



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## A Living Heritage Town

To the Editor

There's been talk lately of establishing an identity for Willits that will draw more people and money to our town. More dollars spent locally translates to more sales tax that will let the City not only provide needed services but save towards funding projects recently prioritized by city staff and the Willits City Council.

Suggestions made for an identity don't seem to have aroused much enthusiasm so far. I hesitate to have Willits known as just one specific thing, particularly one from the past, because to me our community today is alive with a diversity of interests and traditions. We still have roots in the past, but those roots have been re-invented over and over as generations mature, new settlers arrive and as circumstances change.

The Old West drew people from all over who were looking for a new life and were tired of the strictures of where they came from. A recent article about Stella James made me think she was an example of qualities from earlier times – independence and self-reliance – that are still alive and compelling today.

In the 1970s and '80s, Willits became the home base for a new wave of settlers looking for those very things. They found pieces of land in the surrounding hills and (mostly) learned how to take care of their land and their own needs. They brought to our community a new infusion of money spent on groceries and building materials – as well as new ideas. And despite some common perceptions, not everyone grew pot. This is only a recent example of the layers of activity and energy that have arrived at our town over the years and have been absorbed into the life of the community.

Willits has so much to offer! Our Western roots are celebrated each year by Frontier Days. Roots of Motive Power gives new life to old steam engines and other steam-powered machinery, while other volunteers work to bring train transport further north. Wovser is providing space for community members to use their creativity and produce useful items, while an annual Makers Faire will inspire the public by introducing homegrown, unique products.

The new Howard Hospital being built mirrors the first hospital, built in 1926, both of them powered by community interest and donations. And like the original, the new hospital is growing food for its patients and staff. Willits Economic Localization (WELL) has been working for almost a decade to help our community become more self-reliant, and has inspired similar efforts in other communities. The first Kinetic Carnival, based on a re-imagined past, drew many visitors to town and gives promise of being a popular annual event.

So how could all these diverse activities be lumped under a single identity? It would take a concerted and coordinated effort by a large number of organizations and volunteers working together to create the publicity and outreach needed to establish that identity. But our community has always

risen to the challenges and needs that present themselves, in an amazing and heart-warming way. And because we would be grouping together a diversity of interests and activities, they should appeal to an even larger diversity of people. I suggest we could call our community a "Living Heritage Town."

Here are a few ideas that might trigger others. The Makers Faire and Car Show in May and the Kinetic Carnivale in September already anchor our summer, with Frontier Days in the middle. In mid-August, Willits organizations might co-sponsor a Farm Tour weekend. Ecology Action has just started holding two-hour tours of its eye-opening Research Garden. That tour could be first on the schedule Saturday morning, with the amazing garden at Ecology Action's satellite site at Ridgewood Ranch open in the afternoon. WELL generally sponsors a local farm tour in August, and it could be coordinated to be scheduled for the next day.

For a small community, we have a surprising number of writers, musicians and artists, as well as the Willits Community Theatre and the Willits Shakespeare Company. How about a "Weekend of the Arts," sometime in the spring or fall, with a tour of studios and working artists? Local musicians could perform at the different venues. There could be an art opening Friday night, and WCT or the Shakespeare Company could schedule one of its plays for that weekend. In fact, any of the times that a special event is scheduled that will draw an outside crowd would be an opportunity for any of the above to create a cross-cultural weekend that would benefit all of Willits.

This is the heart of the matter: taking a close look at our community and seeing that its multitude and variety of people, activities and events are all part of an interwoven whole that create the unique character of our town. Ours is a community full of creative and caring people of all ages and interests, and if this idea – our identity as a Living Heritage Town – catches on, I know the passion and energy will come forth to make it happen.

Mary Zellachild, Willits

## Sold on false pretences

To the Editor:

We're all tired of the controversy. At some point, the bypass will be done or not, and hopefully we'll still be neighbors who care about each other and our community. I, for one, am not yet ready to call it "done." It's only five months into five years of construction (if it is on schedule). Much more expense, irreversible changes and serious unknown risks still lie ahead.

The proposed 4-lane freeway is unnecessary. Population and traffic volumes have not increased for over 20 years. Caltrans' projections of growth and local use of the bypass are faulty, and their claim that the Federal Highway Administration requires a four-lane freeway is outright false.

Of course we all agree we need to relieve the congestion in town, but there are much less expensive, less damaging ways to do that! Potential alternatives –

from restriping Main Street to a Baechtel-Railroad Avenue connection, to developing a limited access two-lane parkway route – should have been pursued before undertaking a four-lane freeway bypass. (I'd

be happy to provide more details on these options to anyone interested.)

Bypass critics argued for two-lane alternatives repeatedly for decades, and Caltrans summarily rejected them. Now Caltrans is building only two lanes, but with most of the impacts of an I-5 footprint. A six-mile stretch of freeway is not needed, not in the best interests of our community, and not worth the huge price tag and environmental damage it entails. Spending \$210+ million for just Phase I so that motorists can save a few minutes bypassing Willits is an obscene waste.

Finally global climate change warrants rethinking the freeway solution. The construction alone will produce 80 to 90 years' worth of the greenhouse gas emissions Caltrans claims would be saved annually by the completed bypass.

This project was sold on false pretenses. I and other protesters are simply asking Caltrans to respect our environment, tax dollars, community and common sense by modifying their unnecessary over-built design. I hope it is not too late to do what makes sense!

Madge Strong, Willits

## Caltrans accountable to no one

To the Editor:

I and three other "protesters" (Ellen Drell, Madge Strong and Julia Frech) met with Malcolm Dougherty, director of the California Department of Transportation, on Tuesday morning, July 9, armed with a PowerPoint presentation. We clung to a glimmer of hope that Dougherty was a visionary leader with the courage to move Caltrans into the 21st century, building environmentally and fiscally responsible projects based on projected need, not on goals dreamed up half a century ago or on redistributing a huge chunk of public money to the construction industry. We quickly learned that Dougherty is no visionary and that he has no intention of moving Caltrans past 1960, let alone into the 21st century.

During the meeting, it became even clearer that the freeway bypass has nothing to do with traffic volume; it will operate at no more than 15 percent of its capacity during peak hours over the next 20 years. This fact was not contested by Dougherty or District 1 Director Charlie Fielder, who was also present at the meeting. Neither was the slightest bit phased by the resulting waste of money and massive environmental destruction.

If nothing else, the Willits bypass is a case study of how the people of California are at the mercy of an out-of-control state agency willing to use whatever means necessary to implement their agenda: duping local politicians and regulatory agencies into thinking that a freeway is actually needed; threatening to build a freeway or go home; blatantly disregarding local concerns; rigging the environmental review process to ensure only freeway alternatives would be considered; and fabricating lies that federal funding could not be secured for smaller, cheaper and less-impacting solutions.

Perhaps the most revealing part of the meeting was that Dougherty saw nothing wrong with this. In fact, he held it up as a model of good business practice used to sell hundreds of other highway projects in California to unsuspecting citizens. Apparently, Caltrans is accountable to no one.

Richard Estabrook, Willits



Volunteer Jordan Scroggins poses with donated baked goods in front of Willits Daily Bread's new energy-efficient refrigerator, bought with a grant from the Community Foundation. The pastries, bagels and bread were donated Monday by Brickhouse Coffee, which has just opened at the corner of Commercial and Highway 101.

## Thanks to the Community Foundation

To the Editor:

Willits Daily Bread would like to thank the Community Foundation of Mendocino County for a grant of \$3,400 to purchase our wonderful new energy-efficient Turbo Air deluxe refrigerator, to help improve food safety and to reduce energy costs.

This grant was one of \$100,000 in Community Enrichment Grants awarded to organizations countywide this year, including grants to four other Willits organizations: the Charter School Association, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, Willits Community Theatre, and Willits Kids Club. This new refrigerator is just one of several kitchen appliances Community Foundation has helped Willits Daily Bread to buy.

I would also like to thank the Willits churches who support Willits Daily Bread, including St. Francis of the Redwoods, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Shiloh Gateway of Worship and the Willits Unified Methodist Church. And thanks to the Church of the Divine Lineage in Laytonville, which gives us enough to fill up our freezer and our pantry every month.

