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Board approves 'operative' county budget

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Supervisors have approved a \$225 million "operative" budget for the county of Mendocino. The operative budget will be in effect from July 1 until September, when the final 2013-2014 budget is slated to be approved.

The 2013-14 recommended budget is \$5 million more than the last year's budget, an increase of 2.31 percent. Nearly \$55 million is earmarked for discretionary spending under the control of the board of supervisors.

One key factor in the county's 2013-2014 spending plan is a nearly \$600,000 reduction in insurance costs, a savings of almost 53 percent over current year costs. However, costs for architectural and engineering services are set to increase by \$1.3 million (an increase of 46 percent); fuel expenses will go up by \$122,500 (an increase of 27 percent); and utility costs will increase by \$272,818, (an increase of 18 percent).

The budget includes: funding the county's capital improvement plan by \$1.3 million (including \$450,000 slated to go to the Mendocino County Museum in Willits); restoring \$1.7 million to the Department of Transportation (that amount was siphoned off last year to balance the county's budget); and increasing the assessor's budget by \$1.5 million. The additional funding for the assessor's office will allow the department to finally replace its property tax computer system.

The budgets for the Sheriff's Office and county jail are both being reduced by small amounts. The Sheriff's Office budget is being cut by \$174,000, or 1.57 percent from last year's budget; the jail is being cut \$293,797, or 3.44 percent.

During May's Third Quarter Budget review, the Sheriff's Office was projected to come in \$154,000 under budget this fiscal year, and the jail to come in \$238,770 under budget. The budget cuts are in keeping with those projections.

The Mendocino County Museum will receive an increase of \$66,000 over last year's budget, a 25 percent increase. The money will fund one full-time supervising staff assistant at \$56,000, and provide \$10,000 for conservation-care interns.

Additionally, supervisors included \$450,000 for repairs to the museum building as part of its capital improvement plan.

According to General Services Agency Director Kristin McMenomey, \$350,000 has been allocated for a new roof for the museum, \$60,000 has been allocated to repair a sinking foundation under a part of the building, and \$40,000 will be spent on installing a climate-control system in the storage building. This is approximately one-third of the entire budget for the capital improvement plan.

County Museum Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Willens, who was able to contact museum Director Alison Glassey by phone, said Glassey believes the money dedicated to the museum in the capital improvement plan is subject to change until the final budget is approved in September.

On June 18, Third District Supervisor John Pinches voted against approving the budget. Pinches said he did so because, at that time, it contained big cuts to the Resource Conservation District and the Arts Council.

In subsequent talks, the county Executive Office agreed to restore those cuts, and Pinches said in a recent telephone conversation he will vote to approve the final budget in September.

"I feel really good about it," Pinches said. "Our revenues are flat,

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Budget

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Above: Sweetheart contestants pose with the Soroptimist International of Willits ladies. Right side: Casey (top) and Lilja (bottom) model their outfits. Bottom, right: Lilja speaks to judge Marta Bartow. Bottom, left: Casey rides during the judging

Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com

Oh, So Sweet

Last Sunday morning, the two Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestants, Casey Persico and Lilja Lamkin, participated in the horsemanship portion of this year's competition at the Jack Tharp Arena. They were judged on their riding abilities, as well as their knowledge of the anatomy of their horse.

That afternoon they were all dressed up for the poise and appearance portion of the competition, in which they modeled a dressy Western outfit of their choice, gave a speech on "What Willits' 125th Birthday

Means to Me," and were questioned by a panel of three judges on their poise and personality.

Contestants are judged in three categories in the Sweetheart competition: 40 percent on horsemanship, 20 percent on poise and appearance, and 40 percent on ticket sales. With competition in the first two categories now complete, Lilja and Casey are concentrating on ticket sales, and ask for your support in pre-purchasing tickets through Thursday, June 27. Both girls will be at the Hometown Celebration with tickets for sale. Those interested in buying tickets can also call Casey at 707-354-3996 or Lilja at 707-972-6793.

Soroptimist International of Willits has been sponsoring the Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Competition since 1973. We are part of an international organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. For information on becoming a part of this service organization, please call 456-9858.



No Parking zones

set along parade route



Mind your parking spot, pardner! Willits officials offer a heads-up to motorists, bicyclists and horseback riders to be safe and law-abiding while navigating Willits streets during upcoming merriment.

Once-a-year parking restrictions are set to be in place along the Frontier Days Parade route and the detour route, said Willits police. Willits Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman reminds those around town that horses on sidewalks are not allowed by Willits Municipal Code.

"The tradition of the town has been the same, forever," Sherman said. "People do ride horses on sidewalks." But, by the law, streets are OK, but local code does not allow horses to hoof it on city sidewalks.

Horses on streets get the same treatment as cars. State vehicle code affirms that a person on horseback "riding or driving an animal upon a highway, has all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle."

Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez said horses are treated like a slow-moving vehicle and should endeavor to stay on the right-hand side of streets.

If it's safer for horsemen to be on the sidewalk before crossing traffic, for example, enforcers of the law likely will not be writing citations.

"It's one of those common-sense things," Gonzalez said.

Shrewd drivers will see "No Parking" signs posted along those routes in the early morning hours of July 4th.. Police say the signs remain in effect until the parade concludes.

Vehicles parked in the "No Parking" areas create a safety hazard to vehicular, pedestrian and parade traffic. When the enforcement process begins, any vehicle parked in the "No Parking" areas will be towed.

Persons with questions about the parade and detour routes may call Willits police at 459-6122.

Four arrested in weekend bypass protest

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Four more arrests were made last weekend as protests against the Caltrans bypass of Willits continue.

Arrested were Sara L. Grusky, 57, of Willits, on suspicion of resisting, delaying, or obstructing a public officer, petty theft, trespass of real property, and escape; Theadora S. Grusky-Foley, 20, of Willits, suspicion of resisting or obstructing a public officer, trespass of real property, and escape; Matthew J. Caldwell, 27, of Willits, suspicion of resisting or obstructing a public officer and trespass of real property; and Naomi Wagner, 67, of Willits, suspicion of trespass of real property.

Grusky, Caldwell and Wagner have all been arrested previously during protests against the Willits bypass. Grusky and her daughter, Grusky-Foley, were booked on "escape" charges because the two left the scene of the Saturday night protest after being handcuffed by CHP Sergeant Mesa.

According to District Attorney Staff Assistant Jaime Torres, all four were released early Wednesday morning on their own recognizance. A Wednesday arraignment had been scheduled, but was postponed. "Nothing has been filed. The arrest reports are still under review by Mr. Eyster [Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster]," Torres said.

The four were arrested by CHP officers Saturday night, June 22, following a planned action to provide support to protester Will Parrish, who climbed into a wick drain stitcher Thursday morning, June 20, effectively reducing the productivity of the wick drain stitchers by "approximately 50 percent," Caltrans Public Information Officer Phil Frisbie told Willits Weekly.

When he climbed up into the stitcher, Parrish reportedly had limited food and water, and cell phone access has since been lost.

According to Amanda "Warbler" Senseman, Parrish informed members of Save Our Little Lake Valley Friday night that he was out of food.

In an effort to resupply him, a group of about 40 supporters gathered at Bud Snider Park Saturday evening with buckets of food, gallons of water and a cell phone. They walked the approximately half-mile stretch along the railroad tracks to the work site.

"We were not successful," Grusky said. "The California Highway Patrol stopped us

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Changes in admitting

To the Editor:

The doctors of Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic are concerned about the changes that have taken place at Howard Memorial Hospital over the last two years and have decided not to continue admitting patients to Howard Memorial Hospital.

Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic patients who require hospitalization will be referred to hospitals for care. Over the last two years, our physicians have devoted a lot of energy toward trying to improve matters at Howard Memorial Hospital. Now they plan to devote that energy toward their outpatient practices.

