their positions on the hose, mid-spray, while trying to defend their line, or spray the barrel back across the opponent's line. This continues with 30-second rotations until one side wins.

"The folks were having a great time watching the round robin event," noted Little Lake Deputy Chief John Thomen. "We try and make it last as long as we can and make sure everyone gets 'cooled off' on the sidewalks."



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calendar, a list of routine items offered for approval with a single council vote.

City Manager Adrienne Moore said an organizational study of Willits now underway indicated the city needed to pay its police chief more. City Hall has not seen the finished report.

In a report to the council, Moore wrote that Gonzalez makes well below market compared to similar jurisdictions, and lacked parity within Willits.

The city and Gonzalez did not have an employment contract, a standard in most organizations, Moore stated.

Born and raised in Willits, Gonzalez started with Willits Police Department in 1987. He has been police chief since 2003.

The police department has seen the debut of a new police dog named Doc in recent weeks and awaits the anticipated hire of a grant-funded officer.

Area residents also may have noticed WPD's new vehicles, purchased with asset forfeiture money. Gonzalez said he sees them as special duty vehicles; WPD is outfitting one for participation in the county's SWAT team, and another for Doc and his handler.

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will reflect your late-night programming choices.

Our psyches become the sum total of all the images we have invited or allowed to enter. Women choosing to pose for one another may be innocuous, but other images will leave behind residue. Some of that residue may suggest or even influence future behavior. We may live in a world of Orwellian "big screens" that come in all sizes, but as stated at the end of each episode in the 1960s series "The Outer Limits": "We now return control of your television set to you."

Nancy Ellis-Bell is a former professor and current literary agent/author who has lived in Willits for the past 20 years. Aside from her passion for the sharing of ideas, she is also addicted to parrots, koi and a garden that just won't stop growing.

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Department of Transportation excluded contractors from using Willits streets without permission from the city.

Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie argued the relinquishment agreement was not the proper place to secure an agreement to use city streets.

Councilwoman Madge Strong brought the agreement to the council during a heated meeting in May.

"I think it's a real dilemma," Strong said. She said contractors using Commercial Street raises issues for residences, business and recreation.

"That was why the relinquishment agreement specified they were not to use city streets without prior approval to begin with," said Strong.

Elizabeth Fison Hudson handles the press for Flatiron, a Colorado firm about 30 miles north of Denver specializing in large-scale projects.

Hudson said Tuesday that Flatiron will not comment on its application for an encroachment permit from Willits.

Frisbie said a haul road is permitted as part of the project. He added Caltrans typically provides some flexibility in its contracts.

Frisbie said the contractor believes that by obtaining a permit to use local streets the project can be completed more efficiently and faster.

A location to excavate fill dirt for the project has not been finalized. In addition to Caltrans' proposed site on Oil Well Hill, contractors are considering using their own location.

Earth-moving activity on East Side Road

Willits Weekly heard multiple reports early this week of major night-time earthmoving activity by Caltrans trucking subcontractors, who were taking soil from the northern exchange area of the Willits bypass to East Side Road near land owned by the Sherwood Rancheria. That earth-moving activity, said Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie, was part of the Willits bypass project, and the soil was not being delivered for use by the tribe.

"That dirt is being stockpiled, because it is a special type of soil that is compatible with Baker's meadowfoam," Frisbie said. "We're scraping up that topsoil and stockpiling it on some property and it will be used in our mitigation project."

Frisbie said the topsoil would be used "to provide a more suitable foundation for the additional plantings of Baker's meadowfoam and other native plants."

Frisbie said Tuesday night was the last night Caltrans contractors would move soil "for the time being." There is one more smaller area that contractors will be scraping the topsoil off to stockpile, about a half day's worth of hauling, Frisbie said, "but we're not sure when we'll get to that at this point."

Frisbie said he hadn't been asked to research who owned the land the dirt was being stockpiled on. — **Jennifer Poole**

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raise the fire tax on vacant parcels from \$40 to \$85 and the tax on single-family homes from \$65 to \$90.

The board also discussed whether to place the measure on the November 2013 ballot, or on some other future ballot.

Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoepner felt the measure should be placed on the ballot of an August 2014 special election. However, Brooktrails Counsel Christopher Neary argued, under that scenario — if the hike was approved — additional revenue would not begin to flow into

Brooktrails until December 2015.

Director Tim Ramming wanted Alternative E to be placed on the November 2013 ballot; all the directors except Rick Williams supported his motion.

The issue will be back for discussion at the board's July 23 meeting.

Over the past several years, several factors have conjoined to render Brooktrails' cash flow inadequate to fully fund the fire department.

In 2012, a fire tax ballot measure failed by a handful of votes. That same year, the county decided to stop making Teeter fund payments to the Brooktrails Fire Department. According to Brooktrails General Manager Denise Rose, the county's move reduced fire department income

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London, bound for the district of Hackney. It was late Friday afternoon, and it happened to be a Bank Holiday, a three-day weekend similar to Memorial Day weekend in the States. The roads were crowded. Lots of stop-and-go traffic. Not a great time to drive into one of the world's big cities.