Many thanks to individuals, companies and organizations in the Willits community for supporting Our Daily Bread! We are open Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 pm at St. Anthony's, 61 West San Francisco Avenue, and we serve anyone in need of a hot meal. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1826 in Willits, and those wishing to arrange to donate food can call me at 459-2759.

Mark your calendars for the annual Cowboy Poetry event at Emandal on Saturday, September 14, to benefit the Willits Library and Our Daily Bread. The day at Emandal features music by The Sons of the San Joaquin and the Apple Pie Throwdown.

Cindy Savage, Willits Daily Bread



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# Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits

## Grow UP!

Vertical gardening reaches new heights

Becky Button  
Contributing Writer

If Ron Woolsey asks you to check out his wedding cake, lasagna bed, piece of cake or potato tower – don't grab a fork, grab a shovel.

Community Garden this weekend when Woolsey, a veteran gardener, sculptor and soil aficionado, led a workshop to share vertical gardening techniques. Vertical gardening uses innovative methods to "grow up" when soil or space is limited, and the structural designs can be eye-catching.

"This is a perfect spot for vertical gardening," said Woolsey, referring to the Brooktrails Community Garden. "When this place was a tennis court, it was covered in asphalt and beneath that was 11 inches of gravel."

Fortunately, Woolsey likes a challenge, and he combined his sculptural skills with his green thumb to develop some creative vertical gardening solutions for the Brooktrails garden.

In 2011, the first year of the community garden, Woolsey debuted his "Wedding Cake," a three-tiered vertical garden made of remay and deer fencing, set with drip irrigation and planted with herbs, vegetables and edible flowers. A large, ornamental mullein with elaborate flowering arms was perched atop the structure like a candelabra. It wasn't uncommon for cars to pull over for a closer look, and Brooktrails gardeners got used to fielding questions about the cake.

Aside from being a great conversation starter, vertical gardening is a practical solution when space is limited.

"People tell me they don't have the space to have a garden," Woolsey said, "You can fit a garden in anywhere. All you need is a driveway, a patio or a rooftop."

According to Woolsey, vertical gardening is picking up steam in Japan, where the population is very dense and space is at a



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Above: Ron Woolsey explains how he created his "Piece of Cake" vertical garden; below: the "Wedding Cake" in 2012  
Photos by Becky Button



# Haehl Trail



'Hot August Night!' to benefit trail project

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Members of the Willits Multi-Use Trails Coalition met up Friday at the midpoint on the planned Haehl Creek Trail, behind the Commonwealth Garden on Haehl Creek Drive.

The trail had recently been opened up with a flailer, to better show off the beautiful oak trees and views across the creek.

It is planned as a public trail for recreational users – walkers, runners, bicyclists and equestrians – with a center strip of decomposed gravel and dirt paths along both edges.

The trail is also envisioned as a respite for family visiting ill relatives at the new Howard Memorial Hospital and for patients themselves, as well as an amenity for residents of the Haehl Creek subdivision.

The coalition is planning a big event, "Hot August Night!" to raise funds to build the trail project, on August 10, from 4 to 10 pm at the Rec Grove.

The fundraiser features live music by the West Coast Rhythm Kings and the Blue Cactus Choir, Native American dancing

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## In the Stars...

**ARIES**  
Mar 21 - Apr 20  
Aries, work to strengthen a relationship with a coworker or acquaintance. Developing this relationship now will bear fruit down the road.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21 - May 21  
Taurus, take some time for quiet contemplation this week. You have a lot of things on your mind and need to work through them before you can focus on other things.

**GEMINI**  
May 22 - Jun 2  
Gemini, you may find yourself on a spending spree and it may be difficult to know when to put your credit cards away. Bring a friend along to help you reign in your spending.

**CANCER**  
Jun 22 - Jul 22  
Cancer, with so many big decisions looming on the horizon, you may be thinking of running away from it all. But all of your problems will still be waiting for you when you get back.

**LEO**  
Jul 23 - Aug 23  
Leo, people have been coming at you from all angles and you're ready for a break. Retreat to a quiet place sometime this week and pamper yourself.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24 - Sept 22  
Change of scenery breathes new life into your daily routine, Virgo. Although it may be temporary, you will embrace the opportunities to recharge for a while.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23 - Oct 23  
Libra, a new job may give you a new perspective on life. Make the most of this new perspective and apply it to both the personal and professional parts of your life.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24 - Nov 22  
Scorpio, sometimes people just do not get your sense of humor, so don't be upset if a joke doesn't garner the laughs you anticipated. Your closest companions will still share a laugh.

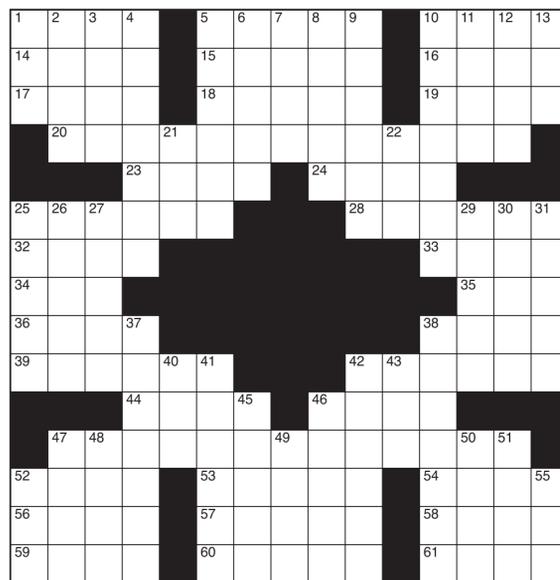
**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23 - Dec 21  
Sagittarius, you will host a house full of guests this week. This role suits you well, so don't worry as the party draws closer and the pressure begins to mount.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22 - Jan 20  
Capricorn, the final countdown until big changes are in store has begun. Are you ready for all of the things you still have to get done? If not, get busy and enlist a few helpers.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21 - Feb 18  
Aquarius, you are often supportive of those around you and they appreciate that support. Continue to be a valued friend and confidante, and you'll be happy you did.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19 - Mar 20  
Pisces, you may have to ask for some help this week. Accept this support and recognize it's necessary to get the job done.

## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Part of a deck
- Georges, French philosopher 1847-1922
- Winglike structures
- Swift Malay boat (var. sp.)
- White poplar
- Ripped
- Dog: \_\_\_ best friend
- Grimes
- Goods carried by a vehicle
- Freestanding cooking counter
- Apiary residents
- Mains
- Paved outdoor space
- Colonial irrigations
- \_\_\_ Ladd, actor
- Point that is one point E of SE
- Fixed boring routine
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Burrowing marine mollusk
- Walk heavily
- Capital of Zimbabwe
- Levity

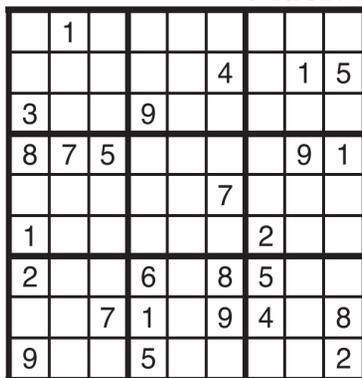
### CLUES DOWN

- Cycles per minute
- Traditional Iraq liquor
- Wife of a rajah
- Holds rubbish
- Ribbon belts
- Double-reed instruments
- Strap used to control a horse
- Schenectady, NY, hospital
- Leaseholder
- Books of maps
- Bird with a laughlike cry
- Little Vienna on the Mures
- The termination of a story
- Executive responsible for operations
- Local area network
- Make thirsty
- Spurious wing
- Invader of 13th-C Russia
- Country legend Haggard
- Superior of an abbey of monks
- Worn and shabby
- Louise Ciccone
- AKA threadworm
- British rule over India
- Induces vomiting
- Hard rind vine fruits
- Grass bristle
- Instrument for weighing
- Source of a special delight
- South American country
- Track for rolling vehicles
- One of two born at the same time
- Samoa capital
- Noisy talk
- Tooth caregiver
- Side sheltered from the wind

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

**JULY 14:** Jane Lynch, Actress (53), **JULY 15:** Lana Parrilla, Actress (36), **JULY 16:** Jayma Mays, Actress (34), **JULY 17:** Luke Bryan, Singer (37), **JULY 18:** Wendy Williams, TV Host (49), **JULY 19:** Campbell Scott, Actor (52), **JULY 20:** Julianne Hough, Actress (25)

### Sudoku



Level: Intermediate



**How To Sudoku:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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COLUMN | Relationships



## Appreciating Each Other, Part II

While most of us probably know how to show appreciation, even the thought of asking for appreciation or acknowledgment might feel awkward and weird. You might say, "Why should I have to ask for appreciation? If I have to do that, isn't the appreciation being coerced?" That is how I felt when I first became aware of this concept. Of course it is nice to get appreciated without having to ask for it.