D. Mills Matheson, M.D., for the doctors of Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic

In Response to Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic

We are disappointed to learn of Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic's decision to suspend admissions to Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital (HMH). For 85 years HMH has been committed to bringing access to quality care to our community and providing a safe and supportive environment in which our physicians can practice.

In recent years the long-trusted care provided at Howard Memorial Hospital has reached new heights. In 2011, HMH was named one of America's Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals. This recognition is out of over 1,300 critical access hospitals in the nation.

In the first quarter of this year patients rated Howard Memorial Hospital above the 90th percentile on the national HCAPPS survey for willingness to recommend the hospital to others. Earlier this year, employees – including the nursing caregiver – rated the hospital in the 99th percentile nationwide for their perception of patient care, and in the top quartile or above in 10 other categories.

Our rural community has unique access to exceptional health care provided through a partnership between local physicians, talented nurses and staff, and Howard Memorial Hospital. Ultimately, every patient has the right to choose where to go for their medical care. Our hospital remains available to all members of the Willits and Mendocino County community for inpatient care, emergency department, lab, CT and imaging and all other medical services.

With health care changing so rapidly, it is vital that we keep the conversation going and deepen our commitment to working together. As construction on the new hospital facility progresses, we look forward to continuing to provide a setting for high-quality hometown health care for another 85 years.

Rick Bockmann, CEO,
Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital

Mockup of bypass?

To the Editor:

I have wondered for quite some time what the Bypass will actually look like to us, as seen from the town or valley and from on the ground. What size and height, what color, what shape? What natural landscape does it obscure or cross?

For some reason, none of Caltrans' images have a "side view" – which is what we locals will see from the ground. I would love to see some talented engineer, architect or designer use photos of the valley and hills, and transpose a drawing of the actual-sized freeway onto those photos. Perhaps then each of us can make some conclusions about its appearance, rather than guessing.

This could be done for some of the alternative suggestions as well; a comparison would be illuminating.

Letters

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters from area residents, focusing on Willits issues, activities, events and people, have priority. Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred.

Letters & Commentaries must have a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No anonymous letters will be published.



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I will mention that my favorite alternative route would be a level meandering country road with all vehicles moving at 50 to 55 mph, crossing the existing roads.

Thank you, Willits Weekly, for printing this request to our community.

Annie Waters, Willits

Hot August Night!

To the Editor:

The Willits Multi-Use Trail Coalition is committed to developing trails throughout the Willits/Little Lake area for all users: cyclists, equestrians, runners and walkers. Our current membership is 221 individuals and organizations.

The coalition is hosting a unique benefit to build a trail along Haehl Creek, near the new Howard Medical Center. We're calling the fundraiser "Hot August Night!"

The fundraiser is scheduled for August 10, 2012 from 4 to 10 pm, at the Willits Recreation Grove. Admission is \$12, and kids under 12 are free.

We'll be selling Hot August Night! tickets at the Hometown Celebration Thursday, right in front of Main Street Music. Plus we'll have further details on Hot August Night! and the Haehl Creek Trail.

Hot August Night! will feature live music by the West Coast Rhythm Kings and Blue Cactus Choir, Native American Dancing by the Round Valley Feather Dancers, a raffle and silent auction, fun games for kids, food booths (including Indian tacos) and drink booths.

We'll also have two well-known local personalities as Masters of Ceremonies. More on them later.

There are 3 levels of sponsorship for you to consider:

- Trail Ranger: Name recognition at the event, as well as on posters and in media. Trail Rangers will also enjoy a special sponsor table and complimentary beverages at the benefit. Trail Rangers will be recognized with a cement table with a customized bronze plaque placed along the new trail.

• Trail Scout: Name recognition at the event, also on posters. Trail Scouts will further receive a reserved table and complimentary drink tickets at the benefit. Trail Scouts will be recognized with a cement slab bench with a customized bronze plaque placed along the trail.

• Trail Blazer: Trail Blazers will be recognized with a 12 inch by 12 inch stepping stone with a bronze plaque placed along the trail.

All cash or in-kind donations (e.g. labor, materials) are gratefully accepted and are tax-deductible through the Howard Foundation, a 501(c)(3). The coalition also needs volunteers, both for Hot August Night! and for building the Haehl Creek Trail.

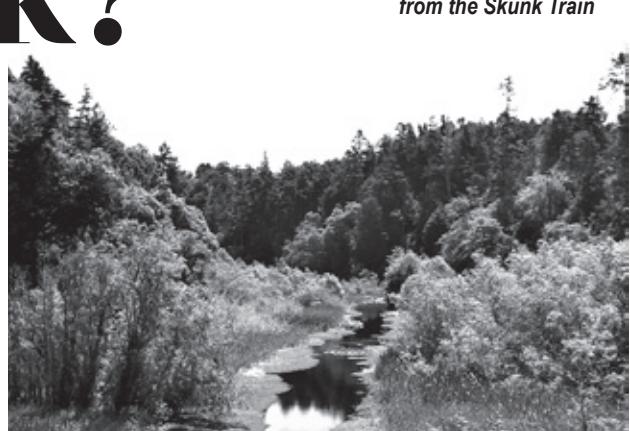
Please call (459-1642) or email (lstropes@yahoo.com) for more information; check out our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HaehlCreekTrail) or see us at the Hometown Celebration.

Larry Stropes,
Willits Multi-Use Trail Coalition, Willits

Pudding Creek Express

To the Editor:

Come and smell the steam and catch the flavor of the Skunk Train's Pudding Creek Express. Until regular service is restored, "Chief Skunk" Robert Pinoli has pulled out all the stops to provide a wonderful and exciting journey out of the Fort Bragg Depot along beautiful and historic Pudding



Creek. Photo opportunities are offered daily, allowing riders to take pictures on and around Steam Engine 45 before and after each ride.

Top entertainment is provided seven days a week by veteran performer, Train Singer Greg Schindel, and his incredibly talented son, Malakai. The concession car is generously supplied with everything from popcorn, hot dogs and chocolate to Skunk Train Beer.

For young children, the one-hour excursion could be just the right amount of excitement for one event. Special prices for local residents are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (and dogs!) So don't miss this golden opportunity to ride the Pudding Creek Express.

One of the highlights of the Pudding Creek Express comes at the end of the journey when Ol' 45 begins her climb up the slight grade from Pudding Creek. I love the wailing whistle and the rhythmic chugga-chugga, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can," as she climbs. Then as she proudly enters Fort Bragg heading for home, you can be sure Ol'45 is chugging "I knew I could, I knew I could, I knew I could."

Train departs daily at 10 am from the Fort Bragg Depot and on Saturday, at 10 am and 1 pm.

We deeply appreciate everyone's generosity in giving the Old Skunk Train a new lease on life. Whoopie! Let's go take a ride!

Greg Schindel, Willits

'Giving is a Treat'

The Mendocino County Library is partnering with local food banks this summer in a canned food drive through August 17. The library is joining over 70 other libraries throughout California in the statewide "Acquire a Taste for Giving" campaign. The "Giving is a Treat" food drive will occur during this year's Summer Reading program, called "Reading is So Delicious."

During the food drive, the County Library will offer a Food-For-Fines forgiveness: for each nonperishable canned food item brought to any county library branch, \$2 will be subtracted from a patron's overdue fines. Only non-perishable, unexpired, store-sealed items will be accepted. No glass, please.

The overdue book fine forgiveness program serves a two-fold purpose: it will help meet the needs of many hungry members of the community, and customers who have accumulated high fines will be encouraged to continue to use the libraries.

Whether or not you have library fines, your contributions to the Giving is a Treat food drive are most welcome.

The Willits library, 390 Commercial Street, is open Mondays from 10 am to 6 pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 8 pm; and Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm. The library is closed Fridays and Sundays. Info: 459-5908.

Check the Mendocino County Library page for more information, or to use the library's online resources, including downloadable audio books and e-books, and the Newsbank news archive, all free with your library card.