We crawled into London, following our road maps and Tristan's instructions.

At one crowded intersection, Sally instructed me to turn right. I did.

Then I saw all the cars in our lane, including a red double-decker bus, were barreling toward us. Fast.

I had turned right, but not into the left lane. Fifty-five years of driving kicked in, and I made the big mistake.

Sally's response was considerably stronger than "Eeek."

Fortunately, the Golf was in second gear. I stepped on the gas, and shot us past the traffic island into the left lane.

We lived to tell the tale. I didn't stick around to offer my apologies.

Far less shocking — but just as hair-raising — was driving the beautiful country lanes in Devon. These impossibly narrow lanes are bordered by tall banks, full of colorful wildflowers. The banks make it impossible to see around any bend in the road. There are many, many bends.

Local drivers whip down these narrow roads like there is no tomorrow. Watching them zooming down on us, I'd squeeze to the left (no problem there), come to a virtual halt, and let the oncoming vehicles zip by.

"Why are any of these people still alive?" I asked Sally. She didn't know.

Sally's sister, Kerry, helped me learn to drive the Devon

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Pool
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Danielle Barry

for anyone with information about the crime to call the Willits Police Department at 459-6122.

The post sparked an outpouring of support for the pool — and condemnation for the vandals — across local Facebook pages, with 41 "Shares" by others so far.

It also inspired Willits resident Shailyn Brewer to start a campaign to raise funds to help compensate for the loss. Brewer contacted the City of Willits and got the OK to start asking people to contribute: those wishing to donate can send checks made out to "City of Willits," with "City Pool Donation" in the memo line, to City of Willits, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits CA 95490.

Brewer — along with her family — is also working on putting out jars at local businesses to collect donations. So far (and the list is growing, Brewer said), you can find donation jars at Buttercup's, Monkey Wrench, Tiger Lily's, El Mexicano, Flower Lady of Willits, J.D. Redhouse, Willits Power/Carhart, Body Works Gym, Radical Sounds, Loose Caboose and House of Pizza.

There will also be a non-breakable donation container at the Willits City Pool, starting today.

The city pool "is a wonderful place," Brewer said, "a great place for all ages: for kids, families, grandma and grandpa. And it's keeping our local teens employed."

Brewer's two kids — "My husband and I, between us, we have five kids — go to the pool every day, as part of the Willits Kids Club program. "It's one of the safest, controlled fun environments our kids can go to," she said, "and it's healthy. It gets the kids' bodies moving."

Keep up with the effort to raise funds for the City Pool by checking "Operation Splash," a Facebook page Brewer has created to spread the word. Any business wishing a donation jar can message Brewer via that Facebook page or call her at 972-1669.

by \$89,000.

Rose provided a review of various alternatives for the fire tax increase that also provided a thumbnail sketch of the cash flow situation for the Brooktrails Fire Department. The department, she said, has been operating with a cash shortfall for each of the last three fiscal years. In 2010-11 the department was \$91,806 in the red; in 2011-12 it was \$104,479 in negative country; and for the current fiscal year, it was beneath the zero mark by \$135,284.

Rose said the Brooktrails administration has taken some \$140, 937 from the township's general fund to keep the fire department functioning.

lanes.

"See up ahead?" she'd point. "There, it's wide enough for two cars, so you can drive at normal speed [translation: like a souped-up Camaro at a Nascar racetrack]. But coming up here, it's too narrow. One of you will have to stop, pull over, and let the other go. If you stop, flash your lights to let them know they can proceed."

"You're doing fine," Kerry encouraged me.

Kerry was a good teacher, but she brooked no nonsense.

Once, coming up to a tiny roundabout that looked like it was built for skateboards, I got confused. A car was coming from the right. I gave it the right of way. The car that had stopped on my left looked a bit dodgy to me. I hesitated.

"Go! Go! You have the right of way! It's dangerous to stop." Kerry grew highly irritated.

I could tell my personal stock plunged. Oh well, best not to get overconfident in these strange, faraway lands.

I was not really sorry to turn in my keys to the Budget Car Rental at Heathrow Airport at the end of our trip. The car handled well. We didn't hit anyone or anything. Maybe a few curbs on the left. And except for that one little boo-boo in Hackney, we managed all right.

But I was tired of constantly thinking about not turning into the wrong side of the road. I yearned to drive on the right again.

"You know, maybe we'll take public transportation on our next visit," Sally suggested.

"Not a bad idea," I agreed.

Next: English food and English drink

Louis Rohlicek works as a stone mason and landscape contractor through his business, Capability Brown Landscaping. He has lived in Mendocino County for 40 years. He can be reached at 459-2237.