Let me explain why, with this attitude, you may miss out on something you might enjoy in your partnership and why the ability to ask for appreciation can prevent resentment from building.

We all are very busy with our life challenges, and we are not always as present for each other as we would like or need to be. Most of us cannot read our partner's mind, which I believe is not our job anyway. Therefore, it is actually a thoughtful and necessary act to let our partners know what it is we would like to be acknowledged or appreciated for.

At the beginning, it might feel strange or even a bit risky to ask your partner for appreciation. It is true that you will enter more vulnerable territory. Some of you might think this means that you are weak and needy, and might seem childish. But, throughout all our lives, there are certain moments when we just need acknowledgement and recognition. If it does not receive appreciation in those moments, we are at risk of building resentment, which is toxic to a relationship.

Let me give you an example. There were times in my marriage when I was the breadwinner. When I came home after a long day, I was exhausted. We had an agreement that my husband would cook dinner for us. There were some evenings where he forgot to prepare dinner because he was so engrossed in writing a book (not that he thought I would jump in and cook). I ended up feeling grumpy and irritated. What I needed was his acknowledgement and appreciation in those moments. It took me a while to learn to ask for what I truly needed. It helped us stay connected, which allowed us to look for better solutions.

When you ask for acknowledgement and appreciation, make sure you are coming from a loving place. If you are not able to let go of irritation or frustration, you may make it impossible for your partner or spouse to give you what you are asking for. All your partner will hear is your whining or your critique. Allow yourself to be vulnerable instead, and share from your heart. In my situation, all I needed was a hug and a thank you, which was easy for my husband to give me, once he knew it can be that simple, and it made all the difference in the world.

Who would not be happy to fulfill such a need in a relationship, unless he or she is needy for acknowledgement themselves or something else is going on? I would like to encourage you to dare to show your partner your true needs. It does not mean that they will always be fulfilled, but I think once your partner is aware of your specific need, he or she can easily give it to you. Because it simply feels good to make one's partner happy. And you as a couple will feel closer and more connected.

Next month's column will be on "Conflicts In Your Relationships." Until then...

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OBITUARY

### Hugh Sheldon Wiley

Hugh Sheldon Wiley passed away on July 13, 2013 of natural causes at his home in rural Little Lake Valley.

A fine artist, Hugh's work can be found in collections nationwide and in Mexico. His sculpture and painting were enriched by the natural beauty he found in rural Northern California. An art professor in Philadelphia and Oakland for 35 years, he gave more to many young artists than technical instructions.

A disabled veteran of WWII, he asked little and gave much to his fellow wounded veterans who were students and to those he met as a client at the Ukiah Veterans Outpatient Clinic.

Hugh played an integral part in the rehabilitation of the Willits Center for the Arts building, formerly the Willits Women's Club.

Our loving circle of family and friends knows he is at peace at last. A memorial service is planned for a future date. Memorial donations may be made to Phoenix Hospice.

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## Sheriff Allman's campaign kick-off

Three hundred supporters of Sheriff Tom Allman filled up the hall to maximum capacity for his reelection campaign kick-off party Saturday at the Willits Community Center.

After welcoming the crowd, to a big round of applause, Allman said: "People ask me, 'Is anyone running against you?' Nobody has announced yet, and if not, we'll have another party here, and it won't cost you anything to get in!"

The primary election for Mendocino County sheriff will be in June 2014; in 2010 Allman ran unopposed for reelection.

Lions Club members provided a barbecue dinner with chicken, tri tip, salad with buttermilk ranch dressing, garlic bread, and baked potatoes, along with a bar.

Former Mendocino County Sheriff Jim Tuso was "surprised" (actually, he learned about it on Facebook that day) by a birthday cake from Schatz Bakery and a round of "Happy Birthday to You". Tuso turned 67 on Saturday.

Waylon & the Wildcats played modern country music for dancing; Allman signed copies of "Out There in the Woods, The Day-by-Day Account of the Extraordinary 36-Day Manhunt for a Double-Murderer on the Northern California Coast," the book he wrote with Stephen Sparks; and there was a raffle for a Remington 870 rifle.

Clockwise from top: The Community Center was filled with Allman supporters; Jim Tuso and Tom Allman pose with the birthday cake; event attendees Chuck and Jill Persico smile for the camera

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## Lisa's hummus recipe

from her Uncle Hoagland

- ¾ cup dried chick peas
- clove of garlic
- bay leaf
- 1/3 cup of tahini (sesame seed paste)
- 1/3 cup of olive oil
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 tsp. of salt
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper



This hummus recipe is made with dried chick peas (also known as garbanzo beans), available at Lo Bucks, Jara's Mexican Market, and in bulk at Mariposa Market.

Soak ¾ cup of chick peas overnight in a pot with about 2 inches of water over the top of the peas. Before cooking, drain them and add fresh water to about 1 inch over the top. Bring to a boil and cook over medium-low heat with a bay leaf and a clove of garlic for about 45 minutes, until the peas are tender, but not falling apart. You'll have about 1 cup of cooked chick peas. Don't add salt, as cooking without salt makes the peas more tender.

Put the cooked chick peas into a food processor, and add all remaining ingredients: tahini, olive oil, lemon, garlic, salt, paprika and cayenne pepper, and process until smooth.

If the hummus is too thick, add a few teaspoons of cold water until the consistency of the hummus is as you like it.

Adjust lemon, garlic, salt, paprika and cayenne to taste.

(If you have smoked paprika in your pantry, substitute ½ tsp. smoked paprika for the cayenne pepper, and reduce regular paprika to ¼ tsp.)  
Thicker hummus is good on sandwiches, with fresh garden tomatoes and cucumbers. Prepare vegetables or slice pita bread to serve with hummus as a dip.

COLUMN | Your Compost Pile

## A balanced diet

A. Roebuck  
Columnist

Adjusting the meat and potatoes of your compost pile.... Oops, that should be the potatoes/meat ratio.

"What's this carbon/nitrogen ratio about? My neighbor talks lots of numbers about it, but I don't get it."

Don't worry, the bacteria in your compost can't understand all those numbers either. However, they do better if they have a balanced diet.

Think of the carbon/nitrogen ratio as the potatoes/meat or the rice/beans nutritional diet of your compost community. Too much carbon (straw, sawdust, autumn leaves) will result in a cold, lousy compost pile. On the other hand, too much nitrogen (chicken manure, alfalfa hay, food scraps), and the bacteria in your compost pile will produce stinky farts.

With the right carbon/nitrogen balance, your compost pile should heat up and steam on a cool morning. To add more nitrogen to a pile that doesn't heat up, mix in a bag or two of chicken manure or some alfalfa (hay or meal) next time you turn the pile.

If your compost pile is stinky (too much nitrogen), cover it with moist straw, sawdust, and/or leaves. Let it set a few days, and then turn it, mixing in this added high-carbon material.  
You don't have to be a mathematician to have a wonderful compost pile and a productive garden. Just be sure the herd of microscopic critters that are doing the composting are getting a balanced diet.

## Loved and not forgotten

"This is just an awesome project," says Tami Rempel of St. John Lutheran Church, regarding Operation Christmas Child (OCC). "Children in war-torn and poverty situations ... are given these shoe boxes packed with fun and useful items."

The congregation of St. John's currently is seeking donations from the public to help them fill 40 boxes for OCC, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Additional funding for this project will be provided by the Mendocino County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

"You can imagine how these kids who have never seen these things would react," Rempel said.