Mindy Kittay, County Librarian

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Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



J.D. Redhouse to continue Rexall's fudge tradition

Change is inevitable. But, Darlene Bixler, owner of J.D. Redhouse, is doing what she can to make the future not only bright, but fudge-filled as well.

When the Willits Rexall Pharmacy changed hands earlier this month, previous owners Dave and Dana Lovitt approached Bixler and asked if she would take the recipe book for Rexall's beloved fudge and continue the tradition in their Sweet Shop.

Bixler, a fan of the fudge, graciously accepted and has been practicing the recipes, rearranging the Sweet Shop, running the double boiler, and making pans of fudge in preparation for tonight's big debut at the Hometown Celebration to come.

Also making its debut tonight is the newly recreated sign, mimicking the one that used to hang on the back of the Country Mall. The original sign was believed to have been done by Don Craighead back in the 1980s.

"The sign was there when we bought the building

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Above left: Darlene Bixler and Tina Shull pour newly made fudge into pans; above: Bixler holds a ready-to-enjoy pan; below: recipes (left) and the fudge being mixed in the double boiler (right)

Photos by Maureen Moore



Scoops celebrates one-year anniversary at Hometown Celebration

Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli is celebrating its 1st anniversary at this summer's Hometown Celebration. Lisa Davis and John Kvasnicka opened their doors at the 2012 celebration on June 28, and hosted nearly 400 customers that evening.

Scoops will be showcasing its latest offerings at this year's Hometown party: barbecue and gourmet cupcakes.

"We'll be barbecuing half-chickens, Kvasnicka said, and we'll also be giving away anniversary cake made by a nice lady from Laytonville, whose line of gourmet cupcakes, 'Catherine's Creations,' we're now featuring at Scoops."

Kvasnicka does the BBQing himself, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, on a covered grill in the back. The rotating BBQ menu includes tri-tip and pork ribs, as well as the chicken. Scoops will feature Thursday night, which will come with Davis' homemade baked beans and potato salad.

Scoops is thankful for the patronage of the students from Willits High School, located right up the highway. "Lisa and I both joined the Booster Club here in Willits," Kvasnicka said, "to try to support the high school, because the high school supports us. Throughout the whole year, we have never had one single negative issue with the high school kids. They come in with good attitudes, and they're friendly, cool kids."

Students come in for frozen yogurt, and also for

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Photo by Jennifer Poole



What about the wild horses?

I am often asked this question when discussing the complex and expensive recommended care for domestic horses. Some people are trying to avoid spending money, and others are trying to provide a more "natural" lifestyle for their horses. It's a legitimate question and deserves a thoughtful answer.

Wild horses captivate most horse people on some level. They represent freedom, nature, independence, power, beauty and a will to survive. It's easy to romanticize them and their lifestyle.

While political debates rage about their heritage, their impact on ranchers and the environment, and their "value," most of us are drawn to them in some way.

Wild horses are very different from their domestic relatives. Survival of the fittest applies and has influenced their genetic makeup for many generations. Those born with traits that limit survivability generally don't live long enough to reproduce much, thereby not passing on the genes for such problems.

Our domestic horses don't experience this genetic weeding out program. Instead we decide what's desirable, whether it be color, size, family tree, conformation, athletic ability or an almost endless list of traits that we have decided are positive.

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In the Stars...

Activities & fun for kids of all ages

ARIES

Mar 21 - Apr 20

Patience is necessary this week, Aries. Without it, you will grow frustrated quickly over the course of several days. Relax and make the most of the situation.

TAURUS

Apr 21 - May 21

Expect to feel energetic and enthusiastic this week, Taurus. You may not know the source of all this energy and optimism, but that's irrelevant as long as you enjoy these feelings.

GEMINI

May 22 - Jun 21

You may be feeling a little psychic lately, Gemini. Give your insights the benefit of the doubt and try to understand the message that is being conveyed.

CANCER

Jun 22 - Jul 22

Some intellectual conversation has you aiming for bigger and better things, Cancer. You may start a few creative projects as a result of these discussions.

LEO

Jul 23 - Aug 22

Leo, don't be surprised if some changes regarding your career come your way this week. A raise, promotion or a new job may be on the horizon. Embrace these changes.

VIRGO

Aug 24 - Sept 22

Virgo, a release of tension is just what you need. You may find that something that has been restricting you and holding you back disappears in a few days.

LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 22

Libra, sheer luck that brings strange and wonderful things is in the big picture this week. The things that you have been wishing or dreaming of just may come true.

SCORPIO

Oct 24 - Nov 22

Exciting changes are coming, and they all center around you, Pisces. It may be embarrassing being the center of attention, but try to enjoy it.

PISCES

Feb 19 - Mar 20

Scorpio, a business or romantic partner brings good news your way. This news erases a funk that you have been in. The news may help you resume a goal you had abandoned.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23 - Dec 21

Sagittarius, don't worry about an upcoming doctor's visit. You may just get a clean bill of health from your doctor this week. This will definitely ease up some stress.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 20

You are full of creative energy, Capricorn, and must turn it into projects that may help you to earn some money in the near future. Get started while you are motivated.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21 - Feb 18

Expect some news that sheds light on a difficult issue that you have been trying to resolve, Aquarius. You may feel so relieved that a celebration is in order.

GOALS

Feb 19 - Mar 20

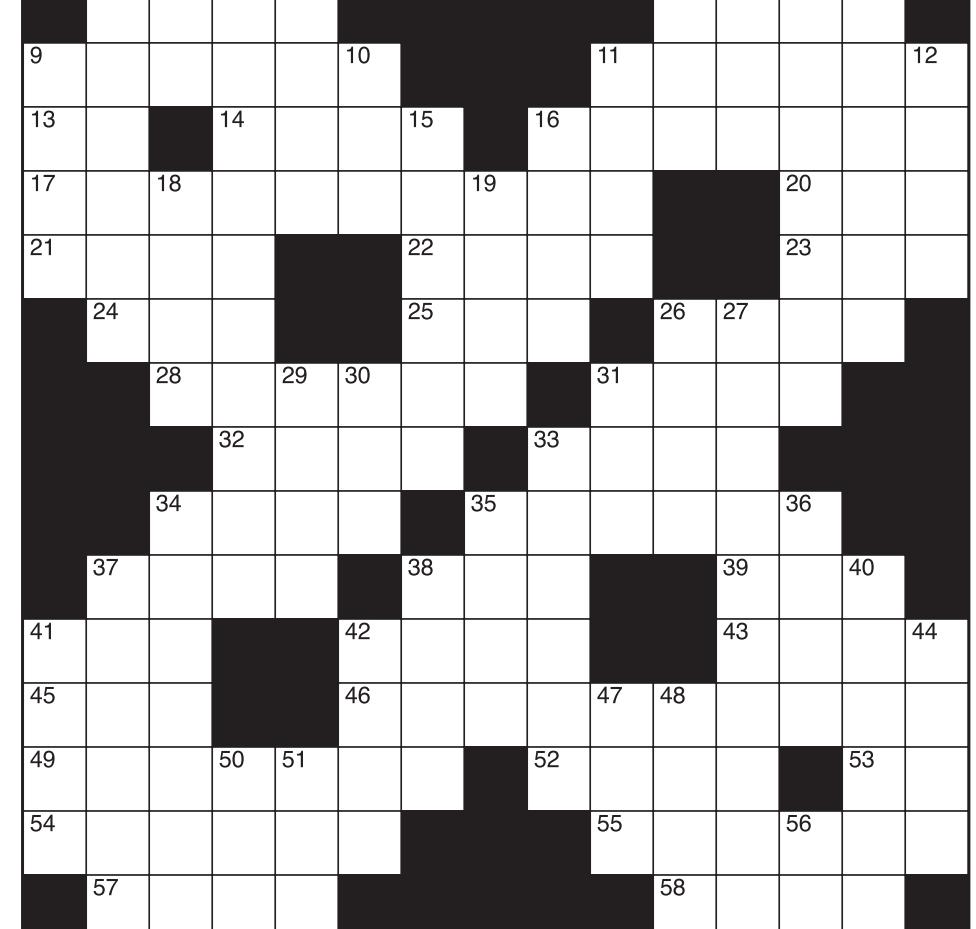
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Crossword Puzzle



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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

| The Medicine Chest Garden

California Poppy

Eschscholzia californica

When I was growing up, I was told it was illegal to pick poppies, the California state flower. It is illegal to pick California poppies or any flowers on public property or along state roads and highways, where

| Donna d'Terra | the orange and yellow beauties commonly grow. Fortunately they

are very easy and inexpensive to grow yourself. Seeds can be broadcast in late autumn or early spring.