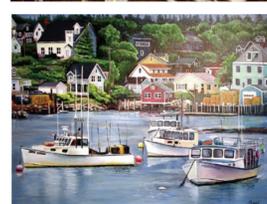
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year. Berry has been painting all her life, she said — "I won a contest in high school to design the flag for Orange County" — but "since I took this class with Cinda this last year, I've jumped leaps and bounds."

Another continuing student in the class, Ashley Alexis Olds, says Valle is "better than any teacher I've ever had. She's taught me to see things; I look at the whole world differently now." Olds has worked with colored pencils, but this is her first oil class. Her two paintings, including "Richard Parker" (featuring the art studio kitty Mr. Crowley, renamed as a nod to the tiger in "Life of Pi," sitting beneath luxuriant tropical foliage), are thick with layers of oil paint that, especially coated with Krylon, sparkle and reflect the light. "Cynda calls that 'the jewelry,'" Olds says, the effect that only happens after the painting is properly "dressed" — or layered — beforehand.

Other artists in the show are graduates Laura Corben, Laura Boschma Miller and Eloise Toomey, and continuing students Polly Palecek and Patsy Chawick.

The "2nd Annual Masters' Exhibition" show continues through July 28 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays, 4 to 7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm. Many of the paintings are for sale; for information: call 459-1732.



At top: "Love in a Mist" by Laurel Boschma Miller; above: a view of Stonington, Maine, painted by Suni Laura Berry

RECIPE | Submitted by Brenda Lewis

Surprise Raspberry Jam

Family and friends will never guess the secret ingredient in this jam — tomatoes! ... and it's just as delicious

- 5 cups chopped fresh tomatoes, peeled
- 4 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 packages, 3 oz. each, raspberry gelatin

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine the tomatoes, sugar and lemon juice. Cook and stir over high heat, until mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 25 minutes. Remove from heat, and skim foam if necessary. Stir in gelatin until completely dissolved. Store in fridge.

CAN FOR THE FUTURE: ladle hot mixture into hot and sterilized half-pint jars, leaving 1/4" in headspace. Remove air bubbles, wipe rims and adjust lids. Process for 10 minutes in a boiling-water canner.

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Above left: a rider tries to catch a calf; above right: a rider holds onto the bull; below: a cowboy makes his exit from the bronc; bottom: the bullfighter distracts the bull so the cowboy can get to safety

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Bulls, Barrels & Broncs

Above and below: cowboys try to hang on to the bucking broncs in the bareback event

See official Willits Frontier Days photographs from all the events at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com

CCPRA showcases professional cowboys and cowgirls

The main event for many Willits Frontier Days fans is the California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association pro rodeos, held on July 3 and 4 each year at the Jack Tharp Arena.

The pro cowboys and cowgirls ride in rodeos all across the state, competing at staying on bucking bulls and broncs, turning and burning around barrels, and roping and turning steer and calves – all vying for points and All-Around titles.

The All-Around winner at the Willits rodeos this year was Dane Lybbert-Browning from Coyote, in Santa Clara County.

Several local riders competed in the CCPRA rodeo, including Redwood Valley's Kenzie Williams in breakaway and Kris Matthews in bull riding; Ukiah's Wesley Fox in bull riding and Karri Bartolomei in breakaway; Willits' Matthew McKemy and Anthony McKemy in team roping, David Wells in saddle bronc, Sarah Caldwell in barrel racing and Michael McKinnon in bull riding; Potter Valley's Kayla Delbar in breakaway and Raeleen Beeson in both breakaway and barrel racing; Covelo's Ashley Smith in barrel racing and Marcis McCarty in bull riding; and Laytonville's Olivia Armstrong in breakaway and Zoe

Geoffrion in barrel racing.

Some local non-CCPRA folks also picked up wins and belt buckles in the local team roping: first place went to Steve Jones of Upper Lake and David Summit of Potter Valley, with a time of 7.7 seconds, and second place went to Walt Niesen of Willits and Marc Lucchetti of Ukiah, with a time of 12.2 with penalties.

A full list of results for the CCPRA standings can be found on the association's website at www.ccpra.com

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A Sweet Treat

What's the best way to celebrate a 125th birthday? With 52 dozen cupcakes! The City of Willits did just that during the Willits Frontier Days barbeque at the Rec Grove on July 4.

Cupcakes were donated by community members, service groups, including the Girl Scouts, and Safeway of Willits donated 200 cupcakes as well.

Sheet cakes were also available to enjoy in celebration of the city's birthday, and all desserts were offered for free to folks enjoying the shade and the barbeque.

"We did run out of cupcakes around 3 pm," said Jaime Wilkes, representative of the Little Lake Firefighter's Auxiliary, who worked the tables at the park. "It was a lot of fun, and people also enjoyed looking at the old Willits Frontier Days photos displayed on the tables."

Another representative of the auxiliary, Alexis Rutherford, noted how great it was that the community came together to help.

"The whole thing worked perfect!" said Rutherford. "It was so nice to see so many people bake and donate to the celebration. It was a really nice community event."



Alexis Rutherford and Jaime Wilkes smile at the cupcake table

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