The boxes will be filled August 25 with specific items such as small toys, hygiene products, and school supplies. This year



Tami Rempel in front of one of the shoeboxes packed for Operation Christmas Child

Photo by Cat Lee

they are focusing their gifts on the 5 to 9 age group for boys and girls.

Last year they filled 30 boxes, some of which were delivered to children in Nepal and the Philippines, Rempel said. She explained that they are able to track where

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# What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

## Thursday, July 18

**Willits Library Kids & Teen Event:** 10:30 am to noon at the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Free. Local author Natasha Yim reads from her book, "Sacajawea of the Shoshone," part of The Thinking Girl's Treasury of Real Princesses. Discussion, writing, and sample a food eaten on the Lewis & Clark expedition: buffalo meat.

**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 into itself." Visit [www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician](http://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](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/409907), or by phone 459-0895 with credit card.

**Shanachie Pub:** Marjo Wilson & Friends, acoustic rock music, 8 pm. No cover.

## Saturday, July 20

**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](mailto:seabiscuit@instawave.net), or [www.seabiscuitheritage.org/tourschedule.php](http://www.seabiscuitheritage.org/tourschedule.php).

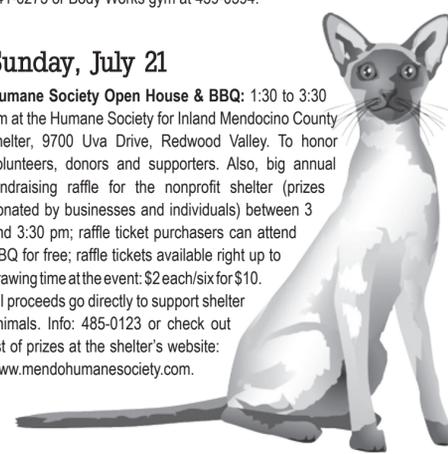
**Charity Poker Run & Tri-Tip BBQ:** Diggers Bar, 224 South Main Street. Run registration 10 am; Lions Club BBB starts at 2:30 pm. Proceeds donated to American Cancer Society. Prizes for Best and Worst Hand; 50/50 raffle. Run and BBQ, \$30; BBQ only \$15. To pre-register, call Kathy at 707-841-7011.



**1st Annual Mike Tobin Invitational:** 2 pm at Willits Community Center. Free boxing exhibition by the Willits Boxing Club, affiliated with S.A.L., the Sheriff's Activities League. With fighters from Nevada and all over California, and fighters as young as 4. Proceeds go for new gear, equipment; fundraising at the event for karate coach and Sheriff's Deputy Mike Tobin and his fight against cancer. Info or to support: call coach Jeff Apodaca at 841-6273 or Body Works gym at 459-0594.

## Sunday, July 21

**Humane Society Open House & BBQ:** 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County shelter, 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. To honor volunteers, donors and supporters. Also, big annual fundraising raffle for the nonprofit shelter (prizes donated by businesses and individuals) between 3 and 3:30 pm; raffle ticket purchasers can attend BBQ for free; raffle tickets available right up to drawing time at the event: \$2 each/six for \$10. All proceeds go directly to support shelter animals. Info: 485-0123 or check out list of prizes at the shelter's website: [www.mendocinohumanesociety.com](http://www.mendocinohumanesociety.com).



## Tuesday, July 23

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week the Tightwad Tuesday movies are "Pacific Rim," "Despicable Me 2" and "The Heat." 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.



**Eckankar Discussion:** 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street. Ongoing spiritual discussion and Community HU song. Families and all faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475.

**Textile Skill Sharing:** 7 to 9 pm, "Fitting Clothing to Your Body." Bring a shirt or dress to take in. Mentor: Lara Eventide. Skill Sharings every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Donations appreciated. Info, or to get the full summer schedule by email, call: 459-6362.

## Thursday, July 25

**Willits Library Kid's Event:** 10:30 to 11:30 am at the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Free. Tarney Sheldon and April Cunningham from Mendocino County's Gardens Project present, "The Giant Carrot," a story about a carrot that grows out of control! Then, sample a recipe made from this delicious orange veggie.

## Friday, July 26

**4th Friday Fun Night:** 6 pm, Willits Methodist Church, 286 School Street, across from the Grange. Fun, games, fellowship and food: "taco" theme potluck. Please bring a



## Ongoing Events

**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. Info: 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

**Willits City Pool Activities:** 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. Pool located at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: Damien at 459-7125 (message phone) or 459-5778 (pool phone).

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

## Save the Date:

Girasoles Flamenco, July 29, Shanachie Pub  
Kinetic Carnivale Volunteer Fair, August 1, Museum  
Paintings by Doug Volz, August 1-4, WCAA  
WELL Farm Tour, August 3, meet at WISC  
Hot August Night, August 10, Rec Grove  
Slowpitch Co-Ed Softball Tourney, August 10, ball fields

small amount of taco filling ingredients if you can. Raffle for door prizes (everybody gets a raffle ticket). Freewill donation; funds go to Willits Kids Club. Info: 459-0861.

## Saturday, July 27

**Free Sports Physicals:** provided by Howard Memorial Hospital for student athletes this Saturday 9 am to noon in the 11 Oaks Conference Room at 1040 South Main Street. HHM will provide the medical forms needed for enrollment in a sports program. Walk-ins welcome; but RSVPs are requested, call Kristen at 456-3127.

**Willits Relay for Life:** 24-Hour Relay to benefit the American Cancer Society, starts at 10 am at the Rec Grove, with an Opening Ceremony and "Survivors Lap," while all cancer survivors at the event take the first lap around the track, to upbeat music and the cheers of the crowd. At least 32 teams will be relaying this year; anyone who wants to walk, jog or run a lap or two (or 100) is welcome to come today and join in or sponsor a relay. Cancer survivors are especially encouraged. 9 pm Saturday: Luminaria Ceremony; 9:30 am Sunday: Fight Back Ceremony; 10 am Sunday: Closing Ceremony. Lions Club pancake breakfast, information booths, other fun activities. Info: 354-4219, or check the "Relay For Life of Willits, Ca" Facebook page.

**Willits Library Family Event:** 11 am to noon at the library, 390 East Commercial Street. Free. Local radio personality and actor Linda Pack tells tales of food eaten in Mendocino's past, plus treats.



## 'I Fight' Boxing Exhibition

The Willits Boxing Club presents the 1st Annual Mike Tobin Invitational, a free boxing exhibition on Saturday, July 20, 2 pm, at the Willits Community Center. "Action-packed rounds of fist-throwing fury with fighters coming from as far as Nevada and all over California"; also featuring exhibition fighters as young as 4. All proceeds will go for new gear and equipment after costs are paid; with fundraising at the event for Sheriff's Deputy Mike Tobin and his fight against cancer.

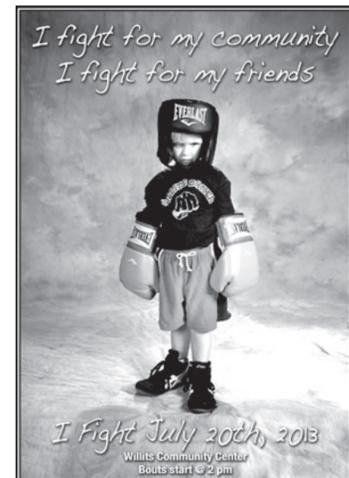
Willits Boxing Club has been affiliated with the Sheriff's Activities League (S.A.L.) since it was founded in 2001, and has served more than 600 youths and adults over the years. Coach Jeff Apodaca and his family, Jemmal, 4, Jacob, 11, and Jaxon, 12 all "love to compete in the sport/art of U.S.A. Boxing."

From the Willits Boxing Club: "The boxers, the youngest being 4 years of age, are not fighting for glory or selfless ambition but rather a cause. They fight the fights which count, and local fellow heroes like Mike Tobin are definitely worth fighting

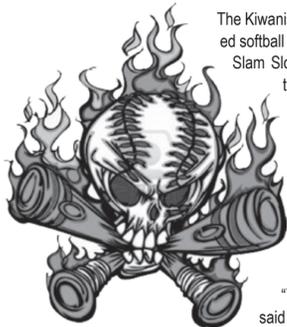
for. He has cancer and he's fighting. So are we. So please come join the fight and support a great cause."