In addition to being a lovely late spring, early summer wildflower, poppy is a useful herbal medicine. It is a sedative for insomnia and anxiety, and a mild pain reliever used for toothache, tension headaches and aching muscles.

The whole plant is used for medicine. Once your poppy plants are flowering and setting some seed, harvest the whole plant, including the root.

Discard most of the flower stems, wash the root, and dry it along with the flowers, green seed, pods and leaves. Herbs are best dried in the shade on a warm day.

Store the dried herb in a glass jar in a cool, dark place.

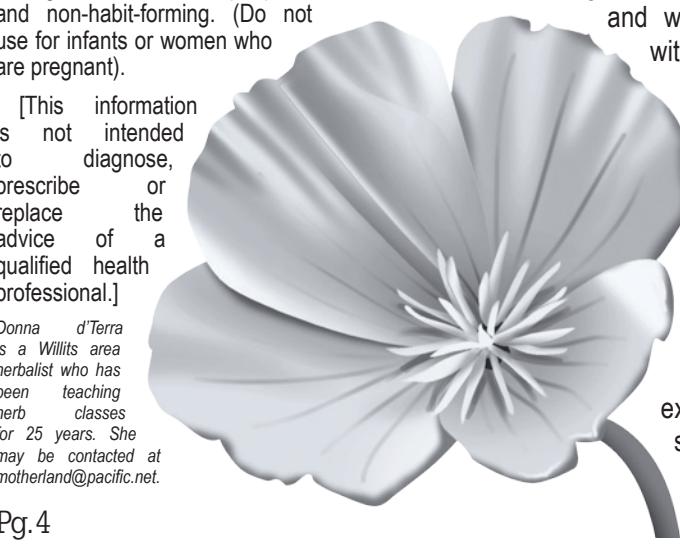
When you are ready to use your poppy medicine, put 1 heaping tablespoon of chopped herb in a tea pot, and pour 1 cup of boiling water over it. Cover and steep 10 to 15 minutes. Strain and drink.

California poppy is mild enough to use for children, the aged, and sensitive people. It is non-narcotic and non-habit-forming. (Do not use for infants or women who are pregnant.)

[This information is not intended to diagnose, prescribe or replace the advice of a qualified health professional.]

Donna d'Terra is a Willits area herbalist who has been teaching herb classes for 25 years. She may be contacted at motherland@pacific.net.

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Go-Go-Go!

Frontier Days Gymkhana showed off riders' speed and agility



Top: Madison Forrester turns in the arena; above left: Carmen Coleman heads around a barrel; above right: Shanna Gayski runs home
Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com

Congratulations Column



NEW MR. & MRS.

Kira (Waters) and Carl Creely recently celebrated their marriage with family and friends on April 13. They exchanged their vows on the beach in beautiful Chacala, Nayarit, Mexico. They are making their home in Novato. The wedding party consisted of Willits High School alumni Chris Lamprich, Travis and Nicole (Bebe) Breznak, Miranda Maglione and Brooke Ekholm. The bride's nieces and nephews, Wayne, Emerald, Ava and Sammy Duke Waters, completed the party.

Kiera is Turning 8!



Happy Birthday, my little Cowgirl. I am so very proud to call you my daughter. You amaze me each and every day. I love you bigger than the sky! Love, Mom

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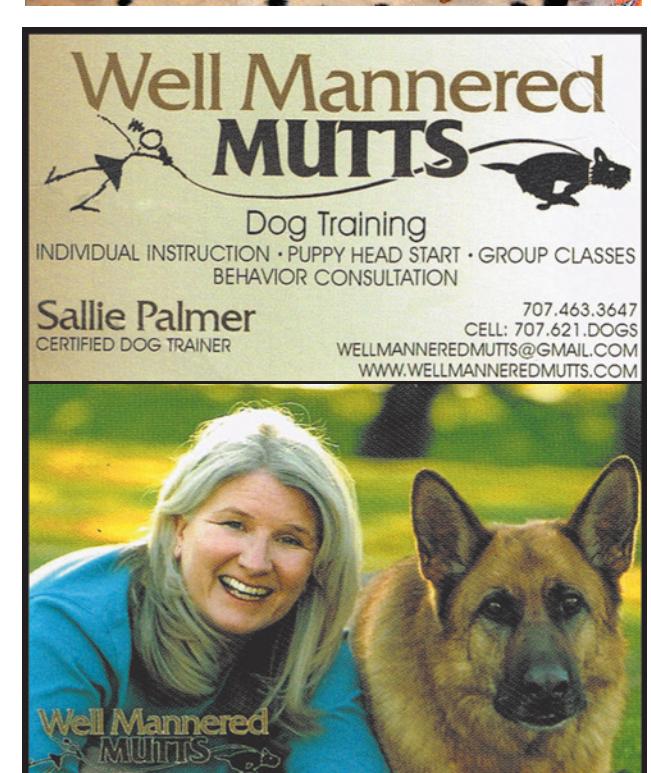
Furry Friends

Hoping for a home

It's kitten season at the Humane Society. They have many long- and short-haired kittens in a variety of colors. They are all neutered or spayed, and have their shots. Ella and Bonnie are beautiful Siamese kittens that were found near Hopland. Their friend Berry is a male tabby who was found in a blackberry patch. They are very friendly and looking for a good home.

The kittens are available for adoption from the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive, in Redwood Valley. The Humane Society is open Wednesday through Friday, from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Info: 707-485-0123 or www.mendohumanesociety.com.

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Beef BBQ



WHEN & WHERE | 7/4 | Noon | Rec Grove Park | Adult: \$15, Child/Senior: \$8, Family Pack (2 Adults & 2 Children): \$40

Even as the parade comes to an end, the sizzling aroma of barbecuing beef can already be caught on the air, wafting out of the barbecue pit at the Rec Grove Park.

The line can get long, but anyone who's been through it before can testify that it's worth the wait - even when the team serves some 4,000 people during the luncheon.

Putting this monumental meal together takes the combined efforts of many local individuals, service clubs and businesses. However, under the direction of Mike Frahm and the help of many others, the event continues to be a success.

Anita Tharp and the barbecue fire crew light the coals around midnight to make sure they are just right by the time the cooks arrive around 6 a.m. The Odd Fellows Lodge, Rotary Club and many dedicated volunteers work through the night and into the day preparing cowboy-style beans, salad, garlic-buttered French bread and corn on the cob.

Roasted over oak coals since the crack of dawn, the Black Angus tri-tip roast is absolutely delectable. Tickets are available from the Sweetheart contestants and at the event, which starts at noon.

Main St. Parade



WHEN & WHERE | 7/4 | 11 a.m. | Main Street - Downtown Willits | Free to Attend

The strip of Main Street between Commercial Street and East Valley Street gets a holiday-themed makeover on the morning of July 4 as the annual parade kicks off and turns the normally busy Highway 101 into a red, white and blue extravaganza.

Community members and visitors from all over the county and beyond line the sidewalks of historic downtown Willits to watch the glitter, horses, dancers, floats, balloons, gunfighters, bands, flags, tractors – and usually a surprise or two – march down Main Street.

Several entrants have made the parade an annual or generational tradition for their families - some riding since they were just little buckaroos, including members of the Standley and Persico families and many other families.

Annual favorites include the winning and runner-up Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestants, the current Grand Marshal and Heritage Award winners, Roots of Motive Power antique logging equipment, Willits Horsemen's Association, Willits Police Department, Little Lake and Brooktrails Fire Departments, Cal Fire & CDF as well as many other emergency personnel - with sirens and lights blazing, of course.

The announcer's stand, located at the corner of East Mendocino Avenue and Main Street, introduces each entry and provides information on each group or individual participant. It also serves as the stage for the winner of the National Anthem contest to sing at the opening of the parade.

Though many stake out seats in the coveted shady locations in the early hours of the morning, the parade starts at 11 a.m. and is free to attend.

CCPRA Rodeo



WHEN & WHERE | 7/4 | 7 p.m. | Jack Tharp Arena | Box: \$15, Adult: \$12, Child: \$5
7/4 | 4 p.m. | Jack Tharp Arena | Box: \$15, Adult: \$12, Child: \$5

The California Cowboys Pro Rodeo Association is a group of top-ranked cowgirls and cowboys who participate on a circuit of professional-grade rodeos throughout the state.

The contestants participate in eight events; bareback, saddle bronc, team roping, calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, barrel racing and bull riding, hoping to win the coveted All-Around title. After the points from all the events are tallied, the cowgirl and cowboy with the highest cumulative scores win the title, coordinating engraved buckle created at Outlaw Saddlery, a wad of cold hard cash and bragging rights for the duration of the year.

The livestock for the events, the bulls, broncs and horned-alike – ‘rodeo stock’ as they are referred to in the trade – are provided by Humboldt County’s Lou Bugenig and Mike Mora of West Coast Rodeos. Known throughout the state as premiere stock contractors, West Coast bulls and broncs give the boys a challenge to hang on to, and the steer and calves try to give the ladies a run for their money.

In addition to the eight CCPRA rodeo events, cowboys and cowgirls from Lake, Mendocino and Humboldt counties can compete in local team roping events as well. Trophy buckles, also engraved by Outlaw Saddlery, are awarded to the top scoring Header and Heeler.

Anthem Contest



WHEN & WHERE | 6/30 | Noon | Rodeo Grounds | Free to attend

Being the one chosen to sing the iconic National Anthem at the Willits Frontier Days Parade, Junior Rodeo and CCPRA rodeo is something the winner of the annual contest will be able to remember for years.

In years past, vocalists of all ages and singing styles have tried their hand at the stanzas of the “Star Spangled Banner,” including some very young kiddos and even a barbershop quartet.

Everyone is invited to come and cheer on their favorite singer at the contest held at the Rodeo Grounds.

Carnival & Games



The night sky overlooking the Jack Tharp Arena glows bright with the lights from the Johnston Amusements carnival every year.

The carnival offers rides, food and fun for kids and adults. Classics like the Gravitron and the Zipper give those hoping for a thrill a run for their cotton candy, and carnival games including darts, ping pong balls for goldfish and more test the skills of all attendees.

Willits Frontier Days Carnival: Opens Saturday, June 29 at 4 p.m., Rodeo Grounds; continues through the evening of July 4. Pre-sale tickets available only at Lo Bucks; \$20 for a one-day wristband, good for unlimited rides that day only; normally \$25.

WHEN & WHERE | Starting 6/29 | Old Ball Fields | Tickets & Wristbands

Junior Rodeo



WHEN & WHERE | 6/30 | 4 p.m. | Jack Tharp Arena | Adult: \$5, Child: Free

CCPRA'ers had to start somewhere, and the Junior Rodeo event is the place for the little buckaroos to hone their arena skills before competing with the big guys and gals.

Many of the junior contestants also have been in the saddle since they were very little, many with practical ranch experience already under their belts.

Events at the junior rodeo include many of the CCPRA events, just on a smaller scale. Calf and steer riding offer the little ones a chance to get ready for the bulls, and the Mystery Scramble gives everyone contestants AND spectators - a great giggle.

Though competition can be fierce even on the smaller scale, the parents of these little ones are always cheering them on and supporting them in every event.

Like the CCPRA rodeos, the stock is provided by Humboldt County's Lou Bugenig and Mike Mora of West Coast Rodeos, and the winner of the event also receives the All Around title and an engraved buckle. The overall high-point winner for the day will have the honor of receiving the Bud Suttles Memorial Trophy.

Pancake Breakfast



WHEN & WHERE | 6/30 | 7 to 11 a.m. | Rec Grove Park | Adult: \$8, Child: \$5

After many full days of Fourth of July festivities, the best place to be early the next morning is at the cowboy breakfast held at the Rec Grove Park.

The Lions Club gets busy early in the morning to make sure the hungry gathered crowd can grab a hot plate of hotcakes, ham, eggs and hot coffee.

Tables are available at the park to sit and eat, and many enjoy gathering to chat about the year's events.

Tickets for the breakfast are available from the Sweetheart contestants and at the event which runs from 7 to 11 am.

Save the Date:

July 8: Willits Community Alliance, Willits Library

July 10: Bereavement Support Group, Phoenix Hospice

July 15-19: Vacation Bible School, Agape Bible Church

July 20: Poker Run to benefit American Cancer Society, Diggers Bar

July 20: Football Field Community Work Day, Willits High School



WHEN & WHERE | 7/3 | 5:30 p.m. | Humboldt St. | Corner Free to Attend

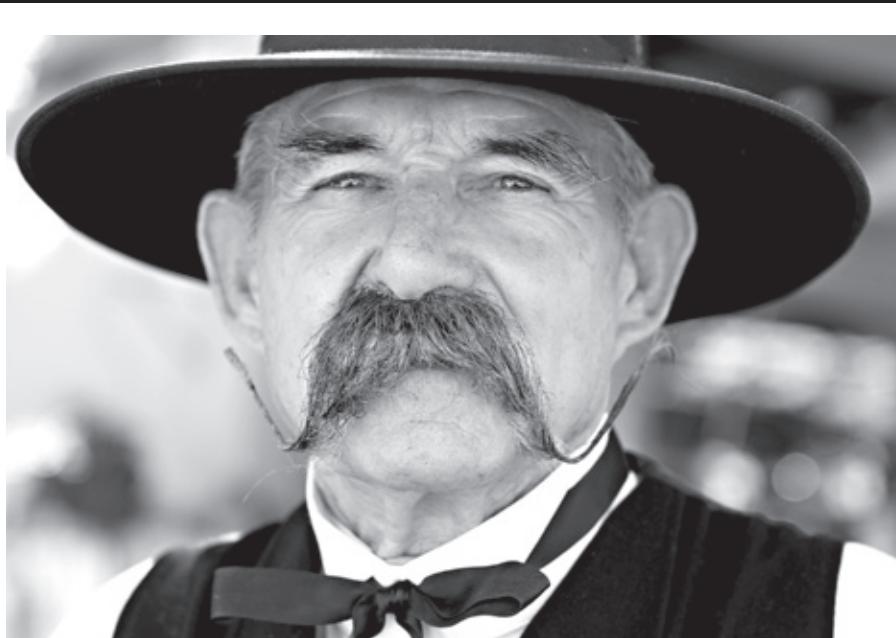
The best way to cool off from the hot July sun is with the annual Firemen's Water Fight located on Humboldt Street just west of the Little Lake Firehouse.

The event is held mainly for bragging rights and a good time for both teams. The objective is to try and get a tethered barrel to cross into the opponents' side, by means of the fire hose.

Teams hold the hoses and try and spray the barrel over, as the other team tries to defend and return the barrel to the other side.

Every year, both sides of the street are lined with giddy spectators cheering on the volunteers - and hoping to enjoy some time in the 'splash zone.'