Sponsors for this event include: Village Market; Old Mission Pizza, Yokum's Body Shop; S & S Auto Repair; Adams Tire & Auto Service; Cribaldo's; Noyo Theatre; Mane Effects; House Of Pizza; Les Schwab; Round Tree Glass; Jara's Market; State Farm Insurance; Super 8 Willits; Sparetime; Ken's Auto Repair; Busters Burgers; Loose Caboose Café; Monkey Wrench; Willits Mini Storage; Mazahar; Willits Soil; DripWorks; Mane Effects; Willits Tire; Coast Hardware; Mariposa Market; Lumberjacks; Main Street Music; Mendo Mill; Buttercup's; Little Lake Fire Department; local Willits people. Volunteers in the ring: Josh Smith, Nick Bertolino, George Brown, Trent, Steve, and Jake McFadden.

Further sponsorship is welcome; donations are tax-deductible. Info: Coach Apodaca at 841-6273 or Body Works gym at 459-0594.



## Co-ed teams wanted for softball tourney



The Kiwanis Club of Willits is seeking 16 co-ed softball teams to participate in a Summer Slam Slow Pitch Co-Ed Softball Tourney this summer, on Saturday, August 10. Willits businesses and organizations are encouraged to field teams.

Entry deadline is July 26. All games will be played on the Willits ball fields on Commercial Street, starting at 8:30 am.

"This is our first time doing this," said Curtis Collicott, "and we're trying to make it an annual deal. It fits right in between Jr. Giants and soccer season, so that weekend works fine.

"We're going to have all four fields running all day," Collicott said. "It will be a big shindig. Each field will have two officials from the Redwood Empire Officials Association (REOA).

Entry fee per team is \$250 (fee is tax-deductible), and there will be a \$500 prize for first place, plus T-shirts and a trophy.

All proceeds will go to the Kiwanis' youth scholarship fund and be awarded to college-bound graduates from the Willits area. Each year, Kiwanis give a \$1,000 scholarship, and the club would like to add two more \$500 scholarships to the fund.

Collicott said he's reached out to some of the Willits-oriented teams in the City of Ukiah's recreational softball league, including the Mariposa Market women's team which won the championship last year. Although every team has to be "co-ed," the rules this tourney will operate under are that only two members of the "opposite sex" must be on every team: those two members must play the field and must bat.

Collicott really hopes to see local teams from Willits sign up for the tourney: "It goes right with our vision of what we like to do here, local supporting local," he said. "It's really important in our community that we have fun, community-oriented events that everybody can come enjoy."

To enter, send checks payable to "Willits Kiwanis" with "softball tourney" on the memo line, to: Kiwanis Summerslam, 112 Sandy Lane, Willits.

For info and rules, call Collicott at 972-3352.

## Redwood Empire Fair entry deadline July 19



**Agriculture/Horticulture:** Herbs, veggies, fruits, nuts, nature's uniques, produce in a jar, produce characters, produce landscape, amateur wine and scarecrows.

**Floriculture:** Garden displays, dried and fresh arrangements in novice through professional categories, cut flowers, potted plants, a new boutonniere/corsage/bridal bouquet class, wheelbarrow and rose scent.

Exhibitor handbooks are available all over the county, but can be found locally at the Redwood Empire Fair office in Ukiah or at Gateway Realty in Willits. More info: 462-FAIR



Above: One of last year's Agriculture/Horticulture building entries - a huge head of garlic.

Left: Corsages and boutonnieres are a new class in the Floriculture building at this year's Redwood Empire Fair

Photos by Maureen Moore

## WELL Farm Tour

The 7th annual farm tour is an opportunity to see small-scale local farms first-hand and to learn from master gardeners how good food can be grown here in Willits.

The tour, sponsored by Willits Economic Localization (WELL), is set for Saturday, August 3, beginning at 9:45 am at the Willits Integrated Services Center (WISC building), 221 South Lenore Street.

A number of local farms will be featured, including the WISC Community Garden and Green Uprising Farm, ending with lunch at the Golden Rule farm.

Learn what grows here in the Willits area, when and how to plant, and some of the challenges farmers face. Ask your own garden questions.

A map and directions will be provided at our jump-off point, and carpooling is greatly encouraged.

This is also a membership drive & benefit for WELL: free for current members; \$15 donation for tour and 1.5 year WELL membership. \$5 donation for lunch, or bring our own.

Families and youth encouraged; bring water and shade hat or parasol for the tour. Info: Madge at 459-1493 or [mstrong@willitsonline.com](mailto:mstrong@willitsonline.com).

## KINETIC VOLUNTEER FAIRE

Kinetic Carnivale Volunteer Recruitment Fair: Thursday, August 1 at 6 pm, at the Mendocino County Museum's Wonacott Room, 400 East Commercial Street.

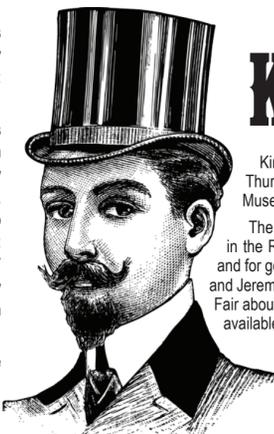
The carnivale needs many volunteers to work the fair in the Rec Grove, the handicapped races and the Grand Ball, and for general logistics. Volunteer coordinators Megan Wolf and Jeremy Miller will make a presentation at the Recruitment Fair about what volunteer opportunities and time slots will be available.

All other Kinetic Carnival coordinators will be there, too. This is the best opportunity to plug into this year's event, set for Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8.

If you can't come, call Wolf at 530-647-6512.

More information about the 2013 Kinetic Carnivale is available at [www.kineticcarnivale.com](http://www.kineticcarnivale.com) and [www.facebook.com/KineticCarnivale](http://www.facebook.com/KineticCarnivale).

There is also a "Kinetic Carnivale Volunteers" Facebook group.



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by the Round Valley Feather Dancers, a raffle, a silent auction, fun games for kids, and food and drink booths (including Indian tacos). Tickets are \$12; kids under 12 are free. There are many sponsorship opportunities for the fundraiser and for the trail: for info, call Larry Stropes at 459-1642.

Volunteers to help at the event would be welcome: call 459-2968. Info: [www.facebook.com/HaehlCreekTrail](http://www.facebook.com/HaehlCreekTrail).

Current sponsors of the Haehl Creek project include: the Burton Family; Rotary International; DeSilva Gates Construction; Round Valley Feather Dancers; Frey Vineyards; Savings Bank of Mendocino; the Garman Family; Shanachie Pub; Howard Foundation; SHN Consulting Engineers; Howard Hospital; Phil & Kathy Shuster; Northern Aggregates; Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribe; North Valley Bank; Claudia Smith Hill; Noyo Theater; Sparetime Supply; the Padula Family, and State Farm-Lisa Epstein.



Alan Falleri, Linda Buletti and Larry Stropes at the midpoint of the planned Haehl Creek trail, at the Commonwealth Garden, across from the new hospital construction site

Photo by Jennifer Poole

# Hometown Business

All about commerce, life, and the need-to-know info



Far left: The Bistro's new interior; left: sockeye salmon, garlic mashed potatoes and fresh veggies  
Above: Simple but elegant table decorations feature blue hydrangeas in amber bottles  
Below: Shelley Crespi and helper Vanessa work the espresso machine; at bottom: Shelley sautes veggies for a lunch dish

Photos by Maureen Moore

## The Bistro

New owners at downtown restaurant offer innovative flavors six days a week

Willits diners – and their taste buds – can celebrate the wide array of exciting and delectable options offered on The Bistro's menu, created by new owners, Chris and Shelly Crespi.

Hailing from the Pacific Northwest, the Crespis visited Willits on vacation and decided to move here in 2012. After a few months, the opportunity to take over the old Zaza's location came up. The couple, both self-taught chefs, had a restaurant up in Oregon that won several pairing awards from the food and wine associations in Oregon and Washington. With their knowledge – and the opportunity – the Crespis decided to create The Bistro here in Willits.