Black Bart Gunfighters



WHEN & WHERE | 7/4 | 3 p.m. | Rec Grove Park | Free to Attend

Nothing is more darling than a pair of Wranglers when the patch is the width of the pocket, and a plethora of these mini-pants attached to some pretty cute little faces can be found at the Cutest Little Cowpoke contest. Held at the Rodeo Grounds, contestants in two age groups: 4-5 and 6-8, are dressed up in Western attire and are asked to answer questions about their interest in Willits Frontier Days, knowledge of rodeo and more.

A boy and girl in each age group are chosen and both receive a belt buckle, get to ride in the parade, and be announced at the rodeo events as well.

WHEN & WHERE | 6/30 | 10 a.m. | Rodeo Grounds | Free to Attend

moonshine, and even a little flirtatious. It's all part of the act.

Along with local performances, the group travels outside of the Willits area, and they occasionally make surprise appearances on the Skunk Train and appear at the local K.O.A. Kampground. They also perform at private parties, weddings, birthday celebrations and special events.

Members strive for authenticity with their costumes, props and guns. At times they appear to be obnoxious while drinking

and even a little flirtatious. It's all part of the act.

Each member must go through a gun safety course before participating in any skits that involve gunfights, and at the beginning of every show they give a gun safety demonstration.

The Black Bart Gunfighters group is a nonprofit organization. Money they earn provides scholarships for graduating Willits High School seniors.

Donations are gratefully accepted by Al (Crusty) Robinson, P.O. Box 862, Willits, California 95490. Info: 707-459-3409.

Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits

Growing fruit + rain = PG&E problems

Overloaded branches pose threat to power lines and to trees themselves

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2 0 1 3 looks like it might be a good fruit year; that is, if the overloaded branches can survive the rest of the growing season, and the recent rain's additional added weight.

Trees throughout Little Lake Valley are already covered in rapidly growing pears, apples and plums, and many older and long and lanky branches are at risk of breaking with this year's heavy bounty.

Add power lines to the mix, and that can be disastrous.

Pacific Gas and Electric is willing to come and assess trees that are obstructing or pushing on power lines coming from the transformer to the house, but the burden of clearing the obstruction is often on the homeowner or landlord, not PG&E.

However, PG&E will temporarily remove the line, allowing a homeowner, landlord or landscaper to have easier access and elbow room while pruning in-the-way branches. Planning for the future, by not planting new trees under existing lines can also help.

PG&E encourages anyone with any concerns about safety regarding their power lines to contact them directly. They will quickly send out an expert to assess and aid with the situation.

PG&E can be reached at 1-800-743-5000.



Top: This old apple tree couldn't take the weight of the fruit and rain on its weak branches; far left: pops were heard coming from the trunk as it split apart; close left: Christopher Moore trims a few stray branches hoping to limit the weight of a fruit tree bottom; while photographing the tree from afar, the moment was serendipitously and sadly caught on camera when the massive branch fell to the ground.

Photos by Maureen Moore



There will always be an England

Death comes from the right (part 1)

Louis Rohlicek
Contributing Writer

Editor's Note: The first of a series of articles by Willits Weekly's foreign correspondent Louis Rohlicek about his recent adventures in England.

There are many reasons to visit England. The countryside is lush and green, and full of wildflowers, especially in late spring. The food is excellent. Contrary to centuries' old propaganda issued by the French Ministry of Culture since the Battle of Agincourt, the food in England is tasty and varied. And the beer is worth the trip alone.

The people all speak English, so you don't have to memorize little phrases, like "Dej mi pusinku, milachku," when trying to communicate with the natives. Granted, the people in England all speak with accents that sound like they've been to Harvard or Yale, but just don't take it personally.

One custom, however, is hard to get used to: the English all drive on the left side of the road.

They're not the only ones to do this. Out of 242 countries, 75 drive on the left. Most of them also play cricket.

This custom is definitely disturbing for drivers who are used to driving on the right side of the road.

My wife, Sally, and I were in England in May to visit Sally's English relatives. Since her cousins and nephews were spread out between East Anglia and Cornwall, we had a lot of territory to cover. We decided to rent a car.

But before setting off on the English highways, we opted to spend four days in London. We would walk. We'd breathe fresh air. We'd visit interesting sites.

We hoped in this way to recover from our eight-hour jet lag. It didn't work.

We tried going to bed early. We'd still wake in plenty of time to hear the chirping and trilling outside our window.

"Sir, please, I strongly advise you not to rent a mini for long-distance driving. As soon as you get on the motorways, the lorries will blow you all over the road."

"What do you suggest?"

"We have available a VW Golf, with five speeds. It uses diesel instead of petrol. It costs a bit more to rent, but you'll more than make up for that inconvenience with savings you'll make in fuel purchases," Mr. Raj assured me.

Since he sounded like he graduated with the Harvard Class of 2004, I figured he knew what he was talking about.

"OK." I signed on the dotted lines and took on full insurance coverage.

"I think the Golf will be a lot safer around the lorries," I explained the slight change in plans to Sally.

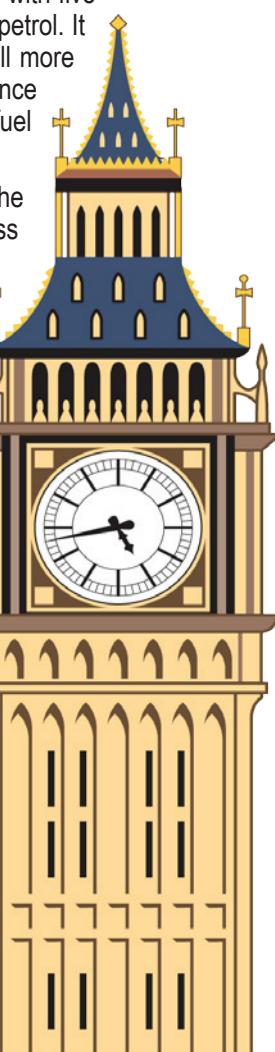
Sally was a bit skeptical about the deal that just came down. "Where can you get diesel?" she confronted Mr. Raj.

"You can buy diesel at every petrol station," Mr. Raj assured her.

We originally decided to rent a "mini," so we could get good gas mileage; at over \$7 per gallon of gas, it was something to think about.

"Are you driving outside of London, sir?" Mr. Raj, the rental clerk asked me.

Ipswich, then Devon, and other areas in the southwest."



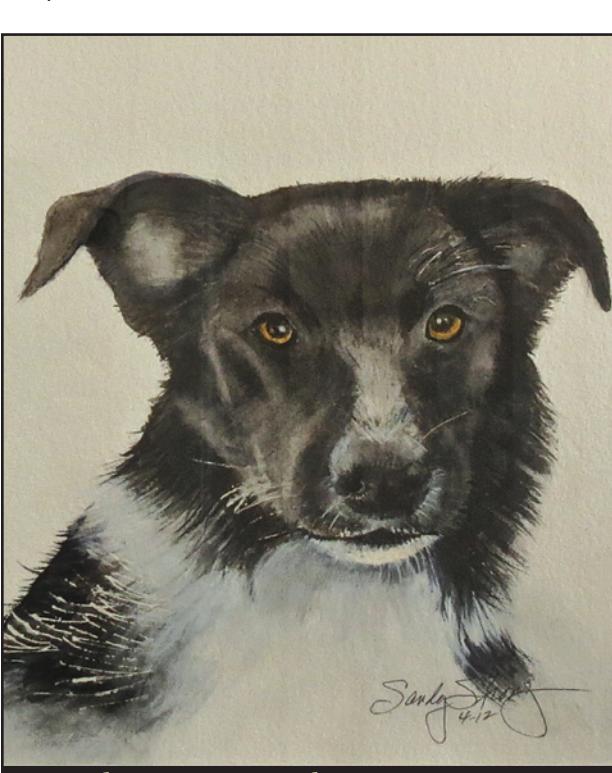
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California Gun Laws

Firearm laws are complex, and California's laws are particularly complex. For the complete rules, refer to the California Department of Justice website: ag.ca.gov/firearms. A new package of seven gun laws passed by the California Senate on May 29 is now being considered by the California Assembly. According to the Sacramento Bee, these bills would "tighten the state's regulation of firearms by outlawing detachable and large capacity magazines, keeping track of people who buy ammunition and widening the category of offenders who are prohibited from owning guns for 10 years."

Here is a run-down of some of California's current firearm laws.

California is a "may issue" state for concealed carry of a firearm. A license to carry a concealed firearm may be issued or denied to qualified applicants at the discretion of the county sheriff or municipal police chief in their place of residence.

In practice, the attitudes of different sheriffs and police chiefs toward the issuance of permits vary widely and, consequently, different jurisdictions in California can vary anywhere from de facto shall-issue to de facto no-issue. A permit may be issued, by a county sheriff or city chief or head of municipal police, in one of two formats:

* A license to carry concealed a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.

* Where the population of the county is less than 200,000 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, a license to carry loaded and exposed in that county a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.

California does not recognize any concealed carry permits issued by other states or their political subdivisions.

Open carry of loaded firearms in public is generally prohibited except in unincorporated areas where the county has not made open carry illegal, or where the discharge of firearms is not prohibited. Carrying of an unloaded, unconcealed firearm in plain sight is not prohibited except in areas otherwise prohibiting the carrying of firearms under state or federal law, such as school zones, post offices, government buildings, state and national parks, "sterile" areas controlled by security screenings, etc.

The buyer of a firearm must fill out an application to purchase a particular gun. The firearms dealer sends the application to the California Department of Justice, which performs a background check on the buyer. The approved application is valid for 30 days. There is a 10 day waiting period for the delivery of any firearm.

Sales of firearms from one person to another (private party transfers) must be made through a licensed firearms dealer using a Private Party Transfer form. The licensed dealer may charge a \$10 fee in addition to the \$25 transfer fee the state charges. Any number of firearms may be transferred at one time using this method.

The dealer submits a Dealer's Record of Sale (DROS) form to the state, and the purchaser must wait 10 days before picking up the guns. Federally defined curio or relic long guns over 50 years old may be sold without going through a licensed dealer.

Handgun purchases, except for private party transfers, are limited to one per 30-day period. To purchase a handgun, a buyer must have a Handgun Safety Certificate. This is obtained by passing a written test given by a Department of Justice certified instructor on the safe and legal use of handguns. The certificate is valid for five years. A buyer must also perform a Safe Handling Demonstration when taking possession of a handgun.

Dealers may not sell any handgun unless it is listed in the Department of Justice roster of handguns certified for sale. Listed handguns must include certain mechanical features and pass a set of laboratory tests. Private party transfers, curio/relic handguns, certain single-action revolvers, and pawn/consignment returns are exempt from this requirement.

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Community News

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



Tortilla Wraps

(a Suzy & Danya production)

2 16-ounce containers of cream cheese
1 packet taco seasoning
1 red pepper, diced
1 small can chopped black olives
1 small can diced jalapenos
1 bunch green onions, chopped
12 burrito-sized flour tortillas

Finely chop or blend veggies, and drain off excess liquid. Add seasoning and cream cheese, and mix until combined. Spread a thin layer on each tortilla, and roll up individually. Chill in the fridge for at least two hours. Slice into 1 inch pieces and serve. Yummers!

More info: 462-FAIR

Not too late for the Fair

The annual Redwood Empire Fair is just around the corner. Scheduled for August 1 through 4, the fair is still accepting entries for building exhibits though the beginning of next month. If you were thinking about entering, now is the time!

Closing July 5:

Home Arts: clothing and textiles, quilts and quilt blocks, fiber arts, crochet and knitting, collections, decorative painting, hand painted fabrics, jams, jellies, preserves, baked goods and confections

Fine Arts: painting, crafts, photography, poetry

Junior Department: (open to 4-H, FFA and independent youth exhibitors). Feature exhibits, fine arts, crafts, tote painting, photography, scrapbook, sewing, fly tying, textiles, wood, wool, quilts, baking, canning, flower arrangements, gardens and much more

Industrial Education: (open to 7-12th grade students or those in Mendocino College or ROP classes) graphic arts, manufacturing, wood and group projects

Closing 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 though 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

Hometown Celebration: Tonight!

Willits Weekly talked to Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn Kennelly Tuesday afternoon to get the latest update on Thursday's Hometown Celebration.

People were coming into the Chamber office Tuesday, trying to get a last-minute booth at the festivities, but: "We are literally check-full," Kennelly said.

The weather forecast looks great: sunny with a high of 82, and all bodes well for a big turnout and lots of fun.

One addition to the food court at the city parking lot next to Main Street Music is Marie Laure, offering sweet crepes, "for your sweet tooth." Other food court vendors include Mendough's Wood-Fired Pizza, Midnight Moon, serving specialty hotdogs, and Rio's Fish & Chips with Mexican corn, fruit cups and drinks. The Boy Scouts will set up their rope bridge challenge in that parking lot, too.

Barra Winery from Redwood Valley and the Sherwood Valley Rancheria will both have tables. A couple of local authors, George Dorner and Roni McFadden, will be at Hometown Celebration with their books, and Willits Weekly will have a table – complete with tip jar, stacks of this week's paper, back issues and subscription forms – in front of J.D. Redhouse (which is having a sale, and premiering the "Rexall fudge" the store will now be selling).

Adam's Restaurant will be serving special entrees using local food; El Mexicano will stay open late, the new Bistro on Commercial Street will be open for dinner, and Buster's will no doubt be "busting at the seams," Kennelly said.

The downtown retail shops will stay open late, with great specials: "They're our anchors," Kennelly said. And don't forget that with every purchase, including food court purchases, hometown celebrants get a free ticket for a spin on the Chamber of Commerce's prize wheel.

"We'll have our Local First shopping

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lunch, including wraps, hot dogs and loaded potatoes. All of Scoops' deli sandwiches – made to order from a form customers use to check off which bread, meats, cheeses, veggies and condiments they want – are made with 100 percent organic bread, baked locally by Phil Rowland. Scoops also has an espresso machine, and serves cappuccinos, lattes, mochas and more.

Kvasnicka said business from the high school kids, as well as the general community, helped get the business through their first winter: not the busiest season for frozen yogurt. "I'd like to really thank the community of Willits for their support," he said. "The people who drive through town, they're not our key support. It's all the people in the community."

Kvasnicka praised his young staff, too: "We couldn't do this without the help we've had from our great staff. They're friendly, pretty and smart. We are really blessed to have these girls."

Davis and Kvasnicka both believe in the Willits Chamber of Commerce's "Local First" philosophy: Davis says she likes to buy local whenever she can. "When I went shopping for Lisa's birthday present," Kvasnicka said, "I didn't go to Ukiah, I bought some jewelry from the Blue Sky Gallery. We have to take care of each other."

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and they are gonna be flat," Pinches said. "So we have to do a better job of spending that money. With revenues as flat as they are, we're doing all we can just to stay afloat."

Asked about why insurance costs were down \$600,000 from the previous year, Pinches credited the county counsel. "We have a good county counsel staff, so we're not getting sued as often," Pinches said.

Pinches took credit for reducing ongoing county costs by encouraging the county to vacate many of its rented office spaces and to privatize much of the practical, on-the-ground work previously done by the county's Division

of Solid Waste. These were moves Pinches championed, and which supervisors took several years ago.

"By getting out of all those rented buildings, and getting out of the trash business, that's saving us over \$2 million a year," Pinches said.

Epperson said. "We'll initiate whatever action needs to be taken."

"CHP and Caltrans have no planned action at this point" to remove Parrish, Epperson said.

Other Bypass News

In other bypass news, Frisbie confirmed pile driving has still not yet begun, although it was "supposed to have started a week or two ago."

Frisbie said some of the materials were delayed in transport, and the rainy weather also is affecting prep work of the area.

"Pile-driving should begin within the next month," Frisbie said. "It will depend on weather and delivery of materials."