Fresh seafood, pastas, grass-fed beef, fresh veggies, organic produce and sensitivity to alternative diets all factored into the creation of the new menu, which features options for breakfast (ranging between \$4.50 and \$9), lunch (between \$8 and \$10), and dinner (between \$10 and \$24).

Breakfast choices include scrambles, sandwiches, bagels, and The Bistro's popular burritos, with veggies, potatoes, eggs, garlic, cheese, sour cream and homemade salsa wrapped up in a tortilla.

The many lunch choices include hot

and cold sandwiches, salads and rice bowls, with the popular chopped Cobb salad topping the charts. The Cobb salad includes lettuce, chicken, bacon, avocado, tomato, egg, olives and blue cheese crumbles.

Currently, the Crespis are also working on adding the ethnic and warm flavor of falafels to the menu: balls of spiced and ground garbanzo beans, fried and wrapped up in a flatbread with lemon tahini, humus, mixed greens, tomato, cucumbers and tomatoes.

Evening diners can choose from pastas, seafood or meat dishes like pork shank or beef Wellington. Two favorite seafood dishes are wine and pesto scallops and swordfish with mango salsa. Popular appetizers include stuffed mushrooms and artichoke dip, both award-winners up north.

The Crespis have applied for a beer and wine license, which will allow their award-winning pairing expertise to include matching brews from local micro-breweries as well as Washington, Oregon and Italian wines with their menu. They also plan to add steaks to the menu, as a part of the pairing options.

Local baker Kemmy's Pies has created an exclusive-to-the-Bistro dessert: an espresso pecan with

Kahlua pie, which is available by the slice or whole.

Coffee drinks, featuring Long Bottom Coffee from Hillsboro, Oregon, are also available for a morning or afternoon treat. A special "Toddy" cold-brew preparation allows the resulting less-acidic brew to be added to lattes, mochas or just enjoyed straight up.

Any and all of the menu items can be enjoyed in the newly renovated dining room or outside on the bistro tables, which are also available for reservations. To-go orders can be called in to 459-2233 and picked up for quick meals on the go.

Catering is also available, and the Crespis will be showcasing their goods at the August 17 showing of "A Hot August Night" at the Willits Shakespeare Film Festival.

The Bistro, located at 35 East Commercial Street, is open six days a week: closed on Mondays. On Tuesdays they open at 7 am and close at 3 pm. Wednesdays through Fridays, they open at 7 am, close at 3 pm, are back open for dinner at 5 pm, and close in the late evening. Saturday they open at 8 am, close at 3 pm, re-open for dinner at 5 pm, and close in the late evening. On Sunday, they are open from 8 am to 3 pm only. Info: 459-2233. Seasonal hours updated on Facebook.

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### HUGE Barn Sale

Saturday, July 20 from 9am - 4pm at 1141 Buckhorn Road - off Muir Mill road across from Browns Corner. Look for pink signs. Please go slow on the one-lane dirt road! Architectural salvage including oak cabinets and doors, tools, 1950s owl collection, antique clothes and costume jewelry, cookware, antiques, dishes and more.

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### Illustrator Wanted

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Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC and Macintosh. Repairs and configuration \$35/hr. Tutoring \$15/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamerin@yahoo.com.

### Job Opportunity

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### Eckankar

Join us for a Community HU Song Tuesday, July 23, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street. HU is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra and can help you experience divine love and find inner peace. Families and all faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar. Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475.

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Willits: Brenda/459-9335, Ukiah: JoAnn/485-7591  
Potter/Redwood Valley: Deanna/391-7336  
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affected," said East Hill's Dr. Chana Eisenstein, and had to have IV fluids and medications for about a week.

Dogs are "much more susceptible and at risk than cats," she explained, adding Leptospirosis is "very unusual in cats, extraordinary ... they typically are immune to it."

A 2012 CDC fact sheet, "Leptospirosis and Your Pet", reads: "The bacteria that cause leptospirosis are spread through the urine of infected animals, which can get into water or soil and can survive there for weeks to months. Humans and animals can become infected through contact with this contaminated urine (or other body fluids, except saliva), water, or soil. The bacteria can enter the body through skin or mucous membranes (eyes, nose, or mouth), especially if the skin is broken from a cut or scratch. Drinking contaminated water can also cause infection."

Although it is a "fragile" bacteria, Dr. Eisenstein said leptospirosis can "survive outside the body ... not long ... but long enough" to spread to others.

Mendocino County Communicable Disease Nurse Erika Nosera acknowledged the potential seriousness of leptospirosis, but said the incident in Brooktrails is a rare event. This was the first time she has ever gotten a call regarding leptospirosis, she said.

"I talked to the state vet (California Department of Health Veterinarian Dr. Curtis Fritz), and he was pretty calm about it."

Transmission via raccoons is suspected in the Brooktrails case, and raccoons were trapped and removed from the area.

USDA Trapper Chris Brennan confirmed he "did do some control work" over the course of a couple of weeks in response to the incident.

"This was a human health and safety issue," Brennan said. "I removed some raccoons ... worked that one spot ... ran out of raccoons in that spot."

The raccoons Brennan removed were

not tested for leptospirosis because the test kit required for raccoons is not one he normally carries, Brennan said, explaining he usually deals with mountain lions and bears. By the time the test kit arrived from out of town, the animals had already been processed.

"The raccoons were euthanized and dealt with safely," Brennan said. "I couldn't keep them. If we get more, I will test."

Typical leptospirosis symptoms in animals and humans "vary and are non-specific" but can be "flu-like," Nosera said. Symptoms can include fever, depression, loss of appetite, joint pain, nausea, excessive drinking and jaundice.

Dr. Eisenstein said leptospirosis is an "uncommon diagnosis," but it is "always on the list of potentials we check," in any case that has symptoms involving the kidneys."

The usual treatment for leptospirosis is antibiotics. In this case, it was recommended everyone known to have come into contact with the cat be tested and/or take a course of antibiotics, including the staff at the East Hill clinic.

Dr. Eisenstein said the staff "had blood work done" and "nobody tested positive."

"All were treated prophylactically," she noted, while awaiting test results.

A leptospirosis vaccination is available for dogs, but not for cats; the cost is less than \$20, Dr. Eisenstein said.

Other prevention strategies include: keeping food and water sources away from wild animals; keeping pets away from potential sources of contamination; keeping rodent problems under control; and utilizing good hygiene practices, including hand-washing after contact with animals, their urine or excrement, or any other potentially contaminated surfaces, and wearing protective gloves and boots in these circumstances.

This is "not an epidemic," Dr. Eisenstein said. "It's everywhere, and it's always been there. This just seems like an unfortunate case of bad luck."

"She got treatment; she's lucky."

## Tuesday grass fire likely started by careless smoker

Little Lake Fire Department was called out to a grass fire in the field behind Willits Power and the old Auto Mart building Tuesday afternoon around 3:30 pm.

Deputy Chief John Thomen confirmed the fire started in the field and, although the investigation is continuing, fire officials think the origin of the fire was likely accidental, started either by a carelessly discarded cigarette or a match. The field is a known hangout for some of Willits' homeless population.

"There was a mattress back there, and there were old cigarette butts and discarded matches all around it," Thomen said. The half-acre fire burned for an estimated 20 minutes before it was contained, Thomen said. "There were some pretty strong winds that were pushing it around."

Three units responded, with one protecting a couple of motor homes and a

boat behind Willits Power. One fire engine went into the parking lot behind Lo Bucks "to take care of the left flank," Thomen said, "and the second engine came in to where Auto Mart used to have their cars, cut the gate, hooked around the right flank, and met up with the other engine halfway."

The right flank of the fire was "pretty close" to the propane tanks at Willits ProFlame, Thomen said, but firefighters with the second engine kept the fire from going that way.

To actually get to the propane tanks, the fire would've had to jump a driveway, and then the yard, which is totally rocked in, Thomen said. "Propane is safer than most people think," he said. "It can be a major hazard, but for the fuels we had in there – light, flashy fuels, a lot of open grass – there wasn't a lot of danger."

– Jennifer Poole

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McCabe, who did not stand. Other members of the Mental Health Board also applauded warmly.

McCabe commented on the recent progress made by Ortner and Redwood Quality Management during a break in the meeting. "These people have been working their butts off," said McCabe. "And you know what? We needed it."

According to Montgomery, his group has been meeting with the principal players in the county's mental health landscape – including Redwood Children's Group (an affiliate of Redwood Quality Management), Ford Street and Manzanita Services – regarding billing practices, with an eye toward proper Medi-Cal billing. They've met with law enforcement, jail staff and hospital emergency room staff to review protocols on the handling and treatment of people experiencing a mental health crisis.

Ortner has received medical charts from the county Department of Health and Human Services for adult patients, and is currently in the process of directing those patients to care providers.

Montgomery also said his team is "working on medication management. We are trying to figure out how that piece will fit in."

Anderson of Redwood Quality Management noted his group recently trained 15 staff workers on the ins and outs of dealing with 5,150 patients – people who because of an acute episode of mental illness have become a danger to themselves or other people – and recently hired eight new staff members.

Anderson also reported Redwood Quality Management officially took over the crisis line at 12:01 am on Monday, July 15. Over the next two days, he said, his team fielded 20 calls and sent three clients to mental health care centers.

Like Montgomery, Anderson was optimistic. "It makes me smile inside to see how people in the community kind of roll up their sleeves and say, 'Let's make this happen,'" he said.

When asked to name what he considered the "principle challenge" his team has encountered so far, Montgomery replied he was challenged by the size and scope of the task Ortner has taken on. "We are doing four things at once and trying to be successful," he said.

Montgomery conceded his encounters with the vestiges of the county's old mental health "system" were disconcerting.

"I'd say the second thing I've been challenged by is communication," he said. "There's a lot of duplication of services going on. I've encountered some patients who have been seen by three or four different people. They are all handling him and dealing with him. We are trying to get away from that way of doing things."

Asked the same question, Anderson said, "I'm most concerned about those folks who need to be hospitalized: that's OK. But those others who need a strong network of support – short of hospitalization – it's making sure those things are in place and functioning that's a concern."

"Even though it's my worry, I'm confident that I've got a

team here that is going to make it happen."

Anderson stressed he and his team have been working to create an inland crisis center in Ukiah and his company has rented space at the Rural Health Care Center on North State Street for that purpose, but added the doors are not yet ready to open.

He noted the sign for the facility was covered over with vegetation: "We're going to have to get out there and cut away all that brush."

Both Anderson and Montgomery admitted progress on the coast was occurring more slowly than they would like.

"We are not where we would like to be on the coast, frankly," Montgomery said. "We've struggled to find staffing on the coast," Anderson said. "I wish we could say we've got two full-time staffers on the coast, but we can't do that."

"But we are committed to fulfilling our commitment to have people there in 20 minutes."

But when Mental Health Board member and Secretary John Wetzler asked Anderson and Montgomery for their phone numbers, Chairman Jim Shaw quashed the request.

"Our job here is to come to these meetings and hear their reports and ask questions and offer suggestions," Shaw said. "I want to caution us about contacting them directly to ask about clinical outcomes, plans and procedures, and so forth. Remember, they are not accountable to this board."

"If we have questions, we need to ask the county," Shaw said.

# Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



## Earth Movers



Top: in front, one of the Archer trucks; in rear, Wayne Bashore moving dirt

Above: The Caterpillar makes easy work of the project



Above: Student volunteers spread dirt dumped by Bud Garman in his Bobcat

Photos by Jennifer Poole

## Volunteers ready football field for new sod next week

A whole lotta dirt was dumped, graded, rolled and shoveled over the (long) weekend at the Willits High School football field. Archer Trucking ran six "double belly dumps" on Saturday, each making about three trips an hour, which, along with a super dump truck, brought in well over 1,500 cubic yards of dirt for the field. DeSilva Gates grading foreman Jamie Anthony, working Saturday to supervise the operation, said it was about 150 truckloads, more than the estimated 100 loads.

"We got all the dirt we needed for the field and the track," said project coordinator Wayne Bashore. Bypass contractor DeSilva Gates Construction donated the soil, and shared transportation costs with Caltrans, with Archer Trucking covering a portion of the trucking costs, too. The soil was taken from holes excavated for test pile-driving holes near the Coleman Ranch off Commercial Street.

Local volunteers, including contractors, students, high school track coach Roger Ramirez, and the Sheriff's Office's community service workers, worked to get all that dirt spread out and roughly placed on Saturday. Contractor Jim Schulz was there working the dirt, and Bud Garman, his sons Beda and Heath, and employees all lent a hand and their equipment.

New school superintendent Pat Johnson stopped by Saturday to check out the project ("The community spirit in this town is remarkable," she said), as did City Manager Adrienne Moore. Sheriff Tom Allman brought lunch for all the volunteers.

And then more work on Sunday: "On Saturday all the

dirt came in, and on Sunday, we cut it, rolled it and shaped it," Bashore said. On Monday, teacher and wrestling coach Brian Bowles went over the plan for the concrete around the concession stands: Bowles will be organizing volunteers to form the concrete.

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Spartetime Supply donated 300 cubic feet of soil amendments to add to the dirt before the sod is laid, and on Monday, Tom Woodhouse of Creekside Properties brought three volunteers from the Willits High School soccer team to help spread the fertilizer. Contractor Schulz brought his grandson, Jeremy, who's in the third grade.

"The kids were on the back of the trucks, dumping the fertilizer on the field," Woodhouse said, "and they helped pick up a few rocks. Jeremy worked hard the whole time. He's a hard worker and he made it fun for us, and he also made us work harder."

Tuesday, volunteers from SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists came back to the field to use GPS to check the locations of the sprinklers: they'd mapped the locations with GPS before the sprinkler heads were dug up by a group of students last month.

On Wednesday, Bashore said, a Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp crew was set to dig up the sprinkler locations, so plumbers from Emtech Plumbing (Michael Trevey), Potter Plumbing (Billy Potter), and Tri-Counties Plumbing could reinstall the sprinkler heads and "fire them off to make sure they're all working," Bashore said. "We need to water for a couple days, to make the field ready for the sod to come on Tuesday."

Thanks to the donated dirt and donated transportation costs – worth at least \$20,000 – Bashore was able to hire, within his limited budget, professional sod installers, who'll be working on Tuesday, July 23, instead of relying on the hope of 200 volunteers showing up this Saturday to install rolls of sod.

The sod company is recommending that the newly sodded football field "rest" for eight weeks before play, so Willits High School is looking at the possibility of alternatives for a home game or two at the beginning of football season.

The work on the football field project started a month ago, on June 15. "It's been a month to the day," Bashore said, "and we've done it all in the month, with all volunteers." Bashore again thanked all those who've donated materials and their time for this project. "The No. 1 donor is Ventura-Perez," he said. "Without his cash donation, none of this would be possible." Ventura "Tony" Perez, born in 1921 and president of the Associated Student Body at WHS in 1939, left \$200,000 to WHS athletics and \$1 million to the community when he passed away in 2009.

Back in 2011, the Willits school board signed on to the idea of using leftover school bond monies – along with grant money and local fundraising – to build a new all-weather track and synthetic turf field for an estimated \$1 million to \$1.8 million. Hopes for that project faded, as school bond monies proved not to be enough to pay for even Phase II of the facilities building project, even before an unbudgeted-for bond anticipation note payment of \$4.8 million came to light in last November.



DeSilva Gates grading foreman Jamie Anthony in his red truck, in front of one of the "double belly dumps" being loaded with dirt at the bypass construction site off Commercial Street.

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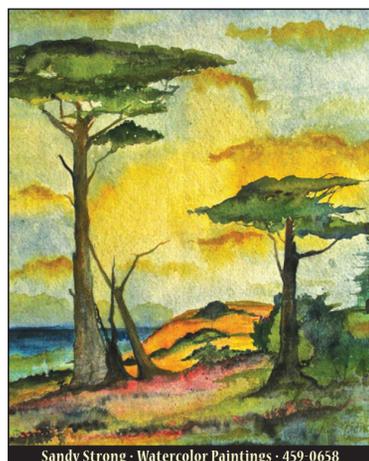
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## Water-Wise Gardening

Hot, dry summer weather can be a challenge for gardens and the people who tend them. Some of my friends on city water end up paying hundreds of dollars per month to keep their gardens and landscapes thriving at this time of year.