He said the areas in which pile-driving will begin are the southern interchange area, and the along the viaduct area near Shuster's Transportation on East Valley Road.

Frisbie said Caltrans subcontractor H. B. Wick is considering bringing in a third wick drain sticher, "but no decision has been made yet."

Asked if this was in response to Parrish's occupation of one of the two stichers on site, Frisbie said: "The idea was proposed before the current delays." The contractor, he said, has a third unit available at another location.

Frisbie said he often gets asked for a bypass construction progress report, but at this point it is "difficult to say."

"We got a late start," he said, "various reasons, various delays." He said Caltrans has to consider specific "work windows of various permits."

Caltrans will be better able to assess progress this fall at the end of construction season, Frisbie said. "We will have a really good idea then."

Getting supplies to Parrish, according to Senseman, is still a priority for the group as of Wednesday morning. With the rain, he probably has water now, she said.

When asked about reported concerns regarding Parrish, Epperson said, "Is he requesting assistance? Nobody has said anything ... no mention of such circumstances."

"He picked you out of a crowd," Grusky's daughter Grusky-Foley interjected.

"My daughter witnessed this," Grusky continued. "He grabbed me and put me in handcuffs."

"At all times we are concerned about safety,"

General you can use 1/4 inch mainline tubing for your drip system, unless you have a large yard or need to use a lot more water. If you are using 1/4 inch mainline, it can carry about 240 GPH, or about half the amount in our example. In this case, you would figure out how many emitters you can use with the 240 GPH (240 1 gallon emitters, etc.).

Or, if you choose to divide the flow equally at the faucet, each side can handle up to 240 GPH. For larger systems that cannot be divided, or for gravity-fed systems, use 1/2 inch mainline (capacity is about 480 GPH) to use the total amount of water in the example.

Knowing how much water you have to work with, you can go to the DripWorks website and use our "Gallery of Plans" to help design your system. Check this out at www.dripworks.com/category/gallery. There you will find many working plans, complete with indications of total water usage and lists of irrigation parts needed.

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 at cj@willitsweekly.com.

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Community News

Heartwarming stories
& local tidbits



The rain, sun, mist, wind (and rain again) was comparatively welcome at the Willits

Frontier Days Horse Show held at the Rodeo Grounds last Sunday, at least compared to the

109-degree option of a few weekends ago. There was quite a turnout this year of riders and spectators, too – who all seemed to have a great time watching riders show off their skills.

English and Western disciplines were presided over by Peter Larson, a judge from Sebastopol, who watched the participants demonstrate their skills in under-saddle rail classes, their agility through trail courses, and their technical level at the horsemanship pattern. The day ended with a fun costume class, where riders and horses were decorated in as much red, white and blue as possible.

A high point and reserve award were presented at the end of the day to two in each age group. High point winners took home a set of \$300 professional clippers, and reserve winners received \$100 certificates each for J.D. Redhouse and Mendocino County Farm Supply.

The high point winner in the 12 and under group was Gracie Silva, and Nakai Chilson took reserve. In the 13 and over group, Nicole Sichlinger won high point, and Ashlynn Rose took reserve.

Model Horse classes look at the animal's typiness to breed and correctness in confirmation. Showmanship is done with horse in-hand and showcases the equestrian's ability to control and maneuver the animal from the ground. Leadline classes are for the littlest riders, with handlers to help move them around the ring. Pleasure classes are judged on the horse, and equitation classes are judged on the rider, in both English and Western disciplines. Novice and Maiden classes are for more inexperienced riders or horses. Trail courses assess the horse and rider's ability to navigate common outdoors obstacles like gates, bridges and more. Horsemanship classes are designed to be a more challenging rail/trail class, with non-common requests such as intentionally picking up the wrong lead, side passing over poles, and other more difficult options.

In the Model Horse, 2 & Under class, first place went to Lana Grieve with Only By Grace and second to Jeri Harman with First Class Flame. In the 3 & Over class, first place went to Robert Fischer with One Smooth Mister, second to Gracie Silva with Elan's Lucky Playboy, third to Madison Forrester with KC Tweedle Dun, fourth to Bobbi Lippmann with Lee Kay, and fifth to Caitlyn Forrester with Peppys at the Bar.

In the Showmanship 12 & Under class, first place went to Silva, second to Forrester, third to Nakai Chilson with Judge Me Best, fourth to Lilah Garman with Bozo, and fifth to Grant Forrester with Zack. In the 13 & Over class, first went to Ashlynn Rose with Radar, second to Fischer, third to Grieve, fourth to Nicole Sichlinger with Joes Hot N Vegas, and fifth to Caitlyn Forrester. In the

Local 17 & Under class, first went to Rose, second to Caitlyn Forrester, third to Carlie Scarbery with Sir Ozzwald, fourth to Keeley Ahders with Paso Grande, and fifth to Silva. In the Leadline class, first went to Noah Willoughby with Buster, second to Zoe Alvarado with Jill, third to Grant Forrester, and fourth to Mariah Ochoa with Tony.

In the English Pleasure, walk/trot Maiden Open class, first went to Chilson, second to Silva, third to Emma Garman on Patches, fourth to Danielle Barry on Romeo, and fifth to Ahders. In the 12 & Under class, first place went to Silva, second to Chilson, third to Emma Garman, fourth to Lila Garman, and fifth to Barry. In the 13 & Over class, first went to Sichlinger, second to Rose, third to Melissa Roth on Benjamin, fourth to Thais Reed on Cat Tracks Spotted Fancy, and fifth to Scarbery.

In the English Equitation, walk/trot Novice Open class, first went to Barry, second to Emma Garman, third to Sheri Cronin on SR Miss Driftin Fire, fourth to Reed, and fifth to Silva. In the 12 & Under class, first went to Barry, second to Chilson, third to Lilah Garman, fourth to Emma Garman, and fifth to Silva. In the 13 & Over class, first went to Roth, second to Sichlinger, third to Scarbery, fourth to Rose, and fifth to Reed. In the Local 17 & Under class, first went to Rose, second to Reed, third to Emma Garman, fourth to Scarbery, and fifth to Silva.

In the Trail 12 & Under class, first went to Silva and second to Lilah Garman. In 13 & Over class, first went to Fischer, second to Sichlinger, third to Rose, fourth to Kaitlan Whitley on Tex, and fifth to Lippmann.

In the Western Pleasure, walk/jog Maiden Open class, first went to Chilson, second to Roth, third to Halee Reed Jillian on Finley, fourth to Caitlyn Forrester, and fifth to Lippmann. In the 12 & Under class, first went to Chilson, second to Jessica Cronin on Rolling Thunder, third to Lilah Garman, and fourth to Silva. In the 13 & Over class, first went to Fischer, second to Sichlinger, third to Rose, fourth to Roth, and fifth to Caitlyn Forrester. In the Local 17 & Under class, first went to Rose, second to Silva, third to Chilson, fourth to Jessica Cronin, and fifth to Caitlyn Forrester.

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In the Horsemanship class, first went to Fischer, second to Sheri Cronin, third to Sichlinger, fourth to Ashley Briggs on Nyx, and fifth to Caitlyn Forrester.

In the Red, White & Blue Costume class, first place went to Sierra Mayfield on Yell Yell, second to Scarbery, third to Rose, fourth to Ahders, and fifth to Silva.

Results compiled by Willits Frontier Days

The (Horse) Show Must Go On!

Wacky weather no problem at first Frontier Days event



Top left: Nakai Chilson; at left: Keeley Ahders; above: Sierra Mayfield shows in the Red, White and Blue costume class

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Above: Reserve in 13 & Over, Ashlynn Rose; High Point in 12 & Under, Gracie Silva; 2012 Sweetheart Rachel Belvin; High Point in 13 & Over, Nicole Sichlinger; and Reserve in 12 & Under, Nakai Chilson pose together after the show. At left: Thais Reed on Cat Tracks Spotted Fancy; bottom: Danielle Barry rides Romeo

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