Jerry Jordan  
Columnist

Of course, I am a proponent of drip irrigation as a means to conserve water and cut back on the water bills. It also saves me a lot of time, when watering can take hours and forgetting to water can mean losing the plants on which I've invested so much work and money. Here are a few tips for creating a water-wise garden.

Grouping plants with similar moisture needs into "hydro-zones" makes it easier to prevent over-watering. Annuals have different water requirements than established perennials or grassy areas. We have a zone for trees, one for raised beds and another for our native plant garden that is watered infrequently. All of these zones are on drip irrigation, and I've installed timers to keep with a consistent schedule.

Watering during the heat of a summer day can cause losses of up to 30 percent due to evaporation. This can be easily prevented by switching to times when winds are calm and temperatures are cool. My vegetable garden system has a programmable battery timer that goes on for 10 minutes in the early morning and again in the evening. With raised beds, I find it is optimal to water twice a day. For my established perennials and native plants that need less frequent watering, I use windup timers. These are turned on manually, but shut themselves off.

Using a battery-operated water meter is a great idea and will tell you everything you need to know about your water usage. It will also tell you if there is a problem in the system. These units have hose threaded ends making them simple to install and remove from your system anywhere after the timer.

Test each area initially and record the results. At the start of the next season or later in the same season, retest and compare. If you notice that your water usage changes unexpectedly, you know the system should be checked for leaks or plugging.

Observing your garden irrigation is important. Beds and containers on drip that are regularly seeping water will need their watering time shortened. Plugged emitters can lead to wilted plants very quickly, but can be fixed easily.

Mulching around plants, bushes and trees reduces evaporation, moderates soil temperatures, improves water penetration and helps control weeds that compete for water. Additionally, compost and organic matter enrich the soil and help retain moisture. Planting shade trees (in the spring or fall) will provide some natural air conditioning in the summer. Their shade can lower air and soil temperatures and cut down on moisture loss.

Cutting back on lawn areas is becoming one of the biggest water-saving trends in landscaping. Lawns are currently the nation's largest irrigated "crop." I know many people are very attached to having lawns, but if you cut back on these areas or think about replacing them with native or low water use (xeriscape) plants and ground covers, you will be amazed at how much water you save. If you have a sprinkler system watering lawns and landscaping, check it to make sure that it is hitting the target area and not the sidewalk, driveway, patio or street. It is costly and wasteful to send water down the drain, but an easy situation to correct.

If you are interested in drip irrigation, water-wise gardening, water catchment and water conservation, join my wife, Cheryl, and I on our Facebook page called "Driplines: Adventures with Drip Irrigation." You can also contact us c/o the Willits Weekly at willitsweekly@gmail.com, with questions or ideas.

Jerry Jordan has been working with drip irrigation for 30 years. He is a founding owner of DripWorks.

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Ukiah, including a new library and a student center.

The student center, which occupies the college's old library building, also is opening for the fall semester. "That is opening right now," Adams said. "The bookstore, cafeteria and student union are in there."

The college's current Willits offices will

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Supervisors disagreed with the grand jury's findings and with its recommendations. Regarding the grand jury's finding that AHCs should be "investigative, issue-specific and of short duration," supervisors argued the board's "rules of procedure" encourages, but does not require, that AHCs be disbanded at the end of each calendar year.

The rules of procedure specifically state that AHCs "may be extended at the recommendation of the committee" beyond the close of any given calendar year by approval of the board.

In response to the grand jury's allegation that the use of AHCs is "inconsistent with the intent of the Brown Act," the board argued the grand jury's claims were false, since the Brown Act specifically allows the use of AHCs, and in a manner that is different than meetings subject to Brown Act provisions.

"The Brown Act must be read as a whole," supervisors argued. "AHCs cannot and do not exercise decision-making authority, which the act clearly intends be done in a public meeting setting."

That argument was continued in the argument against a fourth grand jury

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who resigned from the school board in November, and Neary was appointed in January this year to replace Barbara Starr, who resigned December 1.

Because Kirkpatrick had just been reelected in November 2011, Bowlds was appointed as a short-term member, and this fall's election for that seat will elect a member to serve only through 2015.

None of the school board members have filed for reelection yet, and no challengers have yet filed.

On the Brooktrails board, the seats of Tony Orth, George Skezas, and Rick Williams are all up for election.

The Little Lake Fire Protection board has two seats up for election in November 2013,

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their boxes are delivered online.

Not only has the congregation increased their goal to 40 boxes this year, but they also inspired another Lutheran congregation in Ukiah to match these 40 with 40 boxes of their own.

The congregation is focusing on hygiene items now. "We're OK on small toys, but we can use a few more stuffed animals," Rempel said. They will accept monetary donations as well, so that they can buy whatever items they may need when it comes time to fill the boxes.

"Not that a toothbrush or a stuffed animal is that exciting to us, but they mean everything to these kids," Rempel said. "They learn that they are loved

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premium. He estimates a wedding cake garden could produce the majority of vegetables needed to feed a family of four and would create three or four times the bounty of a similarly sized traditional garden.

Another of Woolsey's creations, the "Piece of Cake," appeared last year and was created using wooden pallets to form a wedge and pond liner to keep the soil in place. Flowers trailed from holes cut between the slats, while beans and greens grew on top. At Sunday's workshop, Woolsey encouraged gardeners to make use of materials they have on hand and take advantage of free items, like pallets, that can have a second life as a vertical garden.

"Be sure you only use heat-treated pallets," added Woolsey; "the chemically treated kind aren't good for garden use."

Woolsey calls himself a "soil guy" and he talks about the quality of various soils the way a sommelier describes the perfect vintage or Joan Rivers dissects red carpet fashion. Although many vertical gardens are made using a soil-less medium, Woolsey is a soil connoisseur. Ventilation is critical in his structures, and he is careful to aerate the soil and ensure that microorganisms can flourish.

Woolsey worked with garden guru Alan Chadwick and brings aspects of biodynamic gardening to his designs. The "Lasagna Beds" are made up of layers of what Woolsey calls "living compost," things like woodchips, cardboard and plant matter. As these layers break down, all their nutrients will feed the plants growing on the top layer, reducing the need for fertilizer and soil amendments.

Woolsey's "Potato Towers" are one of this year's projects – 3-foot-high cylinders of hog wire secured with zip ties, packed with a core of soil surrounded by straw, and planted with dozens of seed potatoes. Beneath each of the towers is a square of gopher wire, because even 11 inches of gravel won't deter the furry little gluttons.

Woolsey emphasized that his vertical gardens were experiments, and they often need to be tweaked and reworked after each growing season.

"Be innovative, be committed," Woolsey advised. "Give something three, four, five tries before you call it quits." He encouraged gardeners to be patient and not to become discouraged, but to learn from horticultural mishaps.

For anyone who missed the workshop, videos of Woolsey's vertical gardening creations are available on YouTube and on his Facebook page, "Living Sculpture Studios." He will be hosting a composting workshop at the Brooktrails Community Garden on Sunday, July 28 from 3 to 4:30 pm.

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## Born & Raised

Supporting Mendocino County livestock

Born and Raised in Mendocino County is a non-profit organization which each year raises funds to be donated back to youth exhibitors who choose to buy their auction lambs from a Mendocino County rancher.

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There are many top-quality lamb breeders in Mendocino County, and the program really aims to reward kids who support those ranchers, or who take pride in running and improving their own breeding program on their own farms.

Jerry and DeeDee Nunn spearhead the project, which offers businesses and individuals a chance to display advertising on a prominently located board at the upcoming Redwood Empire Fair in August and at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show in Boonville in September.

Monies gained from the advertising go to award exhibitors who place in the top three of their weight groups in the market classes, as well as to scholarships and hardship awards and those with grand champion or reserve grand champion titles.